



Nelson Primary School
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

Newsletter

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Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	91.8
Year 1	89.9
Year 2	97.5
Year 3	95.9
Year 4	95.6
Year 5	97.6
Year 6	95.8
Nursery AM	88.8
Nursery PM	85.1
School Average	93.1

Week beginning 7th November 2016
Well done to Year 5 who have the highest attendance of 97.6 percent. I have highlighted Reception, Year 1 and Nursery whose attendance is far too low. Please remember to send your child to school every day.

Dear Parents/ Carers

We were very pleased to host the meeting about our building work on Wednesday. The architects and the building contractors came to school to show us what the new building will look like when it is finished. I was so proud of the school council members who came to see what it was all about. They asked some excellent questions. The team were very impressed with their thinking skills. I have awarded a golden house point to all those children who came. I was very pleased that so many staff also supported the event. We will be extending the building with two new classrooms, a staffroom and PPA room and a dedicated meeting room. Also a lift will be installed.

Fiona Cullen
Head Teacher

Term Time Leave:

Changes in the law mean that the Head Teacher no longer has discretion to allow pupils to take term time leave. If you take your child out of school for any reason you will receive a fine for £60 per child per parent. This means that the mum will be fined £60 for each child and the dad will be fined £60 for each child.

The government monitors school attendance. They look at persistent absence. If your child has attendance of 90% or less they are deemed persistent absences and we are asked to follow this up and refer to the Local Authority who could take you to court. At court the penalty is either a very large fine £1000 or imprisonment. Please avoid keeping your child off school unless they are very sick and certainly DO NOT TAKE THEM OUT OF SCHOOL WHEN THE SCHOOL IS OPEN. Please wait until the holidays

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th December to Friday 9th December
– Christmas performances

Tuesday 6th December - KS1

Wednesday 7th December - EYFS

Thursday 8th December - Top Floor

Friday 9th December - Middle Floor

21st Dec – 4th January - School closed - Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 5th January - First Day of the Spring Term



Roll of Honour

This is a special board next to Ms Cull's office. If a child does something special outside school or becomes a times table titan their photograph will be displayed for everyone to see.

Oscar Mukoida – G3 Achieved stage 4 swimming
Sharvina Sivaransuthan M1 Times Table Titan
Hooriya Irfan T4 Times Table Titan
Ibtesham Syed T1 – Times Table Titan
Upton Walpole T9 – Achieved purple belt in Judo
Kabilan Satheeswaran T7 - Times Table Titan

Year 3 start to learn French

Year 3 were all thrilled to be taking part in a French performance of Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk. ... all in French! We booked the Freshwater Theatre Group to introduce French lessons to Year 3.



The Scholars' Programme

Competition was high to be one of twelve children from Years 5 and 6 selected to be part of the scholars programme. This is a programme to inspire children to work hard to get to a top class university. The children will work with a PhD tutor during a series of six university-style tutorials. They will then have to write an academic essay. Part of the programme is also to take the children to universities to see what life is like as a student.

The Nelson Scholars had the opportunity to attend OXFORD UNIVERSITY to start their programme off. They had all been inspired greatly and everyone said that they wanted to go to Oxford University after their A Levels.



Thanks to everyone for supporting Children in Need at Nelson this year. It was great to see so many children wearing Fancy Dress – particularly those who had spent time creating homemade costumes. Everyone had a great time taking part in all the activities and buying cakes and biscuits.

Let's hope we beat our target of raising over £500 !

More news about this next week.



