



Nelson Primary School
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

Newsletter

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Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	n/a
Year 1	93.4
Year 2	93.2
Year 3	89.8
Year 4	91.4
Year 5	94.4
Year 6	93.9
Nursery AM	n/a
Nursery PM	n/a
School Average	92.6

Week beginning 5th September
We will be reporting attendance weekly.
Please ensure your child attends school every day. Year groups with the highest attendance overall will have extra playtime at the end of term.

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week has seen glorious sunshine and hot weather and although the children and staff have been very hot, work has continued as usual. However, it was perfect weather for Wednesday's fete and we were delighted at the turnout. It was so lovely to welcome the parents of our new Nursery and Reception children to this community event. Everyone I spoke to was having a great time; thanks to all the staff who worked so hard to make it a wonderful occasion.

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

Wednesday 21 st Sept	World Peace Day Assembly
Friday 21 st Oct	Trafalgar Day
Mon 24 th Oct – Fri 28 th Oct	School Closed- Half Term
Wednesday 9 th Nov	Parent Review Day
– children only attend their appointment -	
21 st Dec – 4 th January	School closed - Christmas Holiday

Year 6

We had a meeting about Fairplay House, SATs and transferring to secondary school this morning. **There will be a repeat of the meeting tonight at 5pm.**



House Captains

There was great excitement today as we announced this year's house captains:

Dahl = Elysia Bonney and Mohammed Raza Khan

Wilson = Janaki Pillai and Kai Cheung

Simon = Lahisan Shivathanthan and Priscilla Miguel

Zephaniah = Enzo Pina and Itunu Akinsola

Well done to all the candidates!

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.

This week:

Elysia Bonney M8

Aadil Miah M7

Moshiur Zakir M8

Vivienne Kapasa M6

Nerane Elancheliyan M5

Isha Mir M5

Competition

Do NOT park on the Zig Zag lines outside school!

We would like the children to design a banner to go outside the school to stop parents parking on the Yellow Zig-Zag lines.

Children:

Please design your banner on A4 paper then on the back put your name and your class. The closing date for this competition is Friday 30th September. Give your designs to Reception. The winners will have their banners printed and displayed outside the school.

Educational Psychologist

We are always looking for ways in which we can work with our parents and carers in order to support their children. I am pleased to be able to tell you that we now have an Educational Psychologist who has agreed to provide parents' 'drop in' sessions half-termly, for any parents/carers who would like support, or advice. These half hourly individual sessions will take place in school and will be allocated on a 'first come/first served' basis. Please contact Ann Thorne, or Deena Osborne if you would like to put your name down for one of these sessions. The first sessions will be taking place on 28th September, starting at 9am, with subsequent sessions planned for October, November and December.

Breakfast Club and After School Child Care (ESP)

We still have places at these clubs. Breakfast Club is from 7-30am to the start of school. Your child can arrive at any time and breakfast is served up until 8.15am. School staff will then take your child into school. This is £2 per day.

Our after school child care takes place every day in the dining room. The children complete their homework and have a snack. There are many lovely activities for them to join in with. The cost each day is £7. We close this club at 6pm.

Please take advantage of this child care it is very reasonable compared to child minders and other wrap around care and is on school premises with our own staff that your children will know.



Family Learning

Free Maths Classes for Parents and Carers at Nelson School

The Autumn Maths course begins on Wednesday 21st September in the Community Room. Our popular Maths class for adults starts next Wednesday at 9.15. Many Nelson parents and carers have already gained useful skills and qualifications from this course. At the same time they have given their children a really good example of lifelong learning.

This basic Maths class provided by Newham Family Learning offers learners of different abilities the chance to improve their numeracy skills and work towards taking national qualifications. You can also find out how to support your children with their maths. If you don't feel confident about your maths skills or find that they are a bit rusty, why not give this class a try? At the first session you will be assessed and the teacher will then adapt the weekly lessons to a level that suits you. The class is open to all parents and carers but unfortunately there is no crèche and you cannot bring children to the lessons.

Please bring your National Insurance number to the enrolment session on Wednesday 21st September at 9.15.

If you have any questions please contact Jenny Wheeler, Family Support Worker, at the school.

English Conversation Club for parents and carers

Begins on Wednesday 21st September 14.00 – 15.15

This informal group meets every week and offers the chance for you to practise conversational English with other parents and carers. If you know some English but feel anxious about speaking, these friendly sessions could help to improve your confidence. Don't worry about whether your English is good enough, just come along on a Wednesday afternoon and give it a try. The sessions are friendly and enjoyable and you can bring a younger child along if you need to. If you have any questions please contact Jenny Wheeler, Family Support Worker, at school.



Our fete was such a great success. Here are some photos from the day.

