



Newsletter

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Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	95.6
Year 1	94.6
Year 2	95.8
Year 3	97.4
Year 4	95.8
Year 5	97.1
Year 6	96.4
Nursery AM	96.3
Nursery PM	88.8
School Average	95.3

Week beginning 17th October.
Well done to Year 3 who have the highest attendance this week. I have highlighted Year 1 and nursery PM in red because their attendance is below the school average. Please send your child to school every day.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy Diwali and new year to all those celebrating this festival of light.
Now the weather is a lot colder can I remind parents that summer dresses are not really suitable for school as they are not warm enough; please ensure your children have coats too.
I hope that you have all seen our lovely new banners on the fences. Well done to Danielle in M7 for designing them. Please take notice of them.
I am very pleased to report that our application for planning permission has been agreed and we will be going ahead with the new building project. Please come to hear all about it on **Wednesday 16th November at 4.30pm**

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 9th Nov Parent Review Day – children only attend their appointment –

Wednesday 16th November - Presentation about the new building all parents and governors welcome

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

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

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.

Please encourage your child to participate in activities outside school to enhance their learning.

Mithura Nageswaran – T9 Times Table Titan

Trafalgar Day

This was a fantastic celebration of our school's namesake. The Royal Navy celebrate the place of Horatio Nelson in British history on October 21st each year. We have decided to make this an annual event in our school calendar too. It is a day when we find out about Admiral Nelson and we celebrate our school. We had a fantastic assembly in the dining room led by the school council. Our newly formed drum corps and brass band played exceptionally well. Every year group performed a song or sea shanty and wore their Nelson hats, our senior and junior choirs joined forces with a great performance too. It was a wonderful celebration of what makes our school great.

Finally we honoured those children who always work hard and join in, who are independent learners and take advantage of all the opportunities that are on offer at Nelson Primary School. Mrs Alexander and Mr Dye worked really hard to make this such a successful occasion

Junior Tax Facts

We were delighted to be invited to the headquarters of HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) in central London, for the launch of a new tax education programme for primary schools. 14 children from our maths challengers' group went along for a morning of activities, which included a premiere viewing of a fun animation that HMRC has made to teach children about tax, and maths exercises to show how the government spends tax money. It was a very interesting trip and we were all excited to see inside one of the impressive government buildings in Whitehall. The children were complimented by HMRC senior managers who described them as smart and extremely well-behaved.



Uniform

Please make sure that your child wears the correct school uniform. There are still too many children wearing shoes that are either the wrong colour altogether or that have white (or other colour) markings on them. They must be plain black trainers or shoes.

