



Nelson Primary School

Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

# Newsletter

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## The importance of excellent attendance

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| 190 days<br>100%<br>Very best chance of success | 183 days<br>96%<br>Off to a flying start | 179 days<br>94%<br>Less chance of success | 175 days<br>92%<br>Harder to make progress | More than 18 days absence<br>Less than 905<br>Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child) |
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|---------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nurs AM | Nurs PM | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 96.2    | 92.3    | 92.1      | 89.8   | 97.2   | 93.0   | 93.1   | 98.5   | 93.7   |

Remember we take attendance very seriously at Nelson Primary – if you are not in school you are missing out on all of the amazing things happening ... as well as seeing your friends!

Dear Parents and Carers,  
The children have had some wonderful adventures in learning this week. Animals and dinosaurs have visited Reception and Year 1; a working digestion system has excited year 4. Please talk to your child about their learning; talking reinforces what they have done in school and gives you a good picture of what they are discovering in school.  
Fiona Cullen  
Head Teacher

### 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.

Harshan Sasikumar G8-2 – Junior Times Table Titan  
Cother Toba T2-5 Times Table Titan  
Sharvina Sivaransuthan T7-3 Times Table Titan



## 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

## Animals visit the school

We were very excited this week when a number of animals visited Year 1. All four classes in the year group got to find out about meerkats, hedgehogs, and owls by getting really close to them and hearing about where they live



## Dates for your diary

12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February- **School closed for Half Term**

14<sup>th</sup> March – Learning Review day – **children only attend for their appointment**

19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> March Spring Festival – details to follow

30<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> April – **School Closed for Easter Holiday**

## Free English classes for parents at Nelson School: don't miss this opportunity!

Our two English classes for parents started this week and some places are still available, so it isn't too late to join. If you would like to join one of the classes, just come along next week at the time shown below and bring your National Insurance number.

These mixed ability classes are provided by Newham Family Learning and take place in the Community Room. It is very helpful to your child's education if you can speak and understand English and this is a fantastic opportunity to improve your English while your child is in school.

1. Wednesday afternoons 1.15pm – 3.15pm

English class for parents of children in Years 1-6 and PM Nursery. **This class is for adults only – children will not attend the sessions.** The class will run every Wednesday until 28<sup>th</sup> March, with a break for half term on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

2. Thursday mornings 9.15am -11.15am

English class for parents of children in Reception and Morning Nursery

This class is for parents and carers of children in Reception and morning Nursery. Your child will join the class for part of most sessions so that you can work on a simple and enjoyable exercise together.

The class will run every Thursday until 29<sup>th</sup> March, with a break for half term on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Unfortunately, there is no crèche for either class, and you cannot bring children with you.

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

