



Nelson Primary School

Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

Newsletter

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The importance of excellent attendance

190 days 100% Very best chance of success	183 days 96% Off to a flying start	179 days 94% Less chance of success	175 days 92% Harder to make progress	More than 18 days absence Less than 905 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
92.4	92.3	92.6	94.0	95.2	96.2	96.2	95.8	96.6

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,

This week has been test week. The children have worked well to complete the tests and the teachers will be marking them so that the results will be available at the Learning Review Day on 14th March. The purpose of these tests are to see where the gaps are so that the teacher can work with the children to sort out any problems. Please make every effort to continue to complete their homework every week. This means reading at least every weekday, learning spellings and maths facts as well as their comprehension tasks.

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.

Sanjana Koneswaran T2 – Passed stage 6 swimming
Anusiya Sasikaran M1 – Times Table Titan
Hasna Jawahir Ahamed M1 – Times Table Titan
Lizzy Dawson M1 – Times Table Titan
Zoana Soomro M6 – Times Table Titan
Aushman Sivaruban M1 – Times Table Titan
Banujan Barathithas M1 – Times Table Titan
Faizan Kazmi M1 – Times Table Titan
Vaishnavi Vigneswaran T8 – Times Table Titan
Yohanan Kommuguri T8 – 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

Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform.

Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress

White polo shirt

Navy blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt

Plain **black** shoes

Scarves or turbans must be **navy blue or white**

Dates for your diary

1st Feb 1.15pm to 3.15pm Teen Triple P starts

12th-16th February - **School closed for Half Term**

14th March – Learning Review day – **children only attend for their appointment**

19th - 23rd March Spring Festival – details to follow

30th March to 13th April – **School Closed for Easter Holiday**

Thursday 3rd May – School closed for local elections

Friday 4th May – School open - all should attend

Monday 7th May – School closed for May Day bank holiday

Smoke Alarms

It is very important that all homes have smoke alarms fitted. When our year 5 children visited Tate and Lyle for the annual citizenship course the leader was concerned with the number of our children that do not have smoke detectors in their houses or are not aware of where they are. If you haven't got smoke alarms in your property either ask your landlord to provide them or ensure you put them up in your house yourselves. The Grenfell Tower fire is an example of how serious this can be. Also, a few of our families have had house fires and say that it is the most devastating experience.

Find out more at this website:

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/smoke-alarms/>

The day Stoneage Steve came to school by Shaniece T6-3

It all started on the morning of 26th January, when Stone-age Steve came to school. Before he told us about the Stone Age he spoke about history in general – like Florence Nightingale and the Great Fire of London. It was funny when Stone Age Steve roared like a sabre-toothed tiger; he scared me! A while later, he told us so many interesting facts about the Stone Age. One interesting fact I learnt was that people gave thanks, sang and danced before they ate. Then he let us touch different rocks, like flint. Later on, we went outside with spears and we practised hunting. After that we went in a deep dark tunnel. At the end of the day, some people acted out a story.



Year 3 go hunting



Nelson are Newham Boccia Champions

Well done to Mark, Tyrel , Manoshan and Shaun who are the champions at Boccia in the whole of Newham. After a nerve-racking tournament Nelson's team of four emerged as the outright winners. They will now represent Newham in the London Games.



Junior Citizens

Congratulations to year 5 who made us very proud at the Junior Citizens' Course at Tate and Lyle. They learned how to be safe on public transport, how to deal with strangers and how to do basic first aid. A special well done to Haris who was the only child among all the schools in the past two years who knew how to say thank you to the bus driver.



What is Boccia?

Boccia is a sport that tests muscle control and accuracy. Players propel balls to land close to a target ball. Two sides compete as individuals, pairs or as a team of three over a set number of ends. Each side has six balls (red or blue) each end to try and score points.

What are your children doing online? Are you aware of the dangers?

Please come along to our e-safety meeting on Tuesday 6th February at 9.30am or 5.30pm and find out how to keep your children safe.

Roblox

This is a game that is a bit like online Lego. Children can build things and make up stories. However, it also has an online chat facility. Please take great care that your children are only friends with people they know in real life. There has been a warning letter sent round urging parents to teach their children to be safe when they are using social media sites. Please come along to our e-safety meetings if you are unsure how to do this.