



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
98.5	94.6	91.8	95.0	95.4	98.1	95.4	95.9	96.0

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 has been National online safety week, you may have noticed quite a lot of information about this on TV and radio. We have embraced this and all year groups have had a great week finding out how to keep themselves safe whilst using the internet.

Thanks to all the parents that attended the online safety talk for parents on Tuesday. It was great to see such a lot of you at both of the meetings. You will be able to access all the materials that were shown in the meeting on our website. If you have any concerns about online safety please ask to speak to Mr Sardar our e-safety lead teacher.

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.

Nyah Cheung – M1-4 Times Table Titan  
Lamisa Ripon – M1-4 Times Table Titan  
Keithna Golla – M1-4 Times Table Titan



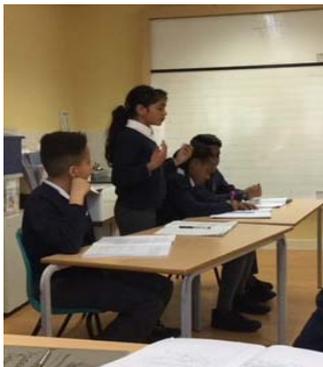
## Term Time Leave:

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

## High Scores for Nelson's debate team

Well done to the school's debate team who scored very highly at yesterday's debate competition.



## 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**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School closed for local elections**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – School open - all should attend**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for May Day bank holiday**

## Romans invade Nelson!

This week Year 4 have had a visit from Roman Steven. He facilitated a workshop to help the children understand more about what it was like to live in Roman times. Roman Steven told me that he was really impressed with the children's commitment to the topic and that he had really enjoyed being at Nelson.



## Chinese New Year Spectacular!

Year 2 put on an assembly this week to explain the Chinese New Year. From songs and dances to a real dragon dance, the parents and year 6 learned all about how the years got their names and the traditions and customs that Chinese people follow at this time – why not take a trip to China Town in central London next week – it is an amazing spectacle!



## Don't forget!

Next week the school is closed for half term! Try to read at least 5 times and then look up any Children's University events or places that look interesting.

*"Achievement is significantly better at key stages 1-3 for children who participate in Children's University learning, compared with non-participants"* – Professor John MacBeath, University of Cambridge

