



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
90.8	96.9	87.6	94.7	96.0	97.8	97.1	95.3	95.3

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,

I hope all of you had a great holiday and were able to take advantage of some of the nicer weather.

We are very excited that Kate Richardson-Walsh is going to come to our school on 19<sup>th</sup> March. In 2016 Kate captained the women's hockey team to their first gold medal at an Olympics. She was also selected to be the Team GB flag bearer at the closing ceremony for the Rio Olympics. She will be inspiring some of our older children and leading a coaching session for our dynamic hockey squad. This is a fantastic honour for the 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.

- Aswitha Balakumar G7-2 Achieved Stage 2 Swimming
- Sajanthan Balachandran G2-2 Junior Times Table Titan
- Mihai Anton M7-6 Times Table Titan
- Ayesha Shahid M7-6 Times Table Titan
- Jayleen Kaur M2-4 British Taekwondo Grade 8 certificate
- Nicole Correa M4-4 Times Table Titan
- Shaun Ballo 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

## Collecting children safely

If you are unable to pick up your child from school yourself and you want us to tell your child about a new arrangement, please ensure that you call the school before 2.30pm. This will give us enough time to get to your child's class in time.

We are very concerned that some parents are parking on the zig-zag lines outside school. This is illegal and you could get a fine. The reason for this is to make it safe for everyone to cross the road at the beginning and end of the day. I have asked the local police to visit the school to ticket those people who make the school dangerous by parking in the wrong place.

## Maths Magicians

Being able to recall number facts frees your mind up to solve harder problems and magic facts out of thin air! To encourage Year 1 and Year 2 children to be able to answer addition and subtraction questions quickly and accurately, (using numbers within 20) we are launching **Maths Magicians**.

Similar to the Time Tables Titans, all Maths Magicians will be announced in Achievement Assembly and the weekly newsletter. As well as this, their name and picture put up on a special display board in the ground floor.

**Who will be our first ever Nelson Key Stage 1 Maths Magician?**

## Nelson Spring Festival

The Spring Festival is fast approaching and this year's theme is 'Find Your Voice' celebrating creativity in all its forms.

As your children have been so busy performing and composing, there will now be five concerts to enjoy:

**String Concert, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3.45pm**  
(Violin and Cello)

**Woodwind and Brass concert, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3.45pm** (Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet and Trombone)

**Vocal Performance, Drama and Dance, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 3.45pm** (Selected classes and clubs)

**Choral Concert, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 3.45pm** (EYFS, Infant, Junior and Senior Choirs)

**Ensemble concert, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 3.45pm** (Orchestra, East Ham Groove, Recorder Club, Digital Music Club)

There will also be art workshops running after school every day of the festival which will give adults and children the chance to create together.

This week, you will have received a letter giving you all the information you need to buy tickets, so book early to avoid disappointment!

## Dates for your diary

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**

