



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	94.6	93.6	97.6	96.3	96.2	98.7	94.8	97.3

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,  
 What a momentous week! We are now part of the New Vision Trust, and are looking forward to all the benefits of this collaboration. This has been a very cold week with so much snow and temperatures dropping to minus 5 on some days. We are very lucky that we have been able to stay open; this is down to the hard work of Mr Booth and the determination of the staff to get in. I am sure you understand that we had to close the after school clubs this week. This was so that I could ensure staff were able to travel home safely.

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.

Prince Khan M7-6 – Times Table Titan  
 Selena Ipas M7-6 – Times Table Titan  
 Abid Hossain M2-4 Times Table Titan  
 Zainab Shah M3-4 – Times Table Titan  
 Aswitha Balakumar G7-2 Math Magician



## 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

## World Book Day

This week marks World Book Day – we ensured we made this special with our book fair and assembly themes all focussing on reading.

I am delighted to announce the winners of the most improved presentation competition.

Reception –	Abdullah G6
Year 1	Joel G4
Year 2	Maira G1
Year 3	Raheem T6
Year 4	Asna M2
Year 5	Rifas T1
Year 6	Pouya M8

All the winners had worked really hard on improving their presentation and won a book from the book fair worth £5.

## Nelson Spring Festival - Find your voice

**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*)

Don't forget - you need to buy tickets, so book early to avoid disappointment!

## Nelson top at Hockey!!!

The school mixed hockey team are the champions of Newham – it is official! The team competed in the Newham winter games and came first. This means they have secured a place at the London Games at Crystal Palace in the summer.

We are looking forward to the visit of Olympic Champion Kate Richardson-Walsh who led the England Ladies Hockey team to win gold at the Rio Olympics. Our team will have a special coaching session from Kate!



## 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**

