



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
95.4	95.4	93.4	96.8	94.2	97.0	97.2	95.5	98.8

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,

It was lovely to see nearly every parent and child at learning review day. We had a lot of positive feedback about how parents now know how to support their children and what the children needed to do to get better with their learning.

Please don't forget that our Spring Festival is on every day next week. Please try to come to at least one of the concerts and art workshops.

Next week we also have Kate Richardson-Walsh from the gold medal-winning British Olympic hockey team coming to our school. This is a tremendous honour – I hope Year 5 and 6 are thinking of some good questions!

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.

- Abubakr Gobin G1 – Math Magician
- Ishal Mushthaque G1 – Math Magician
- Nusail Mohamed G2 – Math Magician
- Asha Mohamud G1 – Math Magician
- Sajanthan Balachandran G2 – Math Magician
- Jaycee Palusami G1 – Math Magician
- Sayem Kabir G3 – Math Magician
- Rishana Raveendran M4-4 Newham Youth Dance Medal



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

Nelson Spring Festival - Find your voice

String Concert, Monday 19th March, 3.45pm (*Violin and Cello*)

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

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

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

Ensemble concert, Friday 23rd 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!

Dates for your diary

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

Boccia team represent Newham in the London Games

Well done to our Boccia Team who reached the semi finals of the London Youth Games. We are all very proud of how well the children played.



Jacqueline Wilson competition winners

Well done to Wasilat and Sania who wrote so well about their favourite author. They had a great time and Jacqueline Wilson was so impressed that she asked them for a photo!

Debate team second round

The team performed so well on Thursday and debated won one and lost one but gained vital points towards the final score. I was so impressed with how professional all the team members were.



Royal Wedding Radio Times Competition

Radio Times is running a nationwide competition for children to design the front cover of the magazine, to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on 19 May. Please see attached form for details

