



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
93.8	91.5	95.2	94.2	95.7	96.9	96.7	95.7	95.4

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 a very momentous time for the school. Our Spring Festival was excellent with the five concerts all being a tremendous success. Also our hockey team were chosen to represent Newham at the London Youth Games, our maths team won their heat of the Count on Us Challenge, our Junior choir sang at the Royal Albert Hall and our senior wind band has been selected to play at the Tower of London. Your children are amazing !

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.

Raveena Ratheesan – G7 Maths Magician
Rafsan Haque M2-4 – Times Table Titan
Jayleen Kaur M2-4 – Times Table Titan
Andreea Tanasa M5-6 Times Table Titan

If you change address or telephone number – please let us know. This is particularly important as we may need to contact you if your child is sick or has had an accident!



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 Arts Festival 2018

– Find your voice

The string concert showcased our violin and cello students.

The wind concert, featuring our superb Senior Wind Band, played so well.

Our competition winners for the vocal performance were M6, T1, M4, T6, G8, G4 and G10. Well done to all the classes and their teachers.

The choral concert is always a highlight. This year a representative from St Joseph's Hospice attended the concert and was so impressed with the quality of the performances.

The festival concluded with a spectacular orchestral concert - all our instrumentalists showed off their skills. We were honoured to have as a guest, John Bergin from Newham Music Trust. He said that the quality of the playing was fantastic and very rare in primary schools.

Every day in addition to the concerts Mrs Pannell held art workshops to continue the theme of find your voice. The children and their parents listened to Peter Grimes by Benjamin Britten and produce a range of art in response.

Thank you to all the staff who helped with this event but special thanks must go to Mr Dye, Mrs Pannell and Ms Cull who organised the event
(See photos of this event on page 3)

Junior Choir sing in the Royal Albert Hall

On Monday our Junior Choir sang their hearts out at the Royal Albert Hall. They were part of a bigger choir of two thousand voices – I was privileged to watch them along with four thousand other people! Well done to Mrs Phillips and Ms Dickson who trained them. This venue is a World Class Concert Venue!



Maths winners !

We were very proud of our maths team Ahmed, Keethiga and Binta who won their heat at Willow Brook School in Leyton. They are well on the way to reaching the grand final at City Hall. Just one more round to win before we get there!!

Olympic Champion visits Nelson!

I was very proud to watch our Hockey Team play in the London Youth Games. The coaching they had had from Kate Richardson-Walsh on the Monday clearly paid off - they won one of the matches 7 -0!

Dates for your diary

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



Nelson Spring Arts Festival - Find Your Voice



Year 1's

Year 1's reflection of their Learning Challenge 'why are humans not like meercats' was fabulous this morning. First of all the children told the audience about their experiences and then we were treated to songs and dances relating to their topic. The finale was wonderful: all the work the children had produced was showcased and promoted, not by adults but by the children themselves – they were an inspiration.



Year 4 Easter Assembly

The children in Year 4 produced a wonderful assembly telling their audience about the Easter story.

Through narration and drama, the story unfolded. This was punctuated with songs and acting with some very clever effects with lighting.

The final dance was great, using a backdrop of photos from the recent visit to St Paul's Church.

Well done Year 4!

