



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 90% Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)
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Week beginning 26th March

Nurs AM	Nurs PM	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.1	98.1	93.2	96.1	91.9	93.9	95.3	94.9	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,
I hope all of you had a restful break and are now ready for a new term.
It has been lovely to see so many parents at the meetings about the National Tests this week. I know it is difficult but please try to ensure your child has had enough sleep – 11 hours is recommended for primary school aged children – they will do so much better if they are well rested!

Fiona Cullen
Head Teacher

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!

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.

- Rishan Raveendran M4-4 Medal for dance - Newham Youth
- Hashani Vipulanantha M6-6 – Blue Peter Diamond Badge
- Santhosh Surenthiran M6-6 – Blue Peter Diamond Badge
- Sanchana Senthilkumar G7 – Maths Magician
- Rishabh Sharma G2 – Maths Magician
- Tharun Parameswaran G7 – Maths Magician
- Shakshan Vipulanantha G7 – Maths Magician
- Aswitha Balakumar G7 – Maths Magician
- Aline Da Silva Tavares G4 – Maths 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

Children's University

It was so lovely to see so many of our children at the graduation ceremony last night. Once again our school had the highest number of children graduating.

Now the weather is a bit nicer try to take your child to some of the museums and galleries list on the CU website. There are also farms and parks for the children to explore that will not only gain more hours towards the awards but are great family fun too.



Free English Classes

If you are interested in learning English at school please call in to Reception to find out how to register. We run two classes: one for parents of morning nursery children and reception children and one for all the other parents.

More details will be sent to you on a letter so please look out for it.

Wednesday afternoons: for parents of children in Years 1-6 +pm nursery

Thursday mornings: for parents of children in am Nursery and Reception

Hot Weather

As the weather has suddenly improved, please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing for the weather and that they bring a bottle of water to school. It would also be a good idea to put sun protection cream on your child before they come to school in the morning.

Summer uniform can be worn now: A dark blue checked dress or grey shorts will help to keep the children cooler.

Please do not let your child wear a "hoody" instead of a coat – your child will only need their school jumper. Obviously if it is wet a raincoat would be a good idea.

Your child will be asked to remove their school jumper if the classrooms become hot – please do not tell your child that they are not allowed to take it off

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd May – School closed for local elections – (Year 6 will attend in the morning)

Friday 4th May – School open - all should attend

Monday 7th May – School closed for May Day bank holiday

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June – School Closed for half term

