



# Newsletter

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## Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	91.3
Year 1	93.8
Year 2	95.5
Year 3	95.2
Year 4	97.6
Year 5	96.1
Year 6	96.9
Nursery AM	95
Nursery Pm	95.2
School Average	95.1

Well done to Year 4 who are the winners for the week beginning 8th Feb 2016. I have highlighted Reception and Year 1 in red because their attendance is far too low. Please ensure your child attends school every day.

## Sports News

Our hot potato team got through to the quarter finals in their first ever tournament. Everyone worked together as a team and enjoyed the event immensely.

Well done to the team: **Mark, Roxy, Shanice, Sienna, Tamika, Fayolah, Faizan, Gideon, Ayman, Thenujan.**

## Debate Team

The debate team took part in their first competition. The two motions were This house would ban school uniform and This house would ban the internet for under 16s. They lost the first debate, but won the second. This is a very good start to the debate league.

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week has been a very good week. All the children are working hard to prepare for the Spring Festival and to get everyone in the mood Paul Lyalls, a professional poet came to school (see page 2). Year 3 have started their intensive swimming course at the Olympic Pool and have been really enjoying the thrill of learning to swim in the same pool that famous swimmers like Rebecca Addlington and Ellie Simmonds won Olympic gold medals.

Fiona Cullen  
Head Teacher

## Dates for your diary

- 1<sup>st</sup> March Book fair
- 7th March to 10th March - Spring Festival
- 17th March – Holi Assembly Yr 3
- 18th March PARENT REVIEW DAY
- 24th March – Easter Assembly Yr 4
- 25th March (Friday) First Day of Easter Holidays

## 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.





## Paul Lyalls Poetry Event

On Thursday 25th February, an amazing poet called Paul Lyalls, came to Nelson to perform his poetry and to show Year 4 children how to write their own. He has been the poet in residence for the Roald Dahl museum 2013/2014 and was the star of BBC2 CBBC's 'Big Slam Poetry House'.

Paul's poetry was amusing and made us all think. He showed everyone how to speak aloud in an expressive and engaging way. After school he signed and sold copies of his new poetry collection 'A funny Thing Happened'.

## School Book fair

On **Tuesday March 1st until Thursday March 3rd**, there will be our termly book fair in the ground floor hall. This term the book fair will form part of our World Book Day celebrations. **Every child should have received a £ 1 World Book Day token to spend towards the cost of a book.** Your child can choose books on their own in the afternoon or you can come along with your child after school between 3.20 and 4.00 pm. You will have received a leaflet to help you and your child select books before the event. If you give your child money to spend at the book fair please make sure you put it in an envelope with your child's name and class with the total money on the front.

## Spring Festival

Our annual celebration of the arts at Nelson is coming up soon. Festival week will be from Monday 7th March to Friday 11th March. All week children will be able to take part in art trail at break and lunchtimes as well as various workshops involving music, art and dance. The festival will kick off on Monday evening with our string players performing in a concert. This will be followed by our orchestra, wind players, choirs and dance clubs performing throughout the week. Selected classes will also showcase poetry and song with a special concert on Wednesday 9th March. Heats to find out who will be performing in this will take place next week. An art gallery will be open every day in the dining room from 3.15pm. Please take some time to visit this and see the visual art work that has been taking place throughout the school. Tickets for the concerts are available from the school reception. Adults £1 and children 50p. Proceeds will be split between St Joseph's Hospice and a fund to provide better seating for school concerts.

**Monday 7th March—Strings Concert**

**Tuesday 8th March— Wind and Orchestra Concert**

**Wednesday 9th March— Dance and Vocal Performance**

**Thursday 10th March— Choral**

**All concerts start at 3.45pm**

## 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.

**This week:**

**Umamah Hussain M3 Times Table Titan**

**Esther Alele M3 Times Table Titan**

**Cyrus Sinyangwe M2 Times Table Titan**

**Lithujan Kirikaran G4 Times Table Titan**

**Aman Miah Times M3 Table Titan**

**Did you know the government expects every child to know their times tables to 12x12 by the time they leave year 4? Please help your child to learn them!**

