



Nelson Primary School

Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

# Newsletter

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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	Over 18 days absence Less than 90% Persistent Absentee (Unfair to your child)
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## Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to all the new Reception and Nursery Children and their parents. It is great that you have chosen Nelson Primary School for your child's journey to build the foundations for a successful education. To encourage them as they grow into effective and confident citizens, ready to play their part in the world and their community. It seems that the children have all settled in well so far! If you feel that there is something else we could do to support your child, do not hesitate to let us know. I look forward to working with you and your child over the coming years.

### Year 6 Meetings.

It was really lovely to see so many parents at the year 6 meetings on Thursday where we discussed Fairplay House, transferring to secondary school and SATs. For those parents of year 6 children, you will be getting a booklet telling you all about how to apply for a school place. This has to be done by 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you are unsure about what to do please come into school and ask for help.

At the meeting we highlighted what you could do to support your child's learning. Please see the tips (This is suitable for all parents) below to support you:

- Make sure your child comes to school every day at the right time.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep – children need 11 hours sleep each night.
- Make sure your child has breakfast before school
- Make sure your child has enough exercise
- Listen to your child read for ten minutes every day and ask them questions about what they have read.
- Complete all homework
- Take up any opportunities of booster clubs offered to them.

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!

### Attendance percentages for last week.

Reception	90.78%
Year 1	93.59%
Year 2	90.32%
Year 3	93.72%
Year 4	93.30%
Year 5	93.30%
Year 6	94.22%



### Learning Review Day.

This will take place on Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>. The school will be CLOSED for lessons. Children attend only for their appointment. At the appointment you will get the chance to meet all the adults that work with your child as well as getting an update about how well your child did in the October tests. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting. School is open for the reviews from 9 to 5.30 with the last appointment being given for 5.15pm.

## Free English Classes for Parents

Nelson's English classes for parents and carers are provided by Newham Family Learning and take place in our Community Room. The classes cover reading, writing and speaking, and offer a fantastic chance to improve your English skills while your child is in school. Places on both courses are limited, and allocated on a first come first served basis. You will need to bring your National Insurance number.

There are two classes:

### 1. Every Wednesday starting on 18<sup>th</sup> September from 1.15pm – 3.15pm

English class for parents of children in Years 1-6 and PM Nursery

This is a mixed ability class for parents and carers only. If you would like to join the class, please come to the Community Room on Wednesday 18th September at 1.15pm.

### 2. Every Thursday starting on 19<sup>th</sup> September from 9.15am to 11.15am

English class for parents and carers of children in Reception and AM Nursery.

This is a mixed ability class offered to parents and carers of children in Reception and morning Nursery classes. Your child will join the class for part of most sessions so that you can work on a simple activity together. If you would like to join the class, please come to the Community Room on Thursday 19th September at 9.15.

Please note that there is no crèche for either class, and you cannot bring children with you. If you have any queries, please ask to see Jenny Wheeler, Family Support Worker.



## World Peace Day

Friday 20th September will be World Peace Day. The whole school will assemble in the playground where we will listen, sing and reflect on the future when peace will reign.

Parents are welcome to join us for the ceremony which will be held in the back playground. There will be a charity collection for the British Red Cross.

If you are unable to come to this event please give your money (donation) to the Reception staff. ASAP.

## We've Got Gold

The Games Mark is a government awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress. There are four categories for the scheme. Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

**Nelson has been given gold status. Last year we had silver. This is a huge achievement. Thank you so much to the staff who have worked hard for us to reach this level, especially Mr Cole and Ms Polius.**



## 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.