



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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Dears Parents/ Carers

We have had a very exciting couple of weeks. On Friday 4th October we hosted the world's best teacher, Peter Tabichi together with special guests from the British Council and DFID. Our special guest teachers from Kenya were here for the week too.

Last Friday we celebrated our harvest festival. Thank you to those families who were able to give so generously. We will now be able to donate this food to the Newham Food Bank.

This week we will be presenting our Nelson Citizen awards to those 14 children who have been chosen by their teachers because they have taken up the opportunities we have on offer and really embraced the Nelson School Values.

Fiona Cullen

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	95.50%
Year 1	95.00%
Year 2	92.80%
Year 3	95.40%
Year 4	96.50%
Year 5	96.50%
Year 6	97.10%

Notices

As the weather is changing, please make sure your child has a coat to wear at playtime and lunchtimes. It is very important that all the children have their name written inside.

There are so many unlabelled items in the lost property box that we are unable to return to the rightful owner if we don't know who they belong to.

Please check the lost property box if your child has lost something at school.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to our house captains for leading such wonderful assemblies about our Harvest Festival. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed. We raised an amazing amount of food.



School Photographs

Just reminder that the children will be having their photographs taken on Thursday 17th October 2019. Please make sure that your child is in full school uniform for their school photograph.



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 or a Maths Magician their photograph will be displayed for everyone to see. Congratulations to;

Aisha—Y6 for achieving stage 10 in swimming

Subhana—Y6 for achieving Yellow belt in karate

Mohammed— Y5 for achieving Yellow belt in karate



Connecting Classroom Project

On Friday 4th October we had the great honour of hosting Peter Tabichi, the Varkey Foundation's Global Teacher for 2019 as part of our work with the British Council Connecting Classrooms Project. Guests were greeted by the school's newly elected house captains, and enjoyed traditional English Scones.

In the assembly, the school orchestra began the proceedings by playing both the National Anthem of Kenya and of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the direction of Mr Dye.



We were joined by The Kenyan Deputy High Commissioner, Kenyan Education Attaché, the Head of the government Department for International Development, members of the British Council and two teachers from our partner school, St Joseph's academy in Oyugis.

Thanks to technology we were also joined by our partner school by Skype. This meant that teachers and pupils in both schools were able to hear Peter Tabichi as he talked about his award: how he had won it and what the future held. There were some top tips for teachers and pupils too.



The dignitaries all enjoyed their visit.



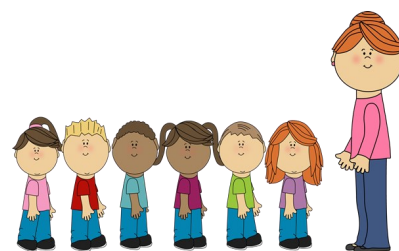
Peter and the guests spent some time looking around the school and in classes. The children were sharing their work on SDG13, climate action.

Dates for your diary

	Holiday dates	School start date
Half Term INSET Day	Monday 21 October 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019 Monday 28 October 2019	Tuesday 29 October 2019
Christmas Break	Monday 23 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020	Monday 6 January 2020
Half Term INSET DAY	Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020 Monday 24 February 2020	Tuesday 25 February 2020
Spring Break	Monday 6 April 2020 to Friday 17 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020
Half Term	Monday 25 May 2020 to Fri- day 29 May 2020	Monday 1 June 2020
May Day	Monday 4 May 2020	Tuesday 5 May 2020
Summer Break	Monday July 20 2020 to	Thursday 3 September 2020

Be on time for school.

Just a reminder that the doors open at 8.40am please bring your child to school at that time. Too many of our children have been arriving after the doors close (at 8.50am) and are missing their reading time. They are then required to catch up that time at play-time.



Children who are late for school have reported that it is embarrassing and that they don't like missing playtime.

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.