



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 10th December

Nurs AM	Nurs PM	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
83.2	89.1	91.1	87.7	93.8	94.8	97.3	94.9	93.3

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,
It has been a very exciting week for the children and the staff. Those children (and staff) with 100% attendance celebrated by watching a film and eating popcorn. This year 321 children were involved!

We were delighted that Onjali Rauf returned to school for our sock day.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the school cooks for their hard work in preparing and serving our Christmas dinner and to the staff for the wonderful Christmas parties on Thursday.

I wish all who celebrate a happy Christmas and to everyone a happy and prosperous new year- 2019!

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

Eimaan Y6 – Times Table Titan
Harshan Y3 – Times Table Titan
Adnan T3 – Times Table Titan
Riad Y3 – Times Table Titan



Sock Day

We were very happy that Onjali Rauf was able to come to school again. This time to pick up the socks that we had collected to support the refugees in Calais.

When she came before to promote her book, Onjali told us about the amazing woman who drives from Belgium to Calais each week and washed car loads of socks to distribute to the refugees in Calais.

I am delighted to report that thanks to your very generous donations we are able to send 1203 pairs of socks to the refugees. We also raised £125 from a knitting club sale well done to the year 6 children who organised this and to Brooklyn who sold his homemade comics. Onjali also bought one of these and Brooklyn autographed it for her !



Nelson goes paperless and cashless

From next term we will be starting to communicate with you using an APP for smartphones, iPads and PCs called **Parent Mail**.

From January you will only receive papercopies of letters if you request them. We will be giving out letters on how to access the app.

You will also need to download this app if you wish to pay money to the school for any reason (ESP, breakfast club, Fairplay House etc)

We will also be using this app to book after school clubs and Learning Review Day Appointments.



I hope that ALL of our children are going to join in with the Library Winter Reading Challenge.

Children need to go to the library to register and they will be given information about how to do the challenge.

Please support your child in doing this.

Dates for your diary

Friday 21st December 2018 - Last day of term
Finish at 1.30pm

Monday January 7th 2019 - All Children return to school.

Accelerated Reader

From January we will be changing how we do Reading Wristbands. All the children have taken a star reading test to decide which range of books they will be reading. When children have read a book they will then have to do an online quiz. This can only be taken at school. Children will be awarded with a wristband of their choice when they have scored over 80% in 5 quizzes. We hope that this new method will support the children in their reading comprehension lessons.