

NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

A huge well done to all the children for a fantastic Summer 1 half term in school. It has been wonderful to see everyone back at school and also to welcome some new families to the Nelson Academy community too.

The month of May usually includes Year 6 SATs week but this year all statutory testing has been cancelled by the Government. Our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard and wanted the opportunity to share their knowledge and skills so they have completed past SATs papers and WOW, they have most certainly taken this chance to shine and show off everything they know! Well done Year 6 we are incredibly proud of you all 😊

We have been delighted by the response to our offer of 'Bubble After School Clubs' for Key Stage 2 and are looking forward to the clubs for Key Stage 1 starting next half term. Spaces are limited and have been allocated in the order that parents/carers have notified staff of their wish for their child to attend. We can only apologise if your child has not been able to secure a place on this occasion but waiting lists are in place should any spaces become available.

If you ever have any questions or queries, please remember that in addition to your child's class teacher, Mrs Sykes (Assistant Principal EYFS & KS1), Mr Rossiter (Assistant Principal KS2), Miss Airdrie (Assistant Principal SENCO) and myself are always here to speak to, either in person or via Class Dojo.

We break up for the May half term holiday today. Please remember to keep following the Government's COVID-19 Guidance over the break and also to take care in the long overdue sunshine! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 7th June.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes Mrs Sarah Wilson – Principal

THE BIG ASK

It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID — and we need your help to do it.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives.

This survey will only take you 5-10 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=rHV4b5iwvmk>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Nelson Nursery

We are now looking at September places for our Nursery class.

Do you have a child who will be turning 3 soon? If so, you can fill out an application form with your session preferences.

We accept the 15 and 30 funded hours the term after your child turns 3.

However if you would like to pay extra, your child can start as soon as they turn 3.

If you would like to know more then please speak to Mrs Carman or call the school office

School Photographer will be in school to take class photo's on

Thursday 24th June

This year we will be using

The School Photography Company

They are a cashless company, all ordering will be completed online!

Pupil Asset Parent App

Download it now, confirm your email address with the school office.

Your username is your email address and request a password.

You can pre order lunches and pay for them.

If the app stops working press profile at the bottom (single person shape) then press sign out, then you should be able to log back in.



Please can we ask that children **DO NOT** bring any kind of food (including chocolate bars) containing **NUTS** into school for break or lunch time. This is due to some children having severe nut allergies.

Thank you in advance

School Attendance Percentage

Week Ending: 30/4/2021

Selkie, Hippogriff & Pegasus 98%

Week Ending: 7/5/2021

Cerberus 99%

Week Ending: 14/5/2021

Thunderbirds & Pegasus 100%

Week Ending: 21/5/2021

Hippogriff & Thunderbirds 99%

New Website

We have a new website , have a look, all information about the school is on there and will be updated regularly.

<https://>

www.nelsonacademy.co.uk/



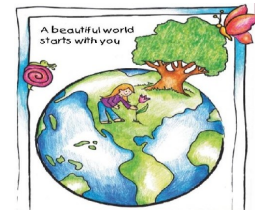
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Eco Club News

Nelson has begun the process of gaining the internationally recognized Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. Classes from Reception to Year 6 have elected eco-warriors to help bring about positive eco-based changes at the school.

A survey was issued to each class, and there were three areas in which the students feel very passionate about. These were cutting down on litter, increasing habitats for animals, and growing plants at the school and abroad. The eco-committee is drawing up their action plans to achieve these goals. Though we may not be able to see completion of all of these by the end of this school year, watch out for some incredible improvements in future terms.

Our first school wide activity is to acknowledging World Rainforest Day in June. This day is designed to bring awareness to the world's rapidly declining rainforests. Though this day is on the Tuesday, we will be celebrating on Friday, June 25th with a non-uniform day. Children will be encouraged to "Go Green" by wearing green clothes, or clothes decorated with a rainforest animal, trees or plants. As with all non-uniform days, children can choose to still wear their uniform. We will be taking donations- there will be no set amount, nor is it mandatory; but the proceeds we raise will be divided between Just one Tree Charity (which plants trees around the world) and a wildlife camera for the school. In addition, we are going to encourage eco-friendly lunches such as food in re-usable containers or local produce with less travel miles. The children may also participate in a variety of "green" activities on the day.



Jokes of the Month - By Kristers, Antonio and Kristian

Why did the banana go to the doctors? He wasn't peeling very well!

Why was there lightening in the lab? Because the scientists were brain storming!

School Diary Dates

Friday 28th May-School Closes for Half term Holiday

Monday 7th June -School Re-opens for Summer Term

Thursday 24th June - Class Photo's with The School Photography Company

Friday 25th June - World Rainforest Day wear non-uniform, wear green or decorate your clothes with rainforest animals, tress or plants.

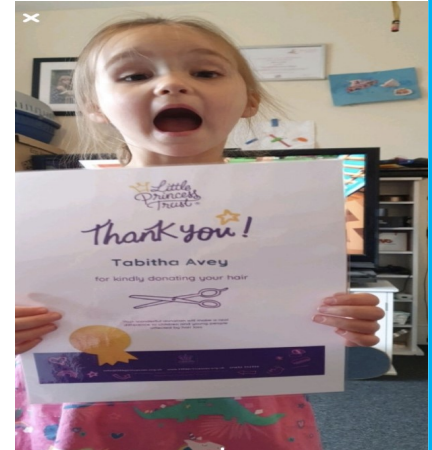
Wednesday 21st July - Last Day of Summer Term 2021 - School closes for SUMMER!

Monday 6th September - School Re-opens for the New School Year

Well done to Tabitha

We have another hair donation to the Little Princess Trust from a Reception Class pupil.

Here she is with the donation and fantastic certificate, all this hair will go to making wigs for children who need them.



Attendance for School Year 20-21

Attendance Awards Update

In light of all the challenges and changes which families and schools have faced due to COVID 19 we will not be doing our normal termly and annual attendance awards this school year. We will be reporting on attendance on end of year reports and are hopeful that awards will be able to commence again from September.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training dates are highlighted in blue – 2nd and 3rd September, 4th Jan, 19th April and 25th July.
Academies may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of 25th July.

ONLINE SAFETY: ENGAGING WITH PARENTS

How can schools help parents?

EXPLAIN AND INFORM

MANY PARENTS RELY ON SCHOOLS TO HELP KEEP THEM UP TO SPEED AND HELP DEAL WITH ONLINE ISSUES. STAY ON TOP OF ONLINE SAFETY RELATED NEWS, INCLUDING SOCIAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW APP RELEASES, AND SHARE IMPORTANT UPDATES WITH PARENTS.

COMMUNICATE CLEARLY

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR BUILDING SCHOOL-FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS. MAKE IT EASY FOR PARENTS TO ACCESS ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION. PLAN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TOO MANY THINGS GOING OUT ON THE SAME DAY AND TRY DIFFERENT WAYS TO INVOLVE THEM.

INVOLVE CHILDREN

INVITING PUPILS TO GET INVOLVED IN SHARING ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ENABLES PARENTS/CARERS TO HEAR FIRST-HAND HOW CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT USING TECHNOLOGY, AND WHAT STEPS THEY TAKE TO STAY SAFE.

MAKE IT ENGAGING

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH EFFORT YOU PUT INTO AN ASSEMBLY, PRESENTATION OR NEWSLETTER ETC. IF THE CONTENT ISN'T ENGAGING, YOU'LL QUICKLY LOSE THEIR ATTENTION.

7 fun ways to share key messages

WHILE PARENTS' EVENINGS AND MEETINGS ARE A GREAT WAY OF INFORMING PARENTS AND CARERS ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY, IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO GET ALL PARENTS PHYSICALLY INTO THE SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME.

85%

85% OF PARENTS SAY THEY PREFER TO LEARN ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY VIA DIGITAL RESOURCES.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

1. Videos

VIDEO HAS BECOME AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE ONLINE EXPERIENCE AND IS THE PERFECT MEDIUM FOR DELIVERING A MESSAGE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. OF 600 PARENTS ASKED, 85% TOLD US THAT THEY PREFER TO LEARN ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY VIA E-LEARNING VIDEOS THAT THEY CAN ACCESS IN THE COMFORT OF THEIR OWN HOME.

Source: National Online Safety Parent Survey - November 2018



2. Social Media

MOST PARENTS ARE ACTIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY VIA FAMILY MEMBERS. USE SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY. WHETHER IT'S SHARING RELEVANT ARTICLES/INFORMATION, ASKING QUESTIONS OR SIMPLY SHARING BEST PRACTICE THAT YOUR SCHOOL IS UNDERTAKING - SOCIAL MEDIA IS GREAT (WHEN USED IN THE RIGHT WAY).



3. Closed groups / chat apps

CLOSED GROUPS ON PLATFORMS SUCH AS FACEBOOK AND WHATSAPP ARE IDEAL FOR SHARING MESSAGES AND UPDATES ON A REGULAR BASIS, AS WELL AS REMINDING PARENTS OF ONLINE SAFETY GUIDANCE AND ACTIVITIES. WHEN CREATING A GROUP, IT'S WORTH CONSIDERING RULES AND ETIQUETTE GUIDES ABOUT WHAT CAN BE POSTED, AND INTRODUCING PROCESSES FOR APPROVING OR RESTRICTING COMMENTS.



4. Posters and infographics

SHARING POSTERS AND INFOGRAPHICS TO PARENTS VIA YOUR WEBSITE OR SOCIAL CHANNELS CAN MAKE ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ENGAGING AND MEMORABLE. A WELL-DESIGNED INFOGRAPHIC CAN CATCH THE EYE, BREAK DOWN COMPLEX INFORMATION AND PRESENT IT IN A WAY THAT IS BOTH RELEVANT AND UNDERSTANDABLE TO YOUR COMMUNITY.



5. Email Newsletters

EMAIL COMMUNICATION IS GREAT FOR SHARING MORE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS TO LOOK AT IN ONE PLACE. IT'S ALSO A RELIABLE WAY OF KNOWING A MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED (AS YOU CAN TRACK IT). YOU CAN SEND MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS (OR MORE FREQUENT) UPDATES TO KEEP PARENTS CLUED UP ON THE LATEST EMERGING TRENDS AND NEWS RELATING TO THE ONLINE WORLD AND EVOLVING RISKS.



6. Blogs

A BLOG IS A GREAT WAY TO DEVELOP A WHOLE SCHOOL CULTURE OF COMMUNICATION AND ALLOWS PARENTS TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM SCHOOL STAFF AND PUPILS ON TOPICS INCLUDING ONLINE SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY TRENDS. WHY NOT CONSIDER HAVING A VARIETY OF AUTHORS, INCLUDING STAFF, PUPILS AND PARENTS TO FORM A BALANCED VIEW. IT MAY ALSO BE WORTH HAVING A DEDICATED AREA ON YOUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO ONLINE SAFETY.



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7. Online learning

WE TYPICALLY SEE AN ENGAGEMENT RATE OF 10% OR LESS FOR IN-PERSON ONLINE SAFETY SESSIONS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND THEIR PARENTS. TIME IS PRECIOUS AND ACCESSIBILITY IS IMPORTANT - ONLINE TRAINING TIPS MOST BOXES WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE TO YOUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY IN A REALLY ENGAGING AND INTERACTIVE WAY.

