

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Wow, what a month November has been! The highlight of the month has to have been Children In Need and the sense of whole school community which the day brought to everyone. I cannot thank the fund-raising team of Mrs Boyes, Mrs Sek, Mrs Cupit and Miss Driscoll enough, we are incredibly lucky to have them all as part of the Nelson team. Their creativity and enthusiasm never ceases to impress me and I am sure that this is what helps to encourage us all to take part, raise money and also have lots of fun too! If broadcasting live on BBC Radio Norfolk and various members of the local press visiting us on the day wasn't enough, I couldn't quite believe it when BBC East TV phoned to say that they wanted to come in and record us for the TV. Then to see everyone on the national BBC Children In Need TV Show was just amazing and made me feel incredibly proud of each and every child, and every member of staff too. It certainly was a day which I will never forget. Thank you so much to everyone for getting involved whether you dressed up, had your face painted or you wore your Pudsey ears, and an extra special thank you for your generous donations too. We managed to raise a total of £422.71 which is just fantastic.

I would like to say a big well done and thank you to the children in Year 1 who represented the school at the OMNES Games Dodgeball event at Lynnsport. This was the first time that these children have been to an event representing the school so it was a new experience for them all. I heard that you all did a brilliant job and I hope that you thoroughly enjoyed your afternoon out representing the school.

Unfortunately COVID-19 cases seem to be on the rise again in the local community and of course we have also now been notified of the new Omicron variant. We continue to ask you all to be mindful of the many symptoms which people can present with and that also in many cases people can be asymptomatic. If you or your child has any symptoms we strongly recommend that you follow the Government guidance and seek a PCR test as soon as possible. As we are notified of positive cases in school, we will continue to notify you so that you can seek a PCR test for your child as a close contact. All PCR results should be e mailed to avril.varga@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk. It is only by working together that we will continue to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Thank you for your continued support. Best wishes - Mrs Sarah Wilson (Principal)

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to send a big **Thank You to The Rotary Club of Downham Market** who have donated 39 Usborne Illustrated English Dictionaries to Nelson and we will use them in KS2 classes.

Thank you

Afterschool Activity Clubs

After School clubs (except the paid for provision) will end on Friday 10th December 2021.

Information on clubs for the new year will follow shortly.

Reminder - Pupil Asset Parent App

Download the Pupil Asset Parent App from the app store

Confirm your email address with the school office. We will send a sign up email.

We also except card payments at the office for meals or Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs. Please book before 2pm to confirm a place at the latest on the day.

We also take Computershare and Kiddi Vouchers that can be purchased through some employers. If you use these vouchers please email the school office with the dates required and voucher details

You can pre order lunches and pay for them, all bookings for breakfast and afterschool clubs are booked on the app.

If you have booked and need to change a booking please email office@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk

New this term all activity clubs have been booked on the app.

If the app stops working press profile at the bottom (single person shape) then press sign out,

School Attendance Percentage

Week Ending: 22/10/2021

Cleopatra & Drake 96%

Week Ending: 5/11/2021

Archimedes 100%

Week Ending: 12/11/2021

Cleopatra 100%

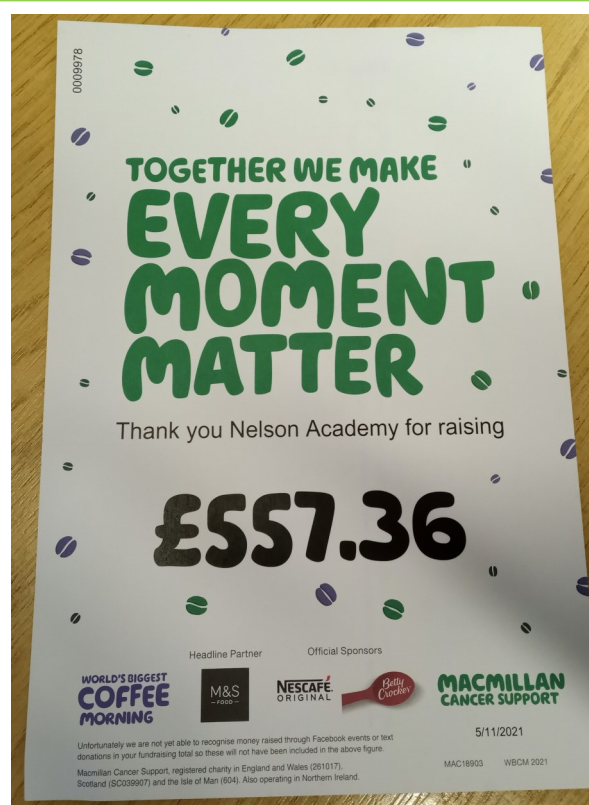
Week Ending: 19/11/2021

Boudica 97.31%

Week Ending: 26/11/2021

Archimedes & Cromwell 97%

Well Done



A big thank you to Isla, Ewan and Libby from Year 6 who have sold all the Remembrance Day items this year. They have been a huge help to us in the school office and completed a great job. Thank you to all for your donations.

We will confirm the amount raised when we know.





Congratulations:

Well done **Leighton**, he has done really well this year at Middleton Golf Club and next year will be representing them in junior competitions across the county. He loves playing golf.



A huge well done to **Erin**, in Year 6, for scoring her first goal and winning Player of the Match on Sunday 7th November. Erin plays for Swaffham Town FC, U11s and they are lucky to have her! Brilliant effort Erin

Also

Well done to brother and sister **Matthew & Sophie** who helped their grandad when he took a turn for the worst when they were out with him. They got help from a passer by who called the police and paramedic. They knew all the telephones numbers and address and what to do in an emergency. Grandad is feeling better and is very proud of them both.

School Diary Dates

Friday 3rd December—Christmas Maths Day in School

Friday 10th December—Christingle

Friday 10th December—Christmas Buffet Lunch (book on Pupil Asset App)

Friday 10th December— Wear a Christmas Jumper Day (no charge)

Wednesday 15th December—Aladdin Pantomime Trip Reception to Year 6

Friday 17th December— Last Day before Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 5th January—School Opens for Spring Term

First Admission to School—School Year 2022/2023

Was your child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018? If so they are due to start school in Reception in the school year 2022/23

Please can we remind parents/carers of the importance of making applications to their home Local Authority by 15 January 2022.

Parents need to make application, even if their child currently attends nursery class at the same school.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk or they can request an application form from our Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020.

Additional information and a link to the online application is available on the County Council's website.—
Admission to reception classes in Norfolk

Children in Need 2021

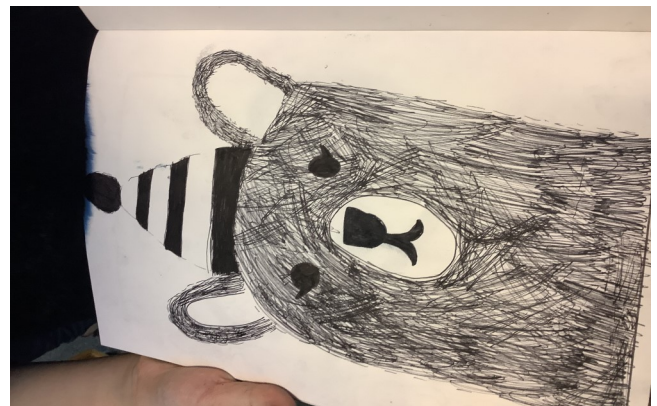
Nelson Academy families and staff have big hearts and that becomes very apparent each November as they generously donate both their time and pennies towards Pudsey's worthwhile cause. Our Children In Need fundraisers seem to get more elaborate and extravagant every year and this year was no exception. We borrowed the BBC's theme Of "Together We Can" and used it as our own with a bit of a bear theme.

This year we wanted to cultivate our students' teamwork skills by challenging them to a plethora of curriculum-based tasks and challenges. Each class was assigned a species of bear in which they had to complete the challenges to earn "food" to get their bear through winter. These challenges included taking part in the gruelling cardio-drumming marathon, going on a bear hunt trying to find celebrity bears hidden around the school, or completing math problems to decode some of Fozzie Bear's favourite jokes.

Students also polished their DT and Art skills by baking bear shaped cookies and drawing bear portraits. Some students used their geography skills to assist Lorek Brynison, the Bear from the Golden Compass, find his armour, whilst others were introduced to debating to discuss whether or not bears should be reintroduced into the wilds of Britain.

In the end we all had fun, learned lots and most importantly we were able to raise £422.71, which in the end was our goal all along.







School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

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What's it all about?

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) is a government programme that entitles every child aged 4-6 in fully state-funded schools to a piece of fruit or vegetable each school day, this equates to approximately 2.3m children in approximately 16,600 schools across England.

The scheme was introduced after the NHS Plan, launched in 2000, included a commitment to implement a national fruit and vegetable scheme by 2004. The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme is funded by central Government.

Eating 5 a day

The School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme is part of the national 5 A DAY programme. Fruit and vegetables are key to a healthier lifestyle for all of us and experts recommend that everyone eats at least five portions of a variety of fruit and vegetables in a day.

Eating fruit and vegetables every day helps children and teenagers grow and develop, boosts their vitality and can reduce the risk of many chronic diseases - such as heart disease, high blood pressure, some forms of cancer and being overweight or obese.



Just a reminder that all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to free fruit for their morning snack as part of the Government Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Children in these year groups do not need to bring an additional snack with them for their breaktime. Teachers will ask them to leave them in their bags for home time. Thank you for your support with this 😊

Friday 10th December

Wear a Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Buffet Lunch

All pupils & staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/top, bottoms can be non-uniform for the day, there is no charge.

Also, this year we will again be providing all children with a Christmas buffet lunch on Friday 10th December, you will be able to book the lunch on the Pupil Asset parents app.

This will be the only meal available on this day.

Each class room will be provided with:

Sandwiches, Sausage Rolls, Mini Sausages, Chicken Goujons, Cucumber Sticks, Crisps and either a Snowman Ice-cream or festive biscuits all with a drink.

Vegetarian & Gluten free options will be provided

This is FREE to all Pupil's; all lunches need to be booked by Friday 3th December.





Norfolk 
Assistance Scheme

Are you worried about getting through the winter financially?

We can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water and other essentials.

Do you fall into any of these groups?

- Reduced income
- Redundant – reduced working hours
- Unexpected expenditure
- Recently lost employment
- Struggling with utility bill arrears
- Need transport to get back to work



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If you do not have internet access, call 0344 800 8020

To discuss an open application, call 01603 223392 OPTION 5



'Apps' are designed to run on certain devices and are written for a specific operating system, such as Apple iOS, Windows, or Android. The official store for the Apple iOS operating system is known as the 'App Store' and it's where you can browse and download more than 2 million apps and games to use on the iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch and other Apple devices. When your children are using the app store, you need to be aware of the risks...



What parents need to know about

The App Store

IS YOUR CHILD 13+?

To download and buy apps from the App Store, your child will need an Apple ID. If they have used other Apple services, such as iCloud, they can sign into the App Store with the same Apple ID. If they are aged 13 and under, they cannot sign up for an Apple ID on their own, but an adult can create an Apple ID for a child.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Apps are either free, paid-for or free with in-app purchases. In-app purchases are optional transactions that can unlock extra functionality, virtual goods or unique content. Unless you change the settings, once your child has entered a password to make an in-app purchase, they can make additional purchases for 15 minutes without re-entering a password. This makes it extremely easy for children to accidentally run up huge bills.



LOOKALIKE APPS

Some developers release apps that copy the functionality, user interface and even product names and branding of popular apps, in an attempt to trick unsuspecting users to install them. By downloading an app from an unknown developer, your child could find their device compromised. Experts warn that through app permissions, hackers can potentially take photos using the camera and access media remotely, track your child's location, record any passwords they enter for other accounts, and send text messages from phones.

INAPPROPRIATE APPS

Some apps and games have content that is unsuitable for younger children – even the most popular or innocuous looking apps may feature adult-themed content, violence or cruelty to other people or animals, unmoderated chat, pornographic or sexual content.

THIRD-PARTY APP STORES

Because the official Apple App Store has a very stringent policy about what apps it approves, children may look elsewhere for apps and games they've heard about from friends. As well as the Apple App Store for iOS, there are hundreds of other third-party app stores, but the danger is they may not apply the same level of scrutiny toward the apps they allow to be listed. There's a higher chance of apps that infect devices with malicious codes or put user privacy at risk by extracting sensitive information.

Top Tips for Parents



CREATE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT

You can create an Apple ID for a child under 13 and add them to your family group to keep an eye on their activity. Go to Settings > [your name] > Family Sharing > Add Family Member > Create a Child Account > Next. Enter your child's birthday and tap Next. Review the Parent Privacy Disclosure and tap Agree. With Family Sharing, you can add up to six family members to share App Store purchases, as well as iTunes and Apple Books.

SWITCH ON 'ASK TO BUY'

If you have a child that is over 13 years of age and has their own Apple account, make sure that you only allow them to make purchases with gift cards. You can also activate the 'Ask to Buy' feature if you are using Family Sharing, so that whenever a family member who isn't an adult initiates a new purchase, a request goes to the account organiser. You can also limit what content your child can access on the devices they use.

RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASES

You can restrict your child's ability to make in-app purchases. On an iOS device, open Settings, tap General and then Restrictions. Tap 'Enable Restrictions'. You can put a limitation that requires a password every time there is a purchase made in the App Store or iTunes Store.

BROWSE APPS BY AGE

To find apps and games that are right for your children, check the age ratings. On an iPhone or iPod Touch, this can be found in the information section on an app's product page, and on an iPad or desktop, the age range is near the Buy button. On the Kids page, you can find apps for age ranges, including 5 and under, 6 to 8, and 9 to 11.

AVOID OTHER APP STORES

Put a rule in place that your child can only use the official App Store to download apps and games. Explain why it is wise to only install applications from a trusted source to ensure their device is not affected by security issues or virus attacks.

HOW TO KNOW AN APP IS SAFE TO INSTALL

Advise your child that just because they're downloading an app from an official store, it doesn't make it safe. Fake or copycat apps will often include misspelled words and poor grammar, so always read the app description, and double check the developer name and title for warning signs. Be wary of apps that come with a long list of permission requests. Check the app's reviews and ratings – one star, one-line reviews complaining that an app didn't work on a certain device, or that there was a billing issue, is not a good indication.

SPOT FAKE REVIEWS

When checking the customer reviews within the app store, make sure they aren't vague and generic, or overly effusive, as some developers will try to manipulate their apps' positions by posting fake ratings and reviews. Check the number of downloads the app claims to have – the higher the number, the more likely it is to be safe. Your child can also check on a company's website to see if the app is available on there.



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