

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26th May 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

A huge well done to all the children for a fantastic Summer 1 half term in school. It certainly has been a busy month with so much to celebrate!

Firstly, a huge well done to all the children in Year 2 and Year 6 for the way in which they have completed their SATs. Despite all the challenges which they have faced over the past 2 years, the children have worked incredibly hard and they have all taken this opportunity to share their knowledge and skills. I have to say that we have been really impressed with their enthusiasm too. Well done to you all for taking this chance to shine and show off everything you know, we are so proud of each and every one of you. 😊

I would also like to say how proud we are of the way in which all the children have represented themselves and the school when they have been on trips and representing the school at events. When people at venues and members of the general public comment on how wonderful and polite our children are, it feels amazing, and just reinforces everything we know....that we have incredible young people as part of our school community.

There is plenty more to look forward to as we head into the final half term of the year i.e. further trips, Sports Day, Theatre Club performances and the Friends Of Nelson Academy Summer Fair. We also begin to prepare for transition and the following school year too. Please remember to look at the dates included in this newsletter and also to regularly check ClassDojo so that you keep up to date with all the information as it becomes available.

We break up for the May half term holiday tomorrow. I hope that everyone enjoys our Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school and any further events which you may be attending over the long bank holiday weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 6th June.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes Mrs Sarah Wilson – Principal



We have achieved our Gold Award. To accomplish this, we had to complete a variety of environment-based activities. Examples include- planting trees, creating art with natural items, and learning to appreciate woodlands whilst realizing the importance of trees to the well-being of the Earth. Well done to Mrs Boyes and the team

Nelson Nursery

We are now looking at September places for our Nursery class. Children can start at Nelson Academy Nursery with funding (15 or 30 hours) the term after their third birthday. However, if you would like to pay extra, your child can start as soon as they turn 3 years old, if we have a place.

All of our sessions are 3 hours long and we understand that every family has different work and home commitments. Therefore, we offer a flexible approach to how these sessions are used. You can choose between morning or afternoon sessions, or a mix of full and half days.

Sessions and fees

Our timings are:

Morning session – 9am – 12noon

Afternoon session – 12noon – 3pm

All day – 9am – 3pm Additional paid sessions will be available at a cost of £10 per session; please call the Nursery on 01366 383824, or ask at the school office.

School Attendance Percentage

Week Ending: 29th April 22

Cleopatra 100%

Week Ending: 6th May 2022

Cleopatra 98%

Week Ending: 13th May 2022

Tubman & Fleming 100%

Well Done



School Diary Dates

Fri 27th May

Queens Jubilee Lunch and Celebrations

Wed 8th June

Year 2 to Banham Zoo

Wed 8th June

Matilda Theatre Club Trip to London

Wed 22nd June

Dance Festival with Dance Club Pupils

Fri 24th June

Non Uniform Day - Bring a donation for the FON Summer Fair tombola

Fri 1st July

FON Summer Fair 3pm-6pm

Mon 4th July

Year 6 PGL Residential Trip

Thurs 7th July

Sports Day 2022

Mon 11th July

End of Year Reports Sent Home

Tues 12th July

Jump Up Day - Meet the new teacher

<https://secure.pupilasset.com>

Please pay for all meals and clubs, events on the website, meals can be ordered 2 weeks in advance. If you need a sign up email let us know in the office.

Meals are £2.30

Short session Afterschool Club £5.00

Long session Afterschool Club £10.00



FRIDAY 27th May we will be celebrating

The Queens Platinum Jubilee Year with a Special Lunch

Please book and pay on Pupil Asset website under Jubilee Lunch

The cost is £2.30 (No Hot dinners or Jacket Potatoes will be available)

Selection of Finger cut Sandwiches

Sausage Roll

Cucumber Sticks

Crown Shortbread Biscuit

Fruit Drink

Vegetarian & Gluten Free Options Available

We will be celebrating the Queens Platinum with lots of lovely activities in school, one of which being a non-uniform day on Friday 27th May.

For non-uniform day, we would to invite children to dress up as part of the decade they are learning about that week (children may already know what that is!) or come in red, white and blue as an alternative.

Here is a list of what decades each year group are learning about:

Year 6 - 1950s

Year 5 - 1960s

Year 4 - 1970s

Year 3/Packham- 1980s

Year 2 - 1990s

Year 1 - 2000s

Reception - 2010s

Nursery - 2020 - 2022

ART AWARDS 2022



We are so happy for our first round of Arts Award candidates who received their 'Discover' certificates, launching Nelson Academy as an Arts Award Centre. The year 6 group evaluated the Barbican Box project which they took part in last year: working with artist Kaitlin Ferguson on prints inspired by Michael Rosen's poetry. It was such a treat to have the certificates presented by Kaitlin, in person, after working with her virtually due to COVID restrictions. We are looking forward to offering more students the chance to work on Arts Award in both visual and performing arts over the coming years.

Nelson Academy Council Members are:

Hazel Spinks	Chair
Louise Page	Member
Iryna Perrett	Parent Member
Glen Gates	Member
Mark Cresswell	Member
Bianca Neumann	Parent Member

We would like to say thank you and farewell to Lynne Martin & Jeremy Owen for all their help and support during the past year and we would like to welcome Bianca Neumann as our newest member.

Congratulations to.....



Ivy and Ellie from Year 2 had a great day taking part in the Pretty Muddy 5k Race for Life. Ivy and Ellie have raised a fantastic amount of £625 between them.

Well done girls we are so proud of you both 😊

Congratulations to.....

Nelson Academy have some talented pupils who have been busy competing over the Easter Holidays and this term so far.



Amelia from Year 1 who competed on the General Gymnastic Apparatus and Hannah from Year 2 who won a Silver medal for the beam routine and a bronze medal for the floor routine.



Ella from Year 3 has completed her first exam and passed with a distinction and had the second highest score in the dance school.



Blake from Year 3 has won a certificate and award for his boxing and Aaron from Year 5 has been awarded the most improved player for this football season 21/22.

Well done everyone. We love to hear about your achievements outside of school so please keep sharing and sending in your news and photographs.

Congratulations to.....



Ellie in Year 3 has received a certificate in Taekwondo.

Both Year 5 & Year 6 Girls who took part in local friendly football competition. Year 6 won in their year group. Well done to all the girls



We would also like to say congratulations to Miss Gipp and her partner on the birth of their beautiful daughter who has been named Ada Rose.



Well done to you all

Plastic Bottle Top Collection

Bring in your clean caps, bottle tops, and lids.

We are going to glue them together to create a piece of art for a national competition. If we win, we will be able to win new equipment for our playground. There will be boxes by the entry doors. We need as many as we can by the 17th of May.



Bottle Brick Creation

We are challenging every child to bring in one bottle brick. These are made by taking an individual single use drink bottle and stuffing it with non-recyclable plastics such as sweet wrappers or the plastic used in fresh veg packs. As long as it is clean- stuff it into a bottle. Use a long handle spoon to really jam it in- so it is solid.

These bricks will go towards making some raised beds as well as keeping a lot of plastic out of the landfill. We will be showing how to make a bottle on dojo.



ECO-CHALLENGES

Summer Term Part 1

Battery Collection

We have registered to take part in a national battery recycling campaign. We're asking children to bring in dead batteries- so we can send them off to be recycled. The class that brings in the most batteries- will win a special treat.



Stick Person Challenge

Can you create a stick character, who can become our official Eco-club mascot? Remember to only use recycled or natural materials. Give your character a name and tell us about their creation; such as "Where did you get the stick from?". Bring in your figure on May 20th, and make sure you have your name and class attached.



How about a drink?

The weather has been rather dry, and our wild friends would appreciate a drink. A shallow dish, plant saucer, or even an old roasting tray can be made into a welcome source of water for wildlife. Pop a couple of rocks into larger containers for birds to perch on. Dishes with shorter sides can be readily accessed by hedgehogs. Take a picture of your drinking station and send it in.



What parents need to know about VPNs

Although a great privacy tool in the right hands, VPNs can be dangerous for children and let them bypass restrictions you have on web browsing.

What is a VPN?

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) is a privacy tool used to hide internet activity from prying eyes. Without a VPN, internet traffic is sent directly from your computer or smartphone, letting anyone in-between you and a website or service that you're accessing (such as a wireless hotspot owner or your ISP) see what you're doing. With a VPN, a secure tunnel is created between your computer or phone and what's known as the endpoint. The endpoint is merely the part of the internet where your connection comes out and can be in the same country as you or located anywhere else in the world.

Using a VPN has two main effects. First, as the tunnel is fully encrypted, nobody between you and the final endpoint can see what you're up to. Secondly, as all of your traffic looks as though it's coming from the endpoint, you can further avoid being tracked and monitored, hiding your real location from everyone.

VPNs have many legitimate uses. For example, running a VPN when on a wireless hotspot or hotel network that you don't trust, gives you additional security. There's also improved privacy by using a VPN, preventing ad networks and the like from tracking you and working out where you live. VPNs are also often used to bypass protections, say watching UK streaming TV when abroad by pretending that you're still in the UK. The way a VPN works means that children can also use VPNs to hide what they're doing and get around any restrictions that you might have in place.



National Online Safety

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MEET OUR EXPERT

This guide has been written by David Ludlow. David has been a technology journalist for more than 20 years, covering everything from internet security to the latest computing trends and the smart home. A father of two (a nine-year-old and a six-year-old), he's had to control and manage how his children access online services and use apps.



What are the risks?

There are three main issues with VPN usage by children, potentially affecting their privacy (and yours), and opening them up to seeing inappropriate content.

1) Viewing age-inappropriate content

Parental control tools work by looking at the sites that a child is trying to visit, and then blocking according to a list of what's not allowed. With a VPN, the secure tunnel that's created means that web traffic can't be viewed, so parental controls stop working. Once on the open internet, a child using a VPN can look at anything they like unrestricted. This isn't just at home. Children that are allowed to take devices into school for work purposes can also use VPNs to bypass any filters that have been set up on the school network, too. VPNs can both be in software and via what's known as a proxy website. With a proxy website, a child visits this, then enters in a blocked website address that they want to view. The blocked website is then downloaded and viewed through the proxy, sidestepping any parental protection.

2) Malware infections

Installing any unknown application is fraught with danger, and the same applies to many free VPN applications. In an investigation, it was found that 38% of free Android VPNs contained malware, with 75% also designed to track activity. By installing suspect software, a child may be opening themselves up to being spied on and their private details being stolen. If you use a shared device with a child, an infection can also affect you. Malware can spread, and there's then a higher risk to other devices on your network. There's a chance that a dodgy VPN will use your computer and internet bandwidth, too. Back in 2015, the free Hola VPN extension was found to be secretly selling its users' bandwidth via another service and, in some cases, users' internet connections were being used for illegal activity.

3) Free VPNs can spy on people

The best commercial VPNs are built around privacy and have strict rules about hiding activity, not spying on users and not logging data. These tools are built for adults who wish to protect their anonymity. Children often go for free VPNs and proxy websites, which have a less strict code of ethics. Many free VPNs have been found to spy on activity, store private information and even sell this data on. When using a VPN like this, dodgy adverts and pop-ups can be inserted into web traffic, beyond the harmful things that your child may already be viewing.

What parents can do

Although the risks might seem entirely different, the protection from VPNs is the same for all of the threats.

Filter VPN sites

Check the parental controls software that you're using to see if there's a filter to block VPN/Proxy traffic. If this is selected, it will prevent most known VPNs from working, along with proxy websites.

Block VPN applications

Stopping and removing any VPN applications running on a child's device is a must. If you have parental control software that can restrict application use, make sure that you investigate any application that your child wants to install and block all VPNs. If you've recently enabled any applications, go back and check what they're used for and remove any VPNs that you find. If you don't have software to check what's running on a child's devices, then you should manually check. Searching for an application with VPN in the name is a good idea. Look out for tell-tale signs, too: computers and phones will usually display a different connection symbol when a VPN is connected. You can also use a child's computer to try and view a restricted website to ensure that filtering is still in place.

Monitor your child's online activity

In order to prevent your children from falling prey to inappropriate content, it's important to monitor your child's internet usage and have open and honest discussions with them about their online activities.

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THE DOWNHAM GAMES

Please come and celebrate with us at The Memorial Fields,
Downham Market, PE38 9QG

- Starts 10am, presentation at 2pm
- Iconic athletics competitions open to anyone 8 years and over and any child 7 years and under
- Free to enter
- 6 events; 100m run, 400m run, high jump, long jump, shot putt and javelin throw
- Medals for all and trophies for all category winners and runners up

Lots of other free activities to do for all the family including:

- football, tennis, squash, athletics, archery, nerf wars and much much more!



Come and give it a go and have lots of fun!



SUNDAY 5TH JUNE
2022
10TH ANNIVERSARY