

## **NEWSLETTER**

Tuesday 21st June 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

June has brought a number of trips and experiences for the children to take part in, building upon the knowledge and skills which they learn whilst in school and making their learning ‘real life’. So far Year 2 have been to Banham Zoo, Theatre Club have been to London to watch Matilda the musical, Year 5 visited ‘Stories of Kings Lynn’, Reception have visited ‘Little Sharks’ and Year 6 are at Flip Out in Peterborough today. If your child has not been on a trip with their class yet, then their opportunity will not be far away, as everyone will be going outside of school linked to their learning before the end of the Summer term. We are very fortunate to be able to provide every child with an experience linked to PE/sport/mental health and wellbeing, which will be fully funded by the school linked to external funding which we receive from the Government. We feel that it is incredibly important to prioritise fitness, mental health/wellbeing and having fun, especially after all the COVID restrictions and we hope that these trips will support this aim.

The staff and children have been very busy in school too, with events such as ‘The Great Science Share’ and ‘Make Music Day/The Big Sing’. Thank you to Mrs Melia and Miss Abbott for leading us in these whole school events.

The Friends Of Nelson Academy have been very busy planning and preparing for their ‘Friends and Family Summer Fair’ which will be on Friday 1st July 3pm-6pm. We look forward to seeing you there! Don’t forget that Friday 24th June is a non uniform day, no money required but please bring a prize which the Friends Of Nelson Academy can use on their tombola.

Plans are busy being finalised for the next academic school year. Please see the information later in this newsletter with regard to changes to the start and finish times of the school day. There is also reminder information included with regard to our school uniform and PE kit expectations. We really want to encourage everyone to take pride in the way they look and feel when they are at school, and how we dress is a big part of this. We are also mindful of the cost of school uniform and we want to do all we can to support families. With this in mind, we do have several items in lost property which need reuniting with their owners so please call into the office to have a look if you are missing anything. Please also remember The Friends Of Nelson Academy Uniform Selling Page on Facebook where you can sell or purchase items. Mr Rossiter and Mrs Jack will also be asking for donations of blazers which will be no longer required by the current Year 6 children which may be of use to the children currently in Year 5 as they move into Year 6 next year.

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

### **Friday 24th June**

**Non-uniform Day—No money please bring an item to donate to the Friends of Nelson Academy Friends & Family Summer Fair Tombola Stall**

## Nelson Nursery

We still have some places for afternoons in September in 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.

**We only have afternoons sessions left for September**

Sessions and fees

Afternoon session – 12noon – 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: 20/05/2022

Cleopatra & Tubman 98%

Week Ending: 27/05/2022

Cleopatra, Tubman & Fleming 97%

Week Ending: 10/06/2022

Cromwell 98%

Week Ending: 17/06/2022

Wren 99%

**Well Done**



## Diary

### June

Thurs 23rd June - Class Photography's

Friday 24th June - Non-uniform Day All Pupils & Staff

Fri 30th June - Every One can Sparkle Day

### July

Fri 1st July - Summer Fair starts 3pm to 6pm

Mon 4th to Fri 8th July - Healthy Living Week

Thurs 7th July - Sports Day - 9.30am=KS2, Picnic Lunch 12-1 and 1.30pm = Reception and KS1

Thurs 14th & Fri 15th July - Matilda Production 6:30pm Start

Thurs 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

## **The New Academic Year - Starting September 2022**

You may be aware that the Government guidance has changed with regard to the length of time that children spend in school. This will be 32.5 hours per week.

We have therefore reviewed our start and finish times for the new school year to ensure that we meet this Government requirement. I can confirm that from September 2022 the school day for ALL children (except those in Nursery) will be 8.45am-3.15pm. Nursery sessions will remain as 9.00am-12.00 and 12.00-3.00pm.

For children attending the main school, the school gates will open at 8.30am for children in Reception through to Year 6 to free flow immediately into the school building from the main field.

The gates onto the field will be locked at 8.45am. Registers will be taken at 8.45 am.

Anyone arriving after 8.45am will need to enter via the main reception.

Children attending Nursery will continue to enter/exit via the doors at the front of the school near the hall.

If your child travels to school via taxi or bus, the transport companies will be notified of these time changes.

## **Change of Uniform**

School Uniform Academic Year 22-23

Good morning, we are making some slight changes to our uniform for the new academic year. Below are the main changes or things to take note of. The uniform guidance on our website will be updated to reflect this shortly.

**PE Top** – PE tops must either be the coloured Nelson Academy PE tops, a plain white Nelson Academy logo PE top (now available at Stratfords) or a plain white top/plain white polo shirt. These are the only options. There will be no more football shirts, Nike tops, Minecraft tops etc. Eventually we would like to move to only white tops but to help with costs it is fine to use a coloured Nelson top if you have one. The plain white Nelson logo top is currently £4.20 at Stratfords and a plain 3 pack of white t-shirts is £3 at Sainsbury's.

**PE Bottoms** – These must be either tracksuit/jogging bottoms or shorts. Leggings are no longer acceptable PE uniform. Tracksuit/jogging bottoms or shorts must be plain black or navy blue (a brand logo on these is fine). **PE Jumpers** – Children can wear their school jumpers on PE days. This is the only option. No more hoodies etc.

**PE Trainers** – PE footwear should be suitable for active lessons indoors and outdoors.

**Skirts** – All skirts must be loose fitting and roughly at knee length. In cases where staff feel a skirt does not meet this requirement, we will first speak to the child but then speak with the parent too. We are a primary school and we firmly believe children should be children for as long as possible. Short/tight skirts do not fit in with this vision.

**No handbags** – Again, we are a primary school. Just a normal school bag that goes on your back – one that is appropriate for primary school children.

**School shoes** - School shoes should be flat and black. Again, we don't need primary school children wearing heels because they are not age-appropriate and they're also not going to be comfortable – especially at break times where children are quite active.

**Names on clothing** – a reminder that all clothing should have a name on it so that it's harder to lose when your child inevitably leaves it on the field.



## Friends Of Nelson Academy Presents.... Nel the elephant!

A huge thank you from all the FON members...we have been working hard on our preparations for the Family and Friends Summer Fair. We cannot wait to celebrate all being back together, after a tricky two years. There has been a wonderful response from the local community; businesses and parents have been incredibly generous.... our next raffle is littered with star prizes (*a pleasure flight to the coast courtesy of Mr Bee's fotostop and a brand new flat screen smart TV, thanks to a group of very generous parents - just to name a few!*)

Enterprise Club have been very busy too... they have raised more than £100 so far, thanks to all those lovely orders you keep sending our way! Please keep buying our Nel the elephant products – we intend to reissue places for Enterprise Club shortly, to ensure other children can have the chance to make bookmarks badges, keyrings and much much more!

If you have any product requests or ideas, please send them our way.

Thank you to those who have offered tombola prizes – we are collecting at the main office; these will all help to make the Family and Friends Summer Fair even more spectacular.

Lastly, a huge welcome to all the new FON members who have joined us recently – your ideas, help and support is invaluable. Remember... any support big or small, will further enrich the lives of the children at Nelson Academy.

Thank you.



Friends of Nelson Academy



*Family and Friends Summer Fair*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
**Nelson Academy**  
**school field**

*Fun to expect at the fair...*

Sweets and treats stalls  
Soft drinks to buy  
Fun and games stall  
Bouncy castle  
Arts and craft activities  
Tombola  
Nel the elephant stall  
Raffle with prizes galore!

**3pm-  
6pm**



## GREEN FLAG AWARD

We would like to announce that Nelson Academy has achieved their Eco-School Green Flag Accreditation and to make it even more noteworthy; the certification was awarded with distinction. If you are unaware, the Eco-Schools Green Flag program is sponsored by Keep Britain Tidy in the UK, but it is part of a worldwide network operating in over 70 countries. In order to achieve certification, schools must complete 7 steps over the academic school year.

The pupil-led process begins with a student survey asking environmental questions that relate to our school setting. Within these 10 different areas (such as water, waste, and transport etc the survey revealed our students were most concerned in making improvements in three areas at Nelson Academy. The three areas the children wanted to improve were; Biodiversity-where we vowed to increase habitats for animals; litter-where we aimed to reduce litter at school and in Norfolk; and finally, school grounds-where the children wanted to grow our own veg and fruit (this also fell into to healthy living).

We constructed an action plan and had to document our progress and show plans for projects that are still to be completed. As a school, we needed to show curriculum links to the 10 sustainability goals, explained how our eco-committee works and how we communicate with students and their families, and how we monitored and evaluated our actions.

Our goals were quite ambitious and because of that we are still working towards completing them, the organization could see our accomplishments and were pleased with the progress we made. Our school actually went beyond the normal targets thus qualifying for the distinction level of Eco goals, and as these goals are meant to be progressive- we believe that this is the start of making Nelson Academy a greener, happier school. A copy of our report can be found below. We want to thank all the help we have received from staff and families because without their support we would not have been able to achieve our award.

### Here is the report:

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at Nelson Academy have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

We really liked your action-focussed and practical approach to Eco-Committee meetings. We love that students were able to use critical thinking here and focus on the substance of what was needed. It's a productive way to work and yielded great results. We love how active your Eco-Committee was in communicating Eco-Schools activity school-wide. Posters, dojo messages, newsletters, website (we love that you have your own page!), an eco-board and email messages to class teachers... all combine to make a great approach! This is really strong informing and involving. Your approach to appointing an Eco-Committee was really mature and fair. We loved that you engaged extra pupils in the process, alongside those elected. Eco-Schools is designed to be pupil-led so this is excellent! It was really great to see that your Environmental-Review provided the basis for your actions, especially as it helped you to spot gaps in your existing activity. It shows the reflective and considered approach that you've taken throughout – this is a great skill that many adults can learn from! Next time, we'd love to see your completed environmental review as it's clearly been a substantial and insightful experience. Your Action Plan is really focussed, SMART and informed by the Environmental Review. It was a manageable amount of activity and designed to show impact. Having a research-informed defined goal is very professional. It made us so happy to see how the pupils were fizzing with ideas for other projects and actions that they can take. We can't wait to see how you develop in the coming years! Your curriculum links were really clear and creative. They were also very fun which is great to see! They challenged pupils to think outside of the box and approached topics in a fresh and different way. We were really impressed by this evidence. It was brilliant to see the school's excellent, substantial planning materials. This is great example of layering in sustainability and climate change in to your Curriculum studies. We were very impressed and it's clear that the students get a varied

and exciting experience at Nelson Academy. You've clearly looked externally and engaged with lots of different campaigns, projects and organisations. This open approach extends to your brilliant collaborative practice. You've clearly demonstrated your desire to make this a team effort. It was a collaboration-masterclass! Teamwork is key to combatting climate change and your pupils are already great at this – this makes us feel really positive for the future. It's amazing to see that your school has become a greener environmental as a result of the work on the Eco-Schools programme this year. The Eco-Schools team have all said that we wished we'd be pupils at Nelson when we were growing up. Overall, this is a terrific application and a great year's work. The Eco-Committee and the entire school should feel very proud. The Eco-Schools team is delighted to award you a **Green Flag with Distinction**



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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils

Yellow dates - pupil holiday

Red dates - bank holiday

Five Training days will be on 1st and 2nd September, 21st October and 3rd Jan, 17th April.

Academies may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of 21st October.

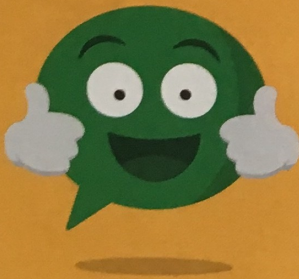
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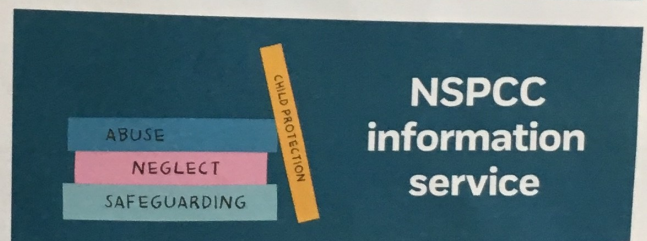
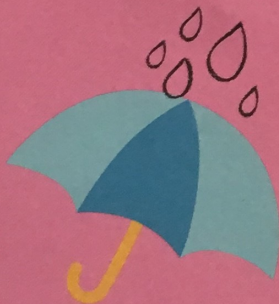
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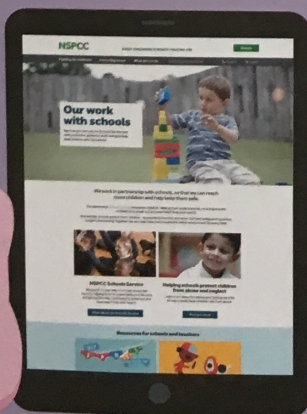
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Share Aware



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