

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd July 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I can't believe that it is time to write the final newsletter of this academic year, where has the time gone! As I reflect back upon the year, it is evident to see that a sense of 'normality' and 'pre COVID-ness' has returned to school life and for that I am sure we are all grateful. There have been so many amazing moments, achievements and successes in school this year but one moment which stands out to me (and I will never forget) has to be the cardio drumming for Children In Need. It was our first real whole school event since returning from the lockdowns, and the effort and support that everyone (children, staff and parents) gave was just incredible. The atmosphere in school that day was just electric! We raised so much money for a fantastic charity and the fact the we made it onto the radio and the TV was just the icing on the cake! To me, this event (and every event which has followed since) has reminded me what is so special about the Nelson Academy, it is that sense of family and community, and that we are all in it together. I feel incredibly lucky and incredibly proud to be part of such a special place. 😊

To those of you who are leaving the Nelson Academy, we wish you lots and lots of luck in your new schools. Year 6, you are an incredible group of young people and it has been an absolute pleasure to watch you grow into the young people who you are today. Please keep in touch and let us know what you get up to next, we love to hear your news and stories, and maybe you could come back to inspire some of the younger children with your achievements.

Finally to the wonderful Nelson staff team, the Nelson Academy would not be the same without each and every one of you, and I most certainly could not do my job without you. You have worked so hard this year, adapting and changing to everything which has been asked of you. I feel incredibly privileged to work with each and every one of you.

Have a fantastic Summer break, we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 5th September. Please remember the new start time, gates will open at 8.30am for everyone to be in by 8.45am and the school day will finish at 3.15pm for everyone. Take care and stay safe.

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

## **TWITTER**



Check out our  
Twitter account @NelsonAcademy1

**School Re Opens Monday 5th September  
2022 - Gates open at 8.30am with all  
children in for a 8.45am start. All children  
will finish at 3.15pm Have a fantastic  
Summer and Stay Safe.**

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Norfolk County Council - Keeping  
Children Safe

### **Worried about a child?**

If you are concerned about a child and want to speak to someone contact Norfolk County Council on 0344 800 8020. In an emergency call 999

## **School Meal Price Increase – From September 2022**

As you are aware, the current financial pressure on all parts of life is being felt by everyone.

As an Academy, we are under the same pressure as our suppliers increase costs on all manner of services. Our catering suppliers have advised us that they are having to increase their prices from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to ensure that the quality and standard of food provided to our pupils is maintained. As a consequence, we are forced into a decision to increase our meal price to **£2.40** from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

We assure you that we have not taken this decision lightly and we have endeavoured to not pass on the whole increase being charged to the Academy. We will monitor the situation over the coming months and will be in contact should anything change.

## **Breakfast Club Increase from September 2022**

There will also be an increase in the cost of Breakfast Club this will be £4.00 per session from September. The breakfast Club starts at 7:45 am to 8:45am.

All children can have cereals, toast, yoghurts and a drink.

All bookings need to be made on the Pupil Asset App or Website as before and in advance.

The price for Afterschool Club stays the same at the moment.

## **School Attendance Percentage**

### **Week Ending: 24/06/22**

**Cromwell & Darwin 100%**

### **Week Ending: 01/07/22**

**Cleopatra 98.8 %**

### **Week Ending: 08/07/2022**

**Archimedes 98%**

### **Week Ending: 15/07/2022**

**Fleming 97%**

**Well Done**



## **Eco News**

It's official Nelson Academy are Young Tree Champions





**Sarah Wilson**  
Principal & DSL



**Glen Rossiter**  
Assistant Principal  
KS1 & KS2 & DDSL



**Jo McAndrews**  
Assistant Principal  
SENCO & DDSL



**Lisa Limbert**  
Donaldson  
Nursery Class



**Hannah Lawrence**  
Attenborough  
Reception Class



**Hayley Mercer**  
Anning  
Reception Class



**Kyra Murthwaite--Bedding**  
Banks  
Year 1 Class



**Ellen Atkinson**  
Goodall  
Year 1 Class



**Davina Nyarko**  
Cleopatra  
Year 2 Class



**Kathryn Hare**  
Boudica  
Year 2 Class



**Michael Bidder**  
Drake  
Year 3 Class



**Simon Taylor**  
Archimedes  
Year 3 Class



**Gill Sekatawa**  
Cromwell  
Year 4 Class



**Alannah Johnson**  
Wren  
Year 4 Class



**Laura Smith**  
Wren  
Year 4 Class



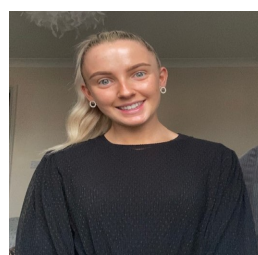
**Sarah Melia**  
Tubman  
Year 5 Class



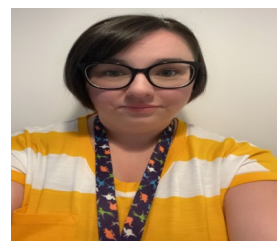
**Megan Abbott**  
Hepworth  
Year 5 Class



**Lisa Jack**  
Fleming  
Year 6 Class



**Carla Payne**  
Darwin  
Year 6 Class



**Cornelia Leach**  
Packham Class  
Lead Teacher/DSL SRB



## Photographs from Matilda



## **This summer's Big Norfolk Holiday Fun – Opens for booking on Monday 27 June**

We're delighted to inform you that booking for our summer holiday activity (HAF) scheme opened on Monday 27th June. Activities start from 25<sup>th</sup> July and parents will be able to use the booking link to search and book an activity for their child. There are thousands of spaces available across Norfolk and some brilliant activities to choose from, we're encouraging parents to take a look at the Every Move activity finder as soon as possible to secure their first choices.

### **Promoting the scheme to eligible families – no HAF codes needed!**

This year it is even easier for families eligible for means tested free school meals to book on to activities. Instead of needing a HAF code to book, eligible parents just need to enter the name of their child's school during the booking process.

### **Please help promote Big Norfolk Holiday Fun to families by:**

1. **sending the Big Summer Holiday Fun pdf to all eligible families**
2. **working with families you know who may struggle to make the booking themselves**
3. **promote the scheme in your weekly school newsletter using the copy provided**
4. **promote the scheme on your Facebook page using the social media images provided (or share Norfolk County Council's Facebook posts)**

All the materials can be downloaded here by clicking the link [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun: Information for Schools](#) on the Active Norfolk website.

The scheme will run from the 25<sup>th</sup> July until 2nd September for children aged 5-16 (and 4 year olds in reception classes) who are eligible for means tested free school meals.

Families should visit [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk](#) to search and book activities.

We are working with providers to make sure that activities are inclusive and accessible for children with additional needs. Please encourage parents to speak to their chosen activity provider as early as possible so that they can help ensure their child's needs are met.

### **Additional free places for vulnerable children and young people**

Please remember that in addition to places for children eligible for free school meals, there are a small number of places available to vulnerable children and young people. This could include young carers and children with a social worker or refugees. Please identify those children at your school that will benefit most from the HAF scheme. Please contact us at [BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk) with details of the children you'd like to put forward for a HAF awarded place. As there is limited space, HAF awarded spaces will be restricted and issued on a first come first served basis.





### **Year 3 visit to Bewilderwood**

Earlier this term we had one of our best trips ever! We all went to Belwiderwood near Norwich for an amazing practical experience. There were loads of activities, some of which were quite scary! Some of the best were making dens and the huge slide that everyone enjoyed. We thoroughly recommend it to any one else that would like to go. Just don't forget the boat!!!





## Year 5 Train Trip to King's Lynn

This term, Hepworth and Tubman Class visited King's Lynn, taking part in activities at 'Stories of Lynn' which holds the old gaol amongst its treasures.



After catching the train to Lynn (exciting enough!), we were met by Rachael, our fantastic guide, who lead us on a tour around the Walks and other historical places of interest, telling us tales of how important King's Lynn has been through time and how it has changed.



When we arrived at Stories, we were arranged in groups and took part in various activities: trading, dressing up, sketching and learning about the gaol and famous Fred Savage! Some troublemakers were placed in the pillory but we escaped the ducking stool!

The day was an incredible eye-opener for us all, and a great end to our history-filled year in Hepworth Class. We didn't know there was quite this much on our doorstep!



Thank you to all at Stories of Lynn and Downham Market and King's Lynn stations for all their help! We had a great time and are definitely planning on visits with our families in the future!

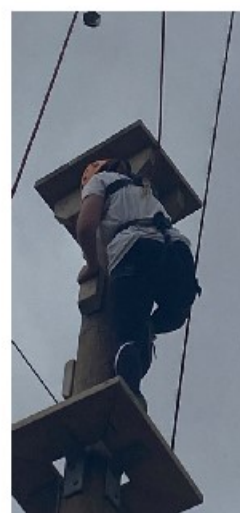




## Year 6 PGL Trip July 2022



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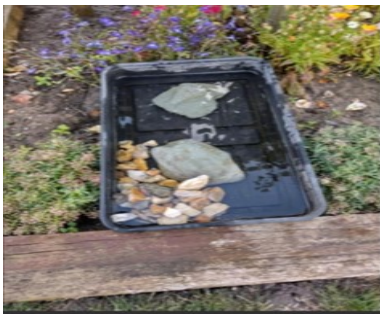




## Eco News Update and Challenges during the heatwave July 2022



Here is Alfie, from Wren class, using his solar oven he made to make cheese on toast.



Another student's amazing work to help the environment. Fiachra accepted the challenge to create a drinking station for wildlife.



## Recycling Batteries

As part of Duracell's Big Battery Hunt, our school collected over 3,000 batteries (the second most in all of the participating schools in Norfolk) - this total went towards a total of 2,000,000 batteries recycled by school worldwide.

Our school champion was Blake from Banks class who brought in a bag with hundreds of batteries. He won a kinetic powered torch.

We are continuing to collect batteries to recycle, anything to keep them out of landfills, so bring them in and pop them into one of our special recycling bins, there is one in the school reception/foyer.

## Local Schools Nature Grant Win

We have won a grant sponsored by Learning Through Landscapes and the People's Postcode Lottery. In addition to some teacher training to enhancing learning outdoors, they are also providing the school with an additional wildlife camera as well as more litter picking equipment.

We are particularly excited about the equipment, as these are going to be available to students to borrow, so they can do litter picking at home. Perhaps we can even start a year group litter challenge next year.....

## And Congratulations goes to :



**Ryan received his Green Belt  
In Taekwondo**



**Jamie with his 10 metres  
Swimming certificate  
after only 6 weeks!**



**Stephanie & Razvan are Tree  
Champions with a passion**



## **KS2 Area Sports Winners**



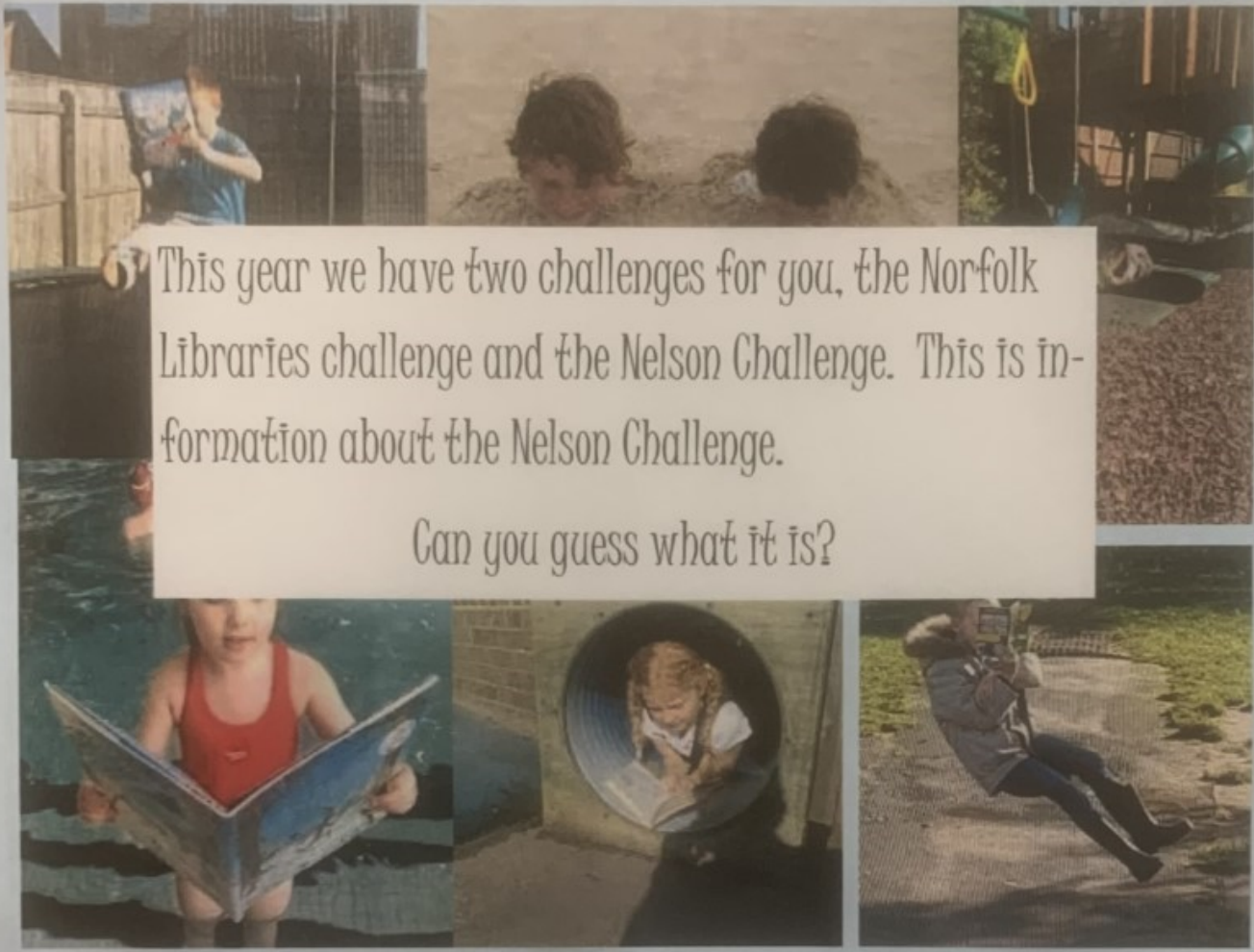
## **New Babies arriving at Nelson Academy**

**Welcoming baby Elliott to Gemma & Martin**

**And baby Mabel with big brother Ezra proud  
parents Mrs & Mr J Sykes**



# Nelson Reading Challenges 2022



6 This year we have two challenges for you, the Norfolk Libraries challenge and the Nelson Challenge. This is information about the Nelson Challenge.

Can you guess what it is?

We would like you to take a picture of you reading in the strangest place you can think of, and even better if you can be reading to the strangest person or animal. Can you then send a picture of this to your new teacher on dojo. In September when we come back there will be a prize for the best in each year group and the best overall. What do you think of my picture?





## Summer Reading Challenge 2022

# GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

SCIENCE  
MUSEUM  
GROUP

IGNITING  
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INNOVATORS

20  
YEARS  
THE  
READING  
AGENCY



SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE

## GADGETEERS



Image from Microsoft 365 2022



- Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge – IT'S FREE!
- Sign up to receive your special Gadgeteers collector poster
- Choose books to read over the holidays
- Collect stickers for each book you read
- Add the stickers to your poster to complete the Challenge and become a Gadgeteer!
- You'll receive a Core Pack ---->

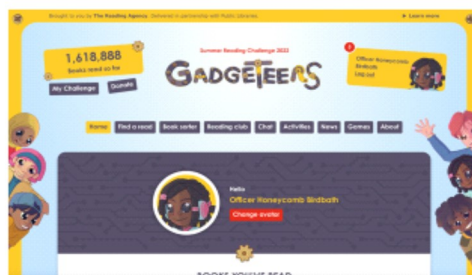


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Visit the website

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



Set your own summer reading goal

Rate and review your books to unlock badges

Play games and enter competitions

Enter the codes printed on your stickers to unlock extra rewards

Use the Book Sorter to find books recommended by other children

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SUMMER  
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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, 21<sup>st</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 17<sup>th</sup> April.

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