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NEWSLETTER

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Message From the Principal

Sarah Wilson - Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break. I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new children who have joined us in April and also to their families too.

I have to start by saying an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Earth Day Festival on Saturday 25th April. A special mention must go to Mrs Boyes for successfully organising the whole event. It was fantastic to see so many of you on what turned out to be a very hot and sunny day and wonderful that we were supported by not just the school community but also by the local Downham Market community too. This year we wanted to combine a celebration of both the diversity of the natural world and also of our community. I most definitely think we achieved it!



EMAT October Two Week Holiday Consultation -

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the online form linked to the consultation on moving to a two week October holiday. If you haven't yet, please don't worry, there is still time but it does close on 1st May.

Please take the time to complete the online form to share your thoughts and views.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=UyJl_DLlj0Kvv6hMRkWyP_COFs2BuLJMgN_BzLZILmd5UN0VSVVPT0pLMzZWRVQ5S0hJU1ZPNTRPWS4u&route=shorturl

The Summer term is going to be another busy one so please look out for dates in newsletters and also on ClassDojo. Staff are busy planning trips and visitors into school which are all designed to help develop and build upon the knowledge and skills which the children are learning in class. There will also be events happening in school that we would love you to join us for and we will do our best to give you as much notice as possible on these.

Thank you for your continued support.


Best Wishes


Mrs. Sarah Wilson (Principal)





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Pupil News.

Fletcher in Year 6 attended a Sea Cadet presentation evening and he won Junior Sea Cadet of the Year and also gained 2 badges and a First Class Promotion badge. Well done Fletcher!



Girls Football.

Well done to everyone who represented the school in the football tournament at Hillcrest this week. They all played really well as a team and the effort paid off as they came 2nd!

Nelson City



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Netball.

Well done to the children who represented our School Community at the recent Netball tournament at Lynnsport in King's Lynn. They played really well together and displayed great sportsmanship, coming 3rd!



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March/April Attendance



W/E 27th March – 98% Drake & 97% Cromwell.

W/E 17th April – 100% Cromwell, 98% Anning, Banks, Drake & Wren.

W/E 24th April – 96% Banks, Boudica & Drake, 95% Hepworth & Tubman.

Dates for your diary.

| Classroom Showcases & Dates | | Other Events & Dates | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Nursery | 06/05/26 | KS2 SATs Week | 11/05/26 |
| Year 1 | 2/7/26 (2:30-3pm) | Healthy Living Week | 22/06/26 |
| Year 2 | 21/05/26 (9-9:30am) | KS2 Sports Day | 25/06/26 (AM) |
| Year 3 | 07/07/26 | EYFS / KS1 Sports Day | 25/06/26 (PM) |
| Year 4 | 08/07/26 | Nursery Sports Day | 26/06/26 (AM) |
| Year 5 | 07/05/26 (2:30pm) | Yr 6 PGL | 06/07/26 - 08/07/26 |
| Year 6 | 18/06/25 (2-3pm) | Oliver! Performance | 02/07/26 & 10/07/26 |

Community News.

Thank you to all the children who took the time to colour the artwork for the Downham Grange Care Home. This was displayed in the library over Easter and looked wonderful.

Vote for Nelson Academy at Tesco.

From **28th April**, customers can vote for Nelson Academy at the **Tesco on London Road** as part of the Tesco Community Grants scheme. We are hoping to secure a **£1,500 grant** to purchase an archery kit and additional sports equipment, benefiting pupils across the whole school.

Voting tokens are available in store when you shop, and voting is open until the **end of July**. Every vote makes a difference, so please support us by placing your token in the Nelson Academy box if you are shopping at Tesco.



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FON News.

Cake Raffle.

Kamiye in Attenborough class and Ellie-May in Hepworth were the 2 lucky students who won our most recent Easter Themed cake raffle.

Our next raffle will look a little bit different, with the chance to win a set of 6 cupcakes alongside a Summer Fun Hamper. Tickets will be available to purchase from the 18th May.

Disco – Save the Date.

Our next Disco is planned for Friday 12th June. We've very excited, this is a very special one!

GEAR – 10k Fundraiser.

We are very fortunate to have two of our amazing Dads taking part in the GEAR 10k on 3rd May, raising funds in support of FON. Any donations to support their efforts would be hugely appreciated.

A huge thank you to **Darren and Michael** for taking on this challenge—we are incredibly grateful for your commitment and wish you the very best of luck. We can't wait to see what you achieve!

To donate – click on the link here!



Donations.

In order to support FON for future events, any raffle prize donations, unwanted or unused gifts/toys would be greatly appreciated. Please drop any donations to the office. Thank you.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendsofnelson?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL



Parking Reminder.

Traffic Regulation Order - Restricted Parking.

A reminder that a traffic regulation order is in place in Nursery Road and Wimbotsham Road. This is represented by the yellow lines which have been marked out on the road. The parking restrictions are in place in these areas from 0800 to 0930hrs and 1400 to 1600hrs Mon to Fri. Please do not park in these areas during these times as you are likely to be fined for doing so.

Please can all visitors to the school be mindful of where they park in the surrounding areas so that residents have easy access to their properties and are not impacted upon by noise from music, children's behaviour or lengthy parking outside their property. We would also ask all road users to be mindful of other road users and to always be polite and respectful.



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