



**Nelson
Academy**

'Achieving Through Learning'

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As I write the final newsletter of this calendar year it is the perfect time to reflect upon all things 2023 and what another year it has been! I could not be prouder of the way that our whole school community has continued to pull together throughout the year. There will always be some challenges that come our way but we face them together and I know that we will all continue to do so. Your support, encouragement and kind words always mean the world to us but actually the way in which we are able to communicate when there is a problem or potential issue is equally important. If we don't know that something is wrong, how can we ensure that it doesn't happen again? And if you feel that something can be improved upon, then we would really like to know.

Children In Need brought with it a great sense of whole school community. I cannot thank the fundraising 'shenanigans' of Mrs Sek enough, her 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! We managed to make it onto the regional news and had various members of the local press visiting us on the day. 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 £385.25 which is just fantastic.

I would like to say a big well done and thank you to all the children who have represented the school at sporting events recently. For some children this was the first time that they have been to an event representing the school so it was a new experience for them. You all did a brilliant job and I hope that you thoroughly enjoyed your time out representing the school.

I must also give a shout out to all the children in our choir who represented the school at the Downham Market Christmas lights switch on. You were all so confident getting onto the stage and you certainly brought some Christmassy cheer to all of Downham Market!

To the amazing Nelson staff team, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone is safe and well, and that every child is provided with an excellent education, I cannot say thank you enough. They always do their absolute best, always putting our children at the heart of every decision which is made. I know I am bias, but the individuals who make up the Nelson staff team are all pretty awesome as far as I am concerned, and I couldn't do my job without each and every one of them. ☺

School closes for the Christmas holiday on Wednesday 20th December. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope that you all have the chance to rest and relax, and to enjoy the Christmas break. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

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

Thursday 14th December—Christmas Lunch
Please book by Wednesday 6th December

Roast Chicken with Stuffing

or

Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry

Roast Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball

or

White Chocolate Snowball Cookie

Jack & the Beanstalk—Friday 8th December

Children will leave for panto at 9:00am and return for a late lunch. Only a packed lunch will be available. If you required a packed lunch please book on Aspens.

Cheese Sandwich, Crudities, Fresh Fruit & Dessert of the day Or send your child in with a home packed lunch. Ice Cream or Fruit shoots have been chosen in class for the snack during the Panto. **Oh Yes it has!!**

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December -
For Christmas fun so no
money required.



School Attendance

W/E 3rd November Archimedes 100%

W/E 10th November Boudica 98%

W/E 17th November Wren & Darwin 98%

W/E 24th November Fleming 97%



Breakfast & Afterschool Club

Reminder to all that we run before and after school clubs
they can be booked on the Pupil Asset website -
secure.pupilasset.com ASC deadline is 2:30pm

Breakfast Club 7:45am to 8:30am—Cereals or Toast, or
yoghurt & a drink £4.00

Afterschool Early - Snack, drink and activities pick up
promptly by 4:30pm £5.00 per session

Afterschool Late - Snack, light hot meal & drink and activi-
ties pick up **promptly** by 6:00pm £10:00 per session

We also take Computershare Voucher, Kiddi Vouchers &
Sodexo Work Voucher. **Receipts** can be issued



Aspens Catering

All pupils meals need to be booked on the select website by 9am , Nelson Code is 236579

Select - Online Payment System

How to register:

Below is the link to our website to register your child/children

Website link: <https://select.aspens-services.com>

If you need a code for your child/children please email office@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk

Congratulations and well done to the following from Nelson Academy



Ellie won a bronze medal for butterfly swimming for West Norfolk and qualified in all her races, and has also completed her level 9 award.



Lillie-Rae has achieved 2 award in gymnastics and her Stage 6 in swimming.



Well done to **Jayden & Kieran** they have had football trials for Norwich & Cambridge , they have been successful with Jayden joining Norwich City with his brother for more opportunities.



Congratulations to Tom & Amy Mayes who got married in October



Nelson Academy SRB Project Title - SRB Outdoor Classroom Nelson Academy SRB- SRB Outdoor Classroom- Downham Market

The Specialist Resource Base would like to create an outdoor area for our students with Autism to have a space outside to learn, play and explore their sensory needs.

We are delighted to let you know that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in the local Tesco store. Voting will commence in store from the first week of October 2023 until Mid January 2024.

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. What happens next?

Voting will take place in the Downham Market store (PE38 9AW) To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

We have already begun to collect tokens in the SRB so if you get a token before voting opens, please do consider passing it onto us either via the Main School Office or via the SRB door.

Please help us if you can to work towards getting an outdoor space that is safe and usable all year round. Many thanks for your support Miss Leach and the SRB Team and Children Our current outdoor area :



CHILDREN IN NEED 2023 Thank you we raised £385.26



Photo's taken by Ian Burt from Lynn News

Diary Dates

December 2023

Tuesday 5th Reception Christmas Performance at 10:30am

Wednesday 6th Reception Christmas Performance at 2:00pm

Friday 8th Jack & the Beanstalk Panto, Hunstanton Reception to Year 6

Friday 8th Nursery Fun day in School

Tuesday 12th KS1 Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance at 2:00pm

Wednesday 13th KS1 Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance at 10:30am

Thursday 14th Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th FON Christmas Fair 3:30 to 6:30pm

Monday 18th Rosen Class Christmas Story Café 2:00pm

Tuesday 19th Year 3 & 4 Singing Carols & Story of Christmas at Methodist Church at 9:30am (Coffee & Tea from 8:45am for parents £1)

Wednesday 20th Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Performance 9:30am & 2:00pm

Wednesday 20th Change of School Menu

Thursday 21st Christmas Holidays starts

January 2024

Thursday 4th School Open for Spring Term

February 2024

Monday 5th to Friday 9th

Mental Health Week

Friday 9th School Disco

March 2024

Thursday 7th World Book Day

Monday 11th to Friday 15th British Science Week

Tuesday 12th Dentist Visit

Thursday 28th Easter Holidays Begin