



NEWSLETTER

NELSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

15/11/24



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Dear Nelson Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half-term break. We've hit the ground running with a busy and exciting start to this term. Here's what we've been up to and some key updates for the weeks ahead.

Recent and Upcoming Events

Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park

Last Monday, our Year 6 pupils visited Bletchley Park as part of their new history unit, which focuses on World War II. This topic explores the significance of the war as a pivotal moment in history, with a particular emphasis on how historians view it as a turning point. During their visit, our pupils learned about the vital role played by codebreakers at Bletchley Park. It was an inspiring day that will undoubtedly enhance their studies on this fascinating era.

Harvest Festival Assemblies

Last Thursday, we held our Harvest Festival Assemblies, led by Birmingham City Mission Church. We are always grateful to them for joining us to deliver assemblies that inspire and share such powerful, positive messages. Their words of gratitude, kindness, and community resonate deeply with the values we uphold here at Nelson Primary School – our Three Cs: Compassionate, Capable, and Community-Oriented. The Harvest Festival is a time for reflection and appreciation, and the messages shared by Birmingham City Mission Church beautifully align with our aim to nurture compassion in our pupils, build a sense of community, and equip them to be capable, thoughtful individuals who understand the importance of giving and supporting others.

Animals in WWII Webinar – Year 6

Yesterday, on Remembrance Day, Year 6 pupils participated in a special webinar about the role of animals during World War II. This session provided unique insights into how animals played a vital part during the war, complementing their current history lessons and linking well with the themes of remembrance.





Remembrance.

As a pet owner myself, it is important to me that our children grow up with a deep respect for all living things. This webinar not only helped pupils appreciate the important roles animals have played in history, but it also provided an opportunity to discuss the value of kindness and respect towards animals, fostering an understanding that we share this world with the animal kingdom.

We also observed the two-minute silence in remembrance. I was incredibly proud of how respectful the children were during this solemn occasion. They took the time to reflect and honour those who have sacrificed for us, demonstrating maturity and compassion.

English Ambassadors Visit to Edgbaston Beaumont Care Home

Last Friday, our English Ambassadors visited Edgbaston Beaumont Care Home with Miss Barnes and Miss Chand. The pupils enjoyed playing Scrabble with the residents, bringing smiles and a bit of fun to their day. It was a heart-warming experience, and we look forward to continuing these visits as part of our school community outreach.

Anti-Bullying Week and Debating Activity

This week, we marked Anti-Bullying Week with a special debating activity for Years 3 to 6. Pupils engaged in lively debates on the topic, "Respect is earned, not given," using the Debate Mate formal debating style. It was fantastic to see our pupils developing their critical thinking and speaking skills, and the arguments presented were both thoughtful and well-articulated.

Odd Socks Day

On Tuesday we participated in Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week. This day is an opportunity to celebrate our differences and show that it's okay to be unique. Pupils wore their most colourful and mismatched socks, helping to spread the important message that we are all different and that diversity should be celebrated. Odd Socks Day serves as a reminder that being kind and respectful to others is essential, and embracing our individuality is something to be proud of.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

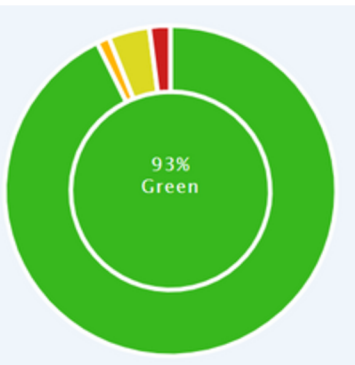
A huge thank you to all the children who took part in our Pumpkin Carving Competition. The designs were absolutely amazing, and we are so impressed by the creativity and effort that went into each one! Miss Hothi, our Design and Technology Leader, is busy looking through all the entries, and we will announce the winner in the Merit Assembly next week. Some of the fantastic designs will be shared in this newsletter for you to enjoy.

Library Visits

Our pupils have continued their visits to the library this term. Classes 2LH, 2TK, and 1DM had fantastic experiences exploring the selection of books and enjoying stories together. These visits are a great way to encourage a love of reading and help pupils broaden their literacy skills.

Behaviour Update

We are extremely proud of our pupils' behaviour this year. Our children are consistently well-mannered, respectful, and conscientious in their actions. We have logged a total of 15,554 behaviours so far this school year, with an impressive 92.70% of these being positive. This reflects the positive atmosphere of respect and kindness that our pupils demonstrate on a daily basis.



Special Shout-Out!



A special shout-out goes to the children involved in the school newsletter. Their dedication and the quality of the articles they've written this term have truly impressed me. Miss Robee is also incredibly proud of them! I really enjoy getting my copy personally delivered each week – it's always full of interesting, thoughtful, and creative work. Keep it up, children – we love seeing your efforts and enthusiasm shine through!

Attendance and Seasonal Reminders

With the colder months upon us, we'd like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance, even during the cough and cold season. While we understand that illnesses can arise, please do your best to ensure that your child is attending school regularly, as every lesson counts. Also, with the chillier weather, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat each day.

Annual Chocolate Raffle and Fundraising

Miss Barnes has already started collecting donations for our popular annual chocolate raffle. This is always a big hit with the pupils, and we appreciate any contributions. Raffle tickets will go on sale in a few weeks, so keep an eye out for further details!

Home Learning Page Update

At your request, we have updated our Home Learning page on the school website. Please take full advantage of the resources available, especially Curriculum Visions, which supports not only the wider curriculum subjects but also includes textbooks for spelling and handwriting practice, as well as interactive activities for pupils to complete on their Chromebooks.

Parents' Evenings

We've just had the first of our two Parents' Evenings this week, and turnout was excellent as always. We hope you found the meetings helpful and informative. Our second Parents' Evening is coming up next Wednesday. If you haven't yet booked a slot to see your child's class teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

Ladywood Regeneration Project

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This week, I also sent out an email to all parents regarding the Ladywood Regeneration Project, and I would be very grateful if you could take a moment to complete the form. This is an opportunity for us to contribute to the ongoing development of our local community, and your input will help shape the plans for the future. I want to make sure that our community is kept together throughout and beyond the regeneration development.



Please note that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday, 22nd November for Teacher Training Day. Pupils should return to school as usual on Monday, 25th November. Thank you for your continued support!

With Warm Regards

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