

Nettlestone Primary School



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News from Nettlestone Primary School

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VALUE OF THE WEEK: APPRECIATION

KEY STAGE 2 ARE INSPIRED AND ARE KEEN TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

What a fantastic evening Key Stage 2 pupils had at the Kings Theatre in Southsea last Friday evening with 91 of the cohort watching and enjoying Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



The plot which is already familiar to many of the children, follows the adventures of Charlie Bucket, a poor boy who luckily wins a golden ticket to visit the mysterious and wonderful chocolate factory of Willy Wonka. Along the way, he meets four other children who are not so well-behaved and learn some valuable life lessons about greed, honesty, and kindness.



The children watched in awe as they saw the characters take a journey through the Chocolate Factory with Wonka and the golden ticket winners, to find out who would win the ultimate prize of a lifetime of sweets and chocolate? All of the children agreed that the show was absolutely fantastic and the staff commented that it was lovely to watch the children laughing at some sections as well as being totally amazed at the many 'awe and wonder' moments in the production.

We had several members of the public comment, both on the ferry and in the theatre, what a delight the Nettlestone children were and how well behaved they were as well.



The whole team are now super excited to create our own version of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory for our own KS2 production next year. Many of the staff already have their thinking caps on to see how we can 'make it happen' so that our performance is just as amazing as the professional show!



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR HALF TERM BREAK STARTS TODAY!



SCHOOL WILL REOPEN TO PUPILS ON

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

We look forward to seeing you then!



YEAR 4 MAKE IT HAPPEN ON THE RIVERBANK!

On Tuesday, Zephaniah Class took part in a workshop led by Ross from the Wessex River Trust. The children created a river in the hall and were able to label all the different features and answer Ross' questions on rivers and the water cycle. Ross also talked to the children about plans to improve our local river, the Eastern Yar—including the introduction of beavers!

Well done Year 4!



Yr 5

YEAR 5 MAKE IT HAPPEN—WOW WE HAVE BEEN BUSY LEARNING!

Year 5 went to the pop up planetarium last week— a charity mobile planetarium from Winchester Space Centre. The children all sat inside the planetarium and watched an immersive film about the importance of looking after the planet and our ecosystems. Mr Phillimore, Miss Barnett and Miss Newnham stated that this was an amazing experience and the perfect introduction to the forthcoming topic on 'space.'

On Tuesday, Year 5 had the exciting opportunity to visit the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. During the visit, we participated in a workshop where we learned about the history of the Island's railways, including how the train lines developed over time and the years that they were closed down. This learning ties in perfectly with our upcoming history topic on The Beeching Axe, which we will be starting next half term. After our workshop, we were lucky enough to enjoy a scenic round trip on the steam train. What a great opportunity for Year 5!



I CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!





WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY - ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

This week our value continues with appreciation. Mrs Jacobs talked to the children about what appreciation can mean and what it mean to all of us as part of the 'Green Army'.



Mrs Jacobs stated that we like to appreciate our environment, our friends and the world that we live in but sometimes we can take each other for granted and perhaps not show our appreciation enough to one another. Mrs Jacobs challenged the children to see how many smiles of appreciation they can get from the community that surrounds them.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

by Cecil Frances Alexander

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.



Within whole school assembly Mrs Jacobs shared that over the week different teachers would share our book 'Greta and the Giant' and that the moral to this was that we needed to be appreciative of the wonderful environment that we all live in. We discussed comparisons to other localities in the United Kingdom and the quality of life that some of those residents have compared to us. Mrs Jacobs then used the music from 'All things Bright and Beautiful' to remind everyone that we are very lucky to live where we live and that we really do need to appreciate our wonderful Island.



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN— KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK!

MONDAY 4th

TUESDAY 5th

WEDNESDAY
6th

THURSDAY 7th

FRIDAY 8th

CLUBS START AGAIN!

Farm

Yr4 Swimming



Firework Disco—make
sure you purchase
your ticket from FONS

KS2 Celebration

Assembly

EYFS and Yr6 Height
and Weight Checks

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?



A reminder to make sure you have signed up to the Asda schools cash pot scheme. This scheme is still available for another 44 days and so far we have raised £100.15.

Can we make it our mission to double this amount over half term?

Nettlestone Primary School

You have helped raise

£100.15

⌚ 44 days left



WE LOVE THE LIBRARY



Pre-school and Reception have enjoyed visits to Ryde Library over the last couple of weeks. The children had lots of fun exploring the children's library, listening to stories and singing rhymes. Everyone listened so well to the stories and knew how to look after the books.



It would be fabulous to hear that the children have visited the library again with their families over the half term holidays!



SPORTS, SPORTS, SPORTS!

TAG RUGBY TEAM



Our Year 4 Tag Rugby Team 'made it happen' on Wednesday at Broadlea Primary School playing in the East Wight Tournament.

One of 7 teams, they played against Bembridge, Niton, The Bay, Godshill, Brighstone and Broadlea Primary Schools. The team played brilliantly, improving in every game, with a number of students scoring tries. They were able to win 3, draw 1 and lose 2 matches and finished 3rd overall. Many of the students had previously not represented the school, so it was wonderful to see them enjoying the competition. Very well done everyone!



U11 GIRLS LEAGUE FOOTBALL



After recently playing Newchurch in the Federation and Pokemon Cup we had to play them again in the Island League. The girls showed great resilience throughout the game and were unlucky not to score. They were rightly applauded off at the end of the game for showing determination and hard work throughout. They still have other games to see if they can go through to the next round.

Great effort girls!



MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE TO GET MOVING AT THE WEEKEND!

Junior Park Run is a **FREE** 2k run, that takes place at 9am every Sunday morning at Seaclose Park in Newport.

The Isle of Wight course is one of 385 junior park runs in the UK and almost 1500 children have taken part since it started in 2018.

The run is for children aged between 4-14 years, their friends, relatives and carers.

There is no time limit and no one finishes last!

To register an interest go to

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/medina-juniors/>

If your child takes part please share a photo with us on Seesaw as we would love to celebrate their efforts!



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THURSDAY 7TH NOV

YEARS 1, 2 + 3: 5.30 - 6.30PM

YEARS 4, 5 + 6: 6.45 - 7.45PM

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SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

Our little learners have had the fantastic opportunity to visit Ryde library. When at the library the children were able to independently choose and look at the books, it was lovely to see the variety of choice, some children choosing stories and other information books. After we all listened together to the Librarian read a story. For our preschool children it was the first time they had been on the school mini bus and this was a very exciting experience. We showed we can be resilient to the change in routine and environment and also we can make it happen when taking part in activities to enriching our lives to the world around us.



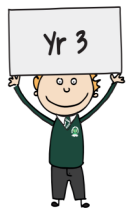
Reception have had a busy week! Reception have been learning new phonemes and we have also begun blending some of our new phonemes! We have listened to the story of the 3 Little Pigs this week, making our own stories and puppets to retell the story. This has linked to our number learning as well. We have learnt about number 5 and begun consolidating our learning about numbers 1-5 a little more looking at patterns and ways to make these numbers. We have also been busy planting bulbs and making signs for our outdoor space, explaining what the flowers will be and also protecting our flowers.

It has been a wonderful week here in Rosen Class! This week we have spent a bit of time practising recognising and writing our tricky words using different games! In English we have been learning about adjectives. Working in groups the children designed a new Gruffalo and came up with their own adjectives. The class then did some lovely writing where they changed the story of the Gruffalo and met some new animals along the way! In RE we spoke all about celebrations and what this means to us. The children then made some lovely invitations focussing on celebration to a Gruffalo party! We then went on to recognise how Christians celebrate Harvest and how it is important to them. We finished our work all about our locality in Geography and the class made a useful locality leaflet using the key words we learnt this term. Well done on your first term in Year 1! Have a lovely well deserved break!



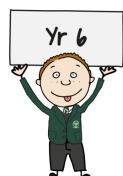
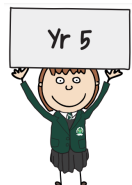
This week has been another busy week in Year 2. We have visited the church to learn about how the church celebrates Harvest and what it means to Christians. In English, we have been writing our story of the Enormous Pumpkin. Our Science investigation has been based on answering the question: Which paper would be strong enough to use to wrap a present up to send as a parcel. In Maths, we have been continuing to compare numbers and order numbers from smallest to largest and then largest to smallest using number lines.

We have had a fun last week of term, bursting with interesting learning. We had a brilliant time in Geography with Mrs Feist, making our own volcano on the school field. As part of our RE day, we also really enjoyed exploring stories from different religions and thinking about the message behind each one. It was really fun to create our own stories with messages to act out for our friends too. All of this half term, Miss Beale has been reading us a very exciting book called The Ice Palace, where a boy, named Ivan, goes in search of his little brother, who has been stolen away by Starjik -a mysterious and malevolent creature. Finally, we finished the story on Thursday. Nobody had anticipated how it would end. It was amazing!



A busy week to the end of the term. This week we looked at the topic of temptation during our RE day discussing what temptation is and what is morally right to do. We looked at the stories of Jesus and the devil and the story of Moses and the golden calf. Non-fiction was the focus of our writing this week in English where we have worked hard to write a diary entry from a character's viewpoint using past and present perfect tense. We thoroughly enjoyed our workshop with Wessex river trust on Tuesday where we put all of our Geography learning into practice. We also learnt about flooding and the impact of rivers flooding on people and the environment in our Geography lesson this week. Subtraction was our focus this week involving 2 4-digit numbers and how we exchange with larger numbers. A fantastic last week to the end of our first term in Year 4.

On Tuesday, Blake Class had the exciting opportunity to visit the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. We learned about the history of the Island's railways, which will support our upcoming history topic on The Beeching Axe next half term. The visit also included a scenic round trip on the steam train, which we thoroughly enjoyed! Wednesday was our RE day, with a focus on the theme of belonging. We first explored what belonging means in our own lives and then we examined it from an Islamic perspective whilst exploring the festival of Eid. In Maths this week, Blake Class have been applying their prior knowledge of rounding to estimate answers for addition and subtraction problems. Well done Blake Class, we are super proud of your hard work this half term. We hope you have a safe and happy half term break!



This week in Year 6, we focused on laws, rules and rights as part of our Religious Education (R.E.) day. The title of our topic was: Jesus the law breaker. We explored the concept of laws in relation to our daily lives. We discussed the importance of laws in keeping us safe. We also explored the idea of 'rights'. We studied the United Nations Charter for Children's Rights and we discussed how laws can protect these very important rights. As part of our work on the idea of Jesus breaking the religious law of the Sabbath, we discussed the two great commandments: 'love the Lord with all your heart' and 'love your neighbour as yourself'.

CONVERSATION STARTERS!

Want to know what your children have been learning this week? Here are some conversation starters that may help you talk to them about what they have been up to in class!

PRE-SCHOOL

Talk to me about...books I like to look at and read.

Words to use...story, information books, pages, pictures, read.

Tips for the week...share books with your child.

We have been reading...Find your Happy by Ed Sheeran.

YEAR 1

Talk to me about...celebrations!

Words to use...Harvest, Christian, special, food, songs, traditions, invitations.

Tips for the week...tricky words are words that are not phonetically decodable. Can you practise writing some tricky words?

We have been reading...My Granny's Great Escape by Jeremy Strong.

YEAR 3

Talk to me about...how stories are used by different religions to teach messages.

Words to use... The Parable of the Sower (Christianity), The Mustard Seed (Buddhism), The New Car (Islam).

Tips for the week... Using a story to exemplify a teaching is a powerful way of helping somebody to truly understand why it may be important to follow the message being taught.

We have been reading...The Ice Palace by Robert Swindells.

YEAR 5

Talk to me about... belonging .

Words to use... belonging, community, inclusion, Islam, Eid.

Tips for the week... Have a safe and happy half term break!

We have been reading... Lightening Mary by Anthea Simmons.

YEAR R

Talk to me about... coins and different sizes, shapes and colours of coins.

Words to use... Autumn, leaves, colours, trees, hibernation.

Tips for the week... to practise our rhymes, including our new rhyme Humpty Dumpty

We have been reading... Meg and Mog by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski.

YEAR 2

Talk to me about...ordering numbers.

Words to use... greater, greatest, tallest, most, less, least, shortest.

Tips for the week.... Antarctica is the southernmost continent and it is the site of the South Pole. It is virtually uninhabited. It is covered in snow and ice.

We have been reading...The Enormous Turnip by Irene Yates and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... temptation, separating a sand, salt and water solution, river workshop, how rivers flood and the impact of flooding and subtracting 2 4-digit numbers.

Words to use... temptation, morals, flooding, impact, separation, subtraction and digit.

Tips for the week... continue to learn your times tables and common exception words.

We have been reading... The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold.

YEAR 6

Talk to me about... the CPR training at Bembridge Fire Station. Ask me what the DRS ABC is.

Words to use... cardiopulmonary resuscitation, laws, rules, rights and remembrance.

Tips for the week:... keep reading and sharing your favourite books on Boom Reader!

We have been reading... Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. What will life be like for Olive and Cliff in the lighthouse with Ephraim?

OUR YEAR 6 LEARN ABOUT HEALTHY CHOICES AND SAVING LIVES



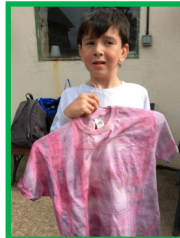
Year 6 were invited to Bembridge Fire Station by ATCoRS (Ambulance Training and Community Response Services) to take part in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training. The training involved familiarisation with the acronym DRS ABC (Danger Response Shout for help Airway Breathing CPR). Once the children were familiar with the acronym, they had the opportunity to put it into practice with a mannequin. The class was also shown a defibrillator. They were told how and when this important piece of equipment would be used. They were also shown how it would be used alongside CPR. The class knew that there is a defibrillator on the school wall. It was a very informative session and everyone learned an important skill.



MAKING IT HAPPEN—AT FOREST SCHOOL!

We're excited to share the wonderful experiences of our five enthusiastic students who have been attending our weekly Forest School project! This term, they've embraced nature and learned valuable skills while having lots of fun. Here's a recap of some of their recent adventures:

Berry Picking and Tie-Dye T-Shirts The children have been exploring the forest to collect delicious blackberries. Armed with buckets, they scoured the bushes and returned with a bountiful harvest! Using the fresh blackberry juice, they created beautiful tie-dye t-shirts. It was amazing to see their creativity shine as they designed unique patterns, all while learning about the natural dyeing process.



Apple Picking and Baking They gathered a variety of apples from the orchard and put their culinary skills to the test by making a scrumptious apple pie. The end result was a delightful treat enjoyed by everyone!



Animal Health Checks In addition to their culinary adventures, the children have also taken on the responsibility of caring for the animals at the Farm. They conducted health checks, ensuring that each animal was happy and healthy. This hands-on experience taught them about animal care and the importance of compassion and responsibility in looking after living creatures.

Overall, our Forest School project continues to be a tremendous success, fostering teamwork, creativity, and a love for nature among our children.

We look forward hearing more about their exciting activities next term and thank you to Mrs Kelly and Mrs Martin for 'making it happen!'



EYFS MAKE IT HAPPEN IN THEIR FIRST TERM AT SCHOOL!

In Reception this week, we have had lots of fun learning about Autumn and Harvest.

We went for an Autumn walk and had lots of fun making soups in the mud kitchen as well as scooping out pumpkins. You have had an amazing first half term. Well done Andreae Class.



POETRY CORNER

Mrs Jacobs shared this poem with the children in assembly last week and they really enjoyed hearing the author perform it on the screen. Can they perform as well at home and share it on Seesaw over the half term break?

I Am Angry

by Michael Rosen

I am angry
really angry
angry, angry, angry
I'm so angry I'll jump up and down
I'll roll on the ground
Make a din
Make you spin
Pull out my hair
Throw you in the air
Pull down posts
Hunt for ghosts
Scare spiders
Scare tigers
Pull up trees
Bully bees
Rattle the radiators
Frighten alligators
Cut down flowers
Bring down towers
Bang all the bones
Wake up stones
Shake the tiles
Stop all smiles
Silence birds
Boil words
Mash up names
Grind up games
Crush tunes
Squash moons
Make giants run
Terrify the sun
Turn the sky red
And then go to bed.



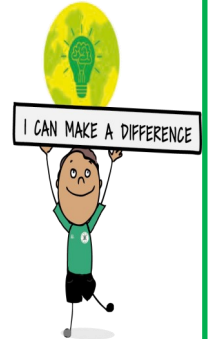
THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to all parents who have engaged with mentoring meetings this week.

When schools and parents listen to each other and work together, they have a really positive impact on attainment and children's well-being.

This is why it is so important that staff work in partnership with their parents, from a child's first days at school right through to when they leave.

Please note that the next mentoring sessions will be held on the week commencing the **24th February 2025**.



WE CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

Please can we alert parents that we have had a few confirmed cases of hand, foot and mouth disease in school over the last week.

Whilst this sounds super nasty NHS and public health advice shares that children can return to school following diagnosis should they feel well enough to do so.

Over the half term break please be alert to symptoms including; sore throat, temperature and your child not wanting to eat as it could be that they have contracted the disease.

The second stage manifests as mouth ulcers and a raised rash that can appear on the hands and feet and also sometimes the groin or bottom area.

The NHS suggest drinking cool fluids and over the counter remedies to ease the symptoms. For more information please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

We are hoping that the natural break of half term will help to eradicate the disease and we can return super healthy for the new term ahead.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

We have been investigating our 'playtime' activities and are looking to improve these over the next terms. We have started to see what other schools enjoy doing at playtimes—we will keep you posted!

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE



This week Miss Howarth has attended training to better support parents with keeping their children safe online.

For adults with busy lives and various responsibilities, it is not always feasible to maintain a grasp on advancing technologies. Particularly when those new technologies are specifically aimed at children and young people.

Recently in the older year groups we have seen an increase in online behaviours negatively impacting school life as issues started on devices slowly creep into the classroom. We would therefore like to invite parents of children in Y5 & 6 parents to a workshop on the **14h November at 2pm**. Please save the date and make every effort to attend.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT HALLOWEEN



Whilst celebrating Halloween can be really exciting and fun for many families, the concept of scary stuff, frightening images, costumes and masks can be really distressing for others.

Please see our trick or treating safety tips to help you enjoy the event safely.

- Trick or treaters should always have adult supervision.
- Only visit houses that are known to you and have lights on.
- Use torches, glow sticks or reflective tape to make it easier to be seen in the dark
- Pay attention when crossing driveways to ensure cars are not pulling in or out.
- Be aware of any flames e.g. lit candles in pumpkins, and keep at a safe distance.
- Ensure costumes fit properly to avoid trips and falls.
- Avoid any sharp costume accessories.
- Do not eat sweets or treats until adults give permission.
- Only cross roads at safe places.
- Walk—don't run!



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT FIREWORK EVENTS

As both Halloween and Bonfire Night fall close to half term it is likely that there will be firework themed events taking place during the school holiday.

As Bonfire Night approaches, it's important to remember that fireworks, while fun and exciting, can also be dangerous if not handled properly. Here are some key points from the Firework Code to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.



Firework Code

1. Only adults should light and hold fireworks.
2. Stand well back when watching fireworks and bonfires.
3. Never approach a firework that has not gone off or is used.
4. Enjoy sparklers safely by wearing gloves and holding them at arms length.
5. When a sparkler goes out put it straight into a bucket of water.
6. Keep your pets safely indoors.
7. Have a great time!

Celebration Assembly

Freya, Harry K, Sammy, Bea



WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH AND EVERYONE
OF YOU!



FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria for free school meals can be found at apply for [free school meals](#).

We would encourage any parent who has faced a change in personal circumstances, perhaps related to the cost of living crisis, to consider the criteria and apply if they are eligible.



If the application is approved eligibility can open a gateway to a host of additional benefits for your child including supporting the purchase of school uniform, funding for school trips, additional in-class support.

Please call the school office should you require any further information.

Lunchtime Menu – from Chartwells

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger & Wedges	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger & Wedges	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza	Veggie Fingers & Chips
Dessert	Flapjack & Fruit	Apple Crumble & Custard	Rice Pudding	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie

Please don't forget to order your meals on School Money before you come to school on Monday!

