

Nettlestone Primary School



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News from Nettlestone Primary School

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VALUE OF THE WEEK: RESILIENCE

AN END OF TERM MESSAGE FROM MISS HOWARTH

This is the last newsletter of this academic year and so on behalf of all of the staff and Governors of the Federation of Nettlestone & Newchurch Primary School can I please take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school over this academic year.

This year has seemed to pass by in an absolute flash! Reflecting back over what we have achieved it is evident that we have remained steadfast in our mission to 'make it happen' whether that be educational visits, enrichment opportunities, clubs, music, sport, art or drama. We had our visit from His Majesty's Inspectors at the start of this term and we are pleased that we were able to share the very positive outcomes with you before the summer break.

Our staff have once again been outstanding this year giving a lot of their time to ensure that the opportunities that support your child's wider development have happened including; The Wizard of Oz, Dance Live, residential visits, educational trips and fixtures to name but a few. Thank you also for accepting our invitations to support your children's learning, attend assemblies, participate in workshops or simply join in the fun!

We have said some emotional goodbyes in assembly this week—particularly to our Year 6 as they move onto their chosen secondary schools—we will miss you all and wish you many happy days ahead. Please do pop back to see us, we love to hear how you are progressing.

The end of term is always emotional but it should also be viewed as exciting, in the same way as finishing the chapter of your favourite book leaves you eager to turn the page and see what is next. We are very excited for our next page at Nettlestone with lots of fresh ideas and exciting opportunities already being planned. We will be focusing on our new oracy curriculum next year and have already thought about how we can share a lot of performance opportunities so that will be exciting!

Please do take time to enjoy the summer safely and Mrs Jacobs and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 3rd September**. You will be alerted to the organisational details of your child's new class, via an email, nearer to the return date.

Staff will be taking a well deserved break this summer too and therefore there will be limited communication from school over the holiday period. We promise to only interrupt your fun should there be an essential reason to do so and we trust that you will extend the same courtesy and kindness to the school staff team as they will be spending well-deserved time with their own families.

Happy holidays!



WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK



This week, our final Monday assembly theme was resilience.

Miss Beale read the story of 'The Oldest Student - How Mary Walker Learned to Read.' This text shared was actually in Spanish to check the understanding of our KS2 children! Miss Beale did have the English version ready to share as well, just in case!

The story explains that Mary lived to the ripe old age of 121 and only learned to read when she was 109! It's a true story of perseverance and resilience and one that the children and staff really enjoyed. The main message of the book is that you are never too old to learn and as we enter into the last week of the year, we reflected on the wonderful year of learning that we've had and the wonderful one yet to come.

Remember... everyday is a learning day!



THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE YEAR 6



Yesterday Year 6 hosted a wonderful assembly to say goodbye to their time at Nettlestone. The children shared songs and poems whilst the staff shared their memories and feelings about each individual child. It was super special to see the pictures of when some of the children were in Reception with their dreams of what they wanted to be when they were older—we wonder how many of these ambitions and dreams will come true?

Afterwards they signed each others year books and shirts.

"I am very upset to be leaving Nettlestone Primary School, as I have so many friends and amazing teachers that I will miss very much. It's the end of an era." **Georgie**

"I have had the best time at Nettlestone. The teachers and my friends have supported me in every way possible. I am so sad to be leaving but excited for my future." **Immy**

"I can't believe my time at Nettlestone has come to an end, it doesn't feel real. I'm going to miss the class and staff very much." **Darcy**

"My time at Nettlestone has been a blast! I love my class so much and I'm sad some of us will be going to different schools." **Grace**



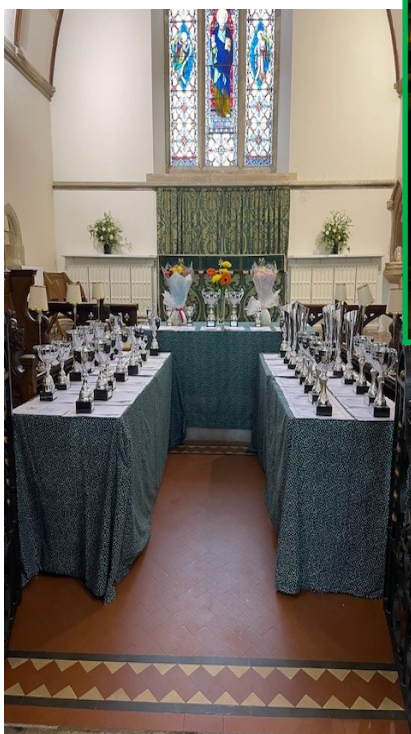
WE MADE IT HAPPEN AT OUR AMAZING AWARDS EVENING

Last Thursday evening we held our Annual Awards Evening and we had a lovely time celebrating the achievements of approximately 25% of the school population who have excelled over the year.

The evening included singing performances by Isobelle and Corbin and it was lovely to hear their beautiful voices supported by the acoustics of St Peters Church.

During the evening, Mrs Martin supported our Co-Chair of Governors, Mr Watterson in handing out over 35 awards. Part of the schedule also saw Miss Webber get surprised with a special mention as she leaves us after an amazing 22 years working within the Federation. We all wish her well on her next chapter and are very sorry to see her leave.

Thank you also to Bec Cook for her wonderful photography of the event—her pictures are fantastic and capture the spirit of the evening beautifully.



YOUTUBE SLOGO AND JELLY MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR EWAN!



Slogo and Jelly meet Ewan and his brother (Image: Make A Wish)

We were delighted to see the local press pick up on a positive story that means a lot to us at Nettlestone this week.

The large majority of our community know how our Ewan is recovering really well after surgery from a brain tumour and it was great to see that the Make a Wish Foundation wanted to share their support too by making Ewan's dream come true to meet his heroes You Tube sensations Slogo and Jelly.

We think his smile in the picture captures just perfectly exactly what the opportunity meant to him.

We are so, so proud of the resilience that this young man has shown and how amazing it has been to see him immerse himself back into school life.

For the full story please use this link: <https://www.countypress.co.uk/news/24468248.youtube-slogo-jelly-wish-isle-wight-boy-brain-tumour/>



INSET DAYS 2024/2025

We are able to share that the Local Authority have confirmed the following INSET Days for Nettlestone Primary next academic year. There is one further date to follow and will be confirmed as soon as possible.

2nd September 2024

2nd June 2025

28th July 2025

29th July 2025

Please note that school will be closed to children on these dates.



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—UNIFORM REMINDERS

If your child is leaving KS1 and joining KS2 in Year 3 please be reminded that there is a slight change in uniform from polo shirts to plain white shirts and a school tie.

Also, in Year 5 and 6 children have the option to wear a school blazer should they wish.



SCHOOL UNIFORM	PE KIT - WITH NETTLESTONE LOGO
Bottle green polo shirt with school logo Years 1/2 only Year R/1/2 - Bottle green polo shirt with school logo Years 3//4/5/6 - White shirt and school tie Year 5/6 - School blazer (optional)	Green PE shirt
Bottle green v necked jumper or cardigan with school logo	Black PE Shorts
Grey trousers	Black hoody and tracksuit bottoms
Grey knee length skirt	Trainers
Optional grey shorts	All items are available from Pendle on http://nettlestone-primary-school.footballkit.co.uk The company will add initials which is advised to avoid lost property. Please see website for size guide and information on garments.
Optional green gingham dress	
Grey, black or white socks or grey tights	
Black sensible school shoes, not trainers or fashion style	
Simple hair ties - no fancy bows or head bands please and only school colours.	
A pair of welly boots (any colour) to keep in school (Reception to Year 2 only)	

All items with the school logo can be purchased from Kids and Co in Ryde all other items can be purchased from wherever you prefer to shop.

YEAR 2 MAKE IT HAPPEN AT THE AVIATION MUSEUM

Last week, Year 2 went on an amazing trip to the Isle of Wight Aviation Museum. They made straw rockets, explored the museum and learnt lots about the Islands links to aviation, including the Black Arrow rocket. They also got to test out stomp rockets, which went really high!

"My favourite thing is jumping on and launching the rockets." Maisie

"The nickname for the Black Arrow is the lipstick rocket!" Rose

"I liked the old aeroplanes!" Daisy

"My favourite part was looking at the spitfire!" Ruby

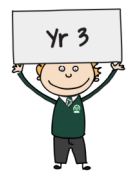


YEAR 3 MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH THEIR CHARITY WORK!

Year 3 definitely made it happen and made a difference by raising money for their class charity WWF.

They decided to do an animal toy obstacle race, but as it rained and the field was wet they showed great resilience, adapted their plans and opted to do a mini sports day Olympics with their toy animals on the playground.

As well as raising lots of money the activity also raised lots of smiles!



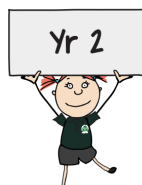
YEAR 2 ALSO MAKE IT DIFFERENCE TO THE ANIMALS

Year 2 made it happen this week, by raising money for The Wildheart Animal Sanctuary.

Each child entered their soft toy in to a teddy bear Olympics and look at the fun that we had....

In total Year 2 raised £25.

Well done Year 2.



MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE - KIDS EAT FREE THIS SUMMER!

LatestDeals.co.uk

KIDS EAT FREE!

OR FOR LESS, SUMMER 2024

IKEA	KIDS CAN EAT A 95p MEAL EVERY DAY AFTER 11AM (EXCEPT FRIDAYS)	Bella Italia	KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY EVERY THURSDAY AND FOR £1, 4-6pm SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY
Harvester	KIDS EAT FOR £1 WHEN YOU DOWNLOAD THE HARVESTER APP	Bill's	UP TO 2 KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY WHEN THE ADULT PURCHASES FULL PRICED MEAL
YDJSUSHI	KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY WITH EVERY £10 ADULT MINIMUM SPEND	THE FRIDAYS	FREE KIDS MEAL WITH EVERY ADULT MEAL PURCHASED
PREZZO	KIDS GET 3 COURSES FREE WITH EVERY FULL PRICED MEAL PURCHASED	FRANCO MANCA	UNDER 12's EAT FREE KIDS PIZZA WITH EVERY ADULT PIZZA PURCHASED
Dunelm	KIDS EAT FREE IN THE CAFE WITH EVERY ADULT £4 SPEND	ASDA	KIDS EAT FOR JUST £1 ALL DAY AT ASDA CAFES, NO ADULT SPEND NEEDED
Premier Inn	UP TO 2 KIDS EAT BREAKFAST FREE WHEN 1x ADULT BUYS A FULL BREAKFAST	Sainsbury's	KIDS EAT FOR JUST £1 AFTER 11:30am IN THE CAFES WITH AN ADULT MEAL
Travelodge	UP TO 2 UNDER 15's EAT FREE BREAKFAST WITH 1x ADULT BREAKFAST PURCHASE	TESCO	KIDS EAT FREE IN THE CAFE WITH EVERY ADULT MEAL PURCHASED
Brewsters	UP TO 2 UNDER 16's EAT FREE BREAKFAST WITH 1x ADULT BREAKFAST PURCHASE	Morrisons	KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY WITH THE PURCHASE OF ONE ADULT MEAL OVER £5

Whether you are staying on the Isle of Wight this summer or travelling on the mainland, this list of places where children can either eat free (or for £1) may prove helpful.

Mrs Martin has also collated a list of other venues that can be accessed over the summer holiday to support lower cost meals. This information will be emailed along with the newsletter.



MAKE THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE HAPPEN!

We know that many of our children love to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge organised in conjunction with our local libraries.

The theme this year is 'Marvellous Makers' and is focused around all things creative!

Children are encouraged to set reading goals and log the books read over the summer with the aim of unlocking special prizes! For more information see <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in>

We would love to see as many Nettlestone pupils getting involved as possible and look forward to celebrating their success when we come back to school in September.

Can you make it happen and be a Marvellous Maker?



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT YEAR?

Rather than overwhelm you with lots of information at this end of the term, for those pupils returning in September please be aware that Mrs Jacobs will send you all a 'Back to School' letter on **Friday 30th August**.



This will inform you all of key details for next year, including PE uniform days and staff attached to classes.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—CHANGING SCHOOLS

As we finish the school year we know that whilst the thought of starting a new school is super exciting for others it can be a source of significant anxiety. This is perfectly natural as a response to a new environment, and a new society into which to fit. With this in mind, Childline has published a page dedicated to helping children deal with their feelings before their formal transition. To find out more, please click the link below:



<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/moving-schools/>



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—TIPS FOR A SAFER DIGITAL SUMMER

As summer approaches, now is the time we begin to make plans for family fun, amazing adventures and making memories. Of course, it will also be time to think up ways to combat “Mum, Dad – I’m bored!”. Given the current cost of living crisis, for many families, this summer will be about finding easy entertainment options that are budget-friendly...preferably free!

So, it’s no surprise that a recent Barnardo’s survey found children are expected to spend more time online during the summer break, compared to term time. But while digital devices and online activities are a cheap and cheerful solution to school break boredom, the article below highlights top three tips to make sure it’s a safer digital summer for children and young people. Please take the time to have a read and consider the top tips that are shared. <https://ineqe.com/2023/06/28/tips-for-a-safer-digital-summer/>

We have also been asked to advertise two FREE online webinars for parents/carers, both are provided by South East Cyber Resilience Centre (SECRC), a division of National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), they are as follows:

- Cyber Protect: Online Safety for Parents by Police - **with a focus on protecting children from online threats.**

[FREE Cyber Protect Webinars - South East Grid for Learning South East Grid for Learning \(segfl.org.uk\)](https://segfl.org.uk)

- Cyber Choices: Cyber Choices by Police - **how we can help to safeguard young people from committing computer misuse offences, and why this needs to happen**

[FREE Cyber Choices Webinars for Parents/Carers - South East Grid for Learning South East Grid for Learning \(segfl.org.uk\)](https://segfl.org.uk)

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—SLEEPING WELL THIS SUMMER

Quality sleep is essential for children’s growth and development. During the summer holidays routines and regular sleep patterns can become disrupted and this can cause some children to become dysregulated and agitated.

A decent night’s sleep will not only help children to do better at school but also have a more developed memory, learn more effectively and solve problems, make them less susceptible to colds and other minor ailments, less irritable and better behaved.

It is proven that sleep deprivation can cause increased hyperactivity and other behavioural problems. Poor sleep habits from an early age can also lead to long term sleep problems.



OUR NEW SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND YOUNG LEADERS



Alex, Elisa, Esme,
Minnie, Evelyn
Maia, Zac and Amelia



WE ARE SO PROUD OF
EACH AND EVERYONE
OF YOU!

GOODBYE TO MISS NEWMAN & MISS WEBBER AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



Today in assembly we said goodbye to both Miss Newman and Miss Webber who are leaving Nettlestone to take on new challenges.

Miss Newman has been working at Nettlestone for two years and has really enjoyed her time with us, particularly working with Penny Class this year. She is leaving our school to start make it happen in her new photography business which we are sure will be a great success.

Miss Webber has been teaching within the Federation for an amazing 22 years and more recently at Nettlestone for the last eight years. She has worked across many year groups but more recently has been amazing in Year 1! She is leaving to spend more quality time with her family which she very much deserves!

Both ladies represent perfectly all of our 'mission possibles' and have been amazing members of our #Green Army.

All of the community will miss both ladies very much indeed but wish them lots of happy days ahead!



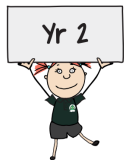
SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

Preschool had a wonderful last couple of days to finish their term on. We celebrated a mini graduation with some of our little learners who are moving on to Reception class in September. We are excited to watch them grow further in their new learning environment at Nettlestone. We also look forward to welcoming new children to preschool in September and seeing all our returning little learners ready for the new school year.



Reception Class have enjoyed their last week in Reception! They have been making the most of this sunny weather, spending time outside building dens, creating obstacle courses, and building slides out of the construction resources. They have also had a go at making large bubbles by mixing oil, bicarbonate soda, and cornflour with water and using long pieces of string to create enormous bubbles! The children have been talking about their summer holidays and their expectations for Year One. We have also been practicing some subtraction within and beyond ten, using counters to visually see how the amounts reduce when something is subtracted.

Year 1 have had another fabulous week this week. The children continued their English based on the book 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris. They have created their own stories and shared them with some of the younger members of the school. In Maths the children continued consolidating their learning about numbers to 100. In History they have been talking about what they have learnt about smuggling over this term. In Computing the children have been discussing whether they prefer writing with a pencil to using a keyboard.



This week Year 2 have continued learning about shapes. We learnt about 3D shapes and how to count the faces, edges and vertices. To help us we made some 3D shapes using straws to help us count the edges. Year 2 have also worked on creating their own stories, a next sequel to 'The Way Back Home.' There have been some amazing stories. On Monday, Year 2 completed the final pocket in the story of Milo's Money, as part of our Financial Friday. We thought about the story and all the options that Milo had been given to do with his money. We discussed the options that we might choose. We also had lots of fun playing Milo's game and then creating our own games. This week we have finished our learning about Sarah Forbes Bonetta and how her life changed.

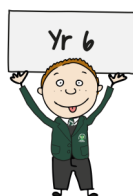
Year 2 have also had great fun making their vegetable pizzas, as part of our Design Technology project.

In our last week of Year 3 we have made it happen by designing and making our purses or wallets using our cutting and sewing skills. We finished writing our instructions to operate a pie making machine and added a diagram. In Maths, we have been learning about different types of lines. These included parallel, horizontal, vertical and perpendicular. We then used these to help us understand what a right angle was. We applied all this new learning to drawing 2D shapes.



This week in Maths we have been busy plotting coordinates on a grid, making 2D shapes on a grid with coordinates and translating shapes with coordinates. We used an image and sentence starter to write some fantastic short stories, with some lovely vocabulary to add detail. In DT we made our prototype and then made our containers for an Ancient Greek artefact. We showed how mature and sensible we are in PSHE this week where we continued our discussions on puberty and also looked at marriages, civil partnerships and also safe and unsafe secrets. We also completed our computing lessons where we put all of our photo editing skills into practice to clone, crop, rotate and edit photos. We thoroughly enjoyed our science investigation this week where we investigated what biscuit is the best for being dunked in a cup of tea. A wonderful final week in Euro class. Enjoy your summer holidays.

This week, we have really enjoyed listening to Cloud Busting, a narrative poem, telling the story of a friendship between two boys. We discussed the tradition of narrative poems and of oral story -telling and recapping some of Homer's Odyssey and Illiad. Some of us even thought that we'd like to write a narrative poem ourselves. What a great project for the Summer Holiday! We have been busy in Maths too and have applied our learning on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1000 to converting between units of measurement. However, the highlight of the week was our visit from Mr Cooper on Tuesday, when we had a wonderful afternoon of History on the school field.



This week in Yen class we have been rehearsing our readings and songs for the leavers assembly. Mrs Holloway worked her leavers assembly magic and we were really pleased with the result. On Tuesday we spent the day on the beach at Puckpool as part of our end of year reward. We spent some time making beach art inspired by the sculptor Andy Goldsworthy. Some of us played cricket and football; Mrs Newton and Miss Bradford enjoyed rescuing the balls from the sea. We finished our beach visit with an ice-cream and a gentle stroll back to school. Our teachers have enjoyed spending these last few days thinking about the future and enjoying time together with our buddies.

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... adventures to have in the summer break.

Words to use... beach days, visits to the park, family time.

Tips for the week... have an amazing summer break.

We have been reading... Children's choice.

YEAR 1

Talk to me about... My Night Pirates Story.

Words to use... story, fiction, pirate, adventure, beginning, middle, end.

Tips for the week... Can you share your favourite pirate stories?

We have been reading... 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris.

YEAR 3

Talk to me about... vertical, horizontal and perpendicular lines.

Words to use... horizontal lines, straight lines, left to right, vertical lines, right angles.

Tips of the week... A right angle is found where two perpendicular lines meet to form a L shape. Right angles are found in the corners of shapes.

We have been reading... 'Shrinking Violet Definitely Needs a Dog' by Lou Kuenzler.

YEAR 5

Talk to me about... our visit from Mr Cooper.

Words to use ...The Battle of Hastings, 1066, William the Conqueror, King Harold, shield wall, Saxons, Normans, archery, longbow, arrows.

Tips for the week...The Battle of Hastings took place in 1066.

We have been reading...Cloud Busting.

As promised from Miss Beale, here are some helpful reminders of Spanish words and phrases that you may find useful during the Summer holiday.

Hola—Hello

Buenos dias -Good morning

Buenas tardes -Good afternoon

¿ Cómo te llamas? -What are you called?

YEAR R

Talk to me about... moving to Year One.

Words to use...be positive, there will be familiar faces in the classroom, they already know some of the routines and expectations.

Tip of the week... have a lovely summer holiday!

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... 3d shapes, choices, money.

Words to use... quadrilaterals, faces, vertices, edges.

Tips for the week... to continue reading over the summer. Maybe join the Summer reading challenge at the library.

We have been reading... 'Genie and Teeny' by Steven Lenton

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... what biscuit is best for dunking in tea, puberty, coordinates, editing photos and our DT project.

Words to use... coordinate, translate, puberty, unsafe and safe secrets, marriage, civil marriage, rotate, crop, clone and investigation.

Tips for the week... keep learning your times tables and common exception words.

We have been reading... Alex vs Axel.

YEAR 6

Talk to me about... our beach visit and our leavers assembly.

Words to use...memories, aspirations, sculptor, sculptures.

Tip for the week... enjoy the summer break!

We have been reading... 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow.

Me llamo... -I am called...

Por favor -please

Gracias-thank you

¿Cómo estás? -How are you?

Estoy bien, gracias. -I am well, thank-you

Hast luego -See you later