

Nettlestone Primary School



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News from Nettlestone Primary School

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VALUE OF THE WEEK: RESILIENCE

TEACHING FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND CAPABILITY— FINANCIAL FRIDAY

Today was another exciting day in school as it was the last of our Financial Fridays!

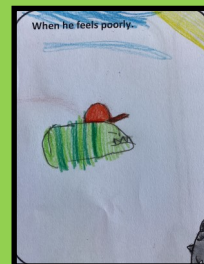
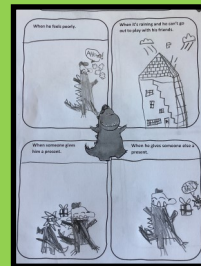
This year, staff have ensured that children have built their financial resilience by introducing a bespoke curriculum designed to enhance the children's awareness of money.

We think that our efforts have been a resounding success and already planning on how we can build on this next year with more careers links and further financial awareness. If you feel you or someone you know may be able to help us with this work please do contact the school office as we would love to hear from you.

Below you can see some of the activities that the children explored today and thank you to the staff for making this happen! Please continue to talk with your children about their learning at home to further add to their understanding of basic financial matters—we are amazed at how much they know and how curious they are!



Key Stage One started their Financial Friday focusing on generosity. They looked at pictures of dinosaurs playing and talked about how they are feeling. They then drew pictures of Milo and how he might feel in different situations.



Today Key Stage Two were given a budget of £50 to organise an end of term picnic for a class of 30. The children knew they had to keep within their budget using the skills from previous Financial Friday sessions. The children used the internet to go onto supermarkets online shopping pages to work out prices of each item they chose for their picnic. They then had to produce a shopping list and total.



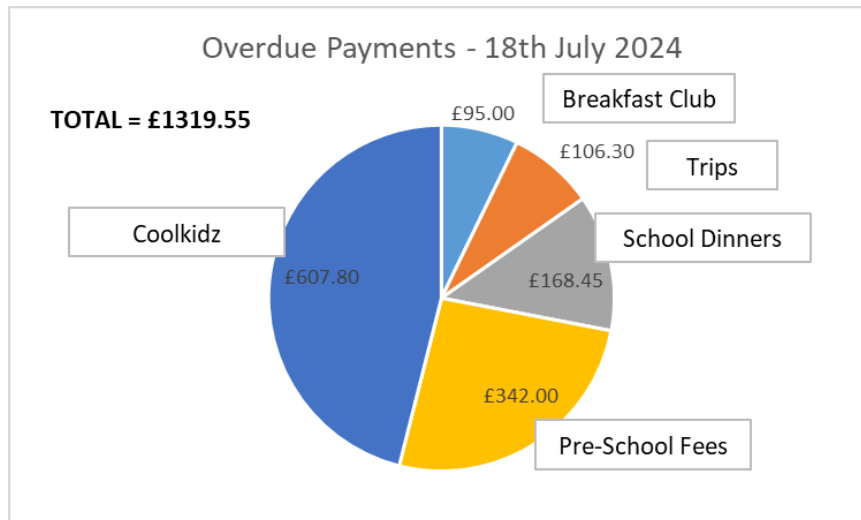
FINANCIAL FRIDAY—THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Members of the Governing Body met recently and on the agenda for their meeting, as usual, was outstanding debts.



Governors were pleased that the amount of money owing to school has significantly reduced since the introduction of bespoke meetings to discuss the personal circumstances of those owing money to the school but they do remain concerned that the debt still stands at £1319.55. The chart below highlights the **overdue payments only**.

£1319.55 is simply the total of the amounts that have not been paid for since we returned to school in September. This includes £168.45 of unpaid dinner money, £95 of unpaid Breakfast Clubs money, £607.80 of unpaid Coolkidz money and £106.30 of unpaid trips money.



As there is only 1 more week of the academic year please, please, please make it your 'mission possible' to check your account and settle your School Money account this weekend if you are able. Staff will be calling next week to advise of any debt.

If you are facing financial difficulties please talk to us rather than simply not pay as there may be support and advice that we can signpost you to that may help. Thank you for your support.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT THE LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM IS

NEXT FRIDAY—26th JULY

3pm finish - No Coolkidz.



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—PLEASE LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE!

In order to support parents our website is **always updated** with the dates of key events well in advance.

The calendar for the next academic year will be published at the end of the summer break and so please take the time to look and update your diaries for next year.

We always give timely reminders but it helps to be planned in advance!

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE READ



OUR SPANISH EXPERIENCE

This week, children participated in a summer term Inter House Spanish Quiz. Due to the building work in the school kitchen, we did this in our house teams, in our classrooms, rather than all together in the hall, but nevertheless children had a wonderful time and did an amazing job of showcasing their knowledge. Throughout the term, we have been learning about different Spanish speaking countries in our Tuesday morning assemblies. We use multimedia to explore a different Spanish speaking country each week and have fun discussions about what we have found out. This term's Spanish Quiz was based on knowledge children had gained throughout these assemblies. There was a wide range of questions and class teachers were very impressed with all of the learning children had taken on board. Mrs Redrup even made a point of finding Miss Beale to share with her how well Year 2 had done! In Year 5, the children also did splendidly with only a few points between the teams, although the winning team was Blue house, with a grand total of 27. Here are examples of some of the questions children tackled.

Approximately how many Spanish speakers are there in the world?

What is the name of the largest Spanish speaking country in the world?

Which dog is named after a Mexican state?

Which Spanish speaking country is affectionately known by its inhabitants as 'El cocodrilo' and why?

In which country might you find 'el coqui' and what is it?

Miss Beale will be very busy over the holidays finding more resources to help children to learn about the Spanish speaking world in an engaging way, as well as beginning work on next term's quiz! In the meantime, should your family happen to visit a Spanish speaking country during the holidays, please encourage your child to try out some of the Spanish they have been learning in school. We will put some helpful reminders of words and phrases to use in next week's newsletter.



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN - OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Following the excitement of meeting their classes on 'Move Up Day' last week, staff are now working really hard prior to the end of the term to plan lots of exciting curriculum enrichment opportunities to enhance the teaching and learning at Nettlestone next year.

Unlike many other schools, at Nettlestone, we offer a residential experience in every Key Stage 2 year group and it is our intent to ensure that details of these are shared with parents in advance of the end of term. We appreciate that some elements may still be in draft format as travel companies are still working on some aspects of our bespoke arrangements, however we feel it is important to get parents the information as soon as possible and give parents as long as possible to make the necessary financial contributions, including over the summer break, should they wish to do so.

Feedback from parents this academic year has highlighted that families appreciate having as long as possible to pay any outstanding monies.

We hope that this help with your financial planning.



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK!

MONDAY 22nd

TUESDAY 23rd

WEDNESDAY 24th

THURSDAY 25th

FRIDAY 26th

Last day of Pre-School

Yr6 Leavers Assembly
9am

Last Day of Term

Yr6 Visit





YEAR 4 MAKE IT HAPPEN WITH A GROOVY GREEK DAY

On Wednesday Year 4 came into school as Ancient Greeks and it was lovely to see all of the children in their special costumes.

The children took part in an online workshop all day where they learnt lots about the Ancient Greeks and were tasked with 6 special Greek-themed activities. They made laurel wreaths to wear just like the Ancient Greeks did after winning awards, made medicine bags (as medicine was very important in Ancient Greece), made mosaic tiles, painted images of Ancient Greek items on the tiles and did soap carving. The

final activity was to make a charm bracelet using clay. At the end of the day family members joined us for our Ancient Greek Olympics where we took part in; chariot racing, marathon, discus, javelin, long jump and running races.

A really fantastic day was had by all.

Sam " It was a fantastic day, I love history and we had a hands on day."

Leah " I loved making the mosaics."

Jack T " I really enjoyed doing the soap carving."



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.



EYFS MAKE IT HAPPEN AT THE BEACH

Reception and Preschool had a fantastic visit to Seagrove Bay on Thursday where the weather was on their side. Making sure that they were 'sun safe' with hats, suncream and full up water bottles the children all enjoyed a lovely time making sandcastles, collecting shells, and chalk drawing.

The children showed great resilience on the walks to and from the beach and they did great listening to all adults and showed our parent helpers fantastic respect. Well done EYFS.



YEAR 6 MAKE IT HAPPEN AT AN INDUSTRY TASTER DAY AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT COLLEGE



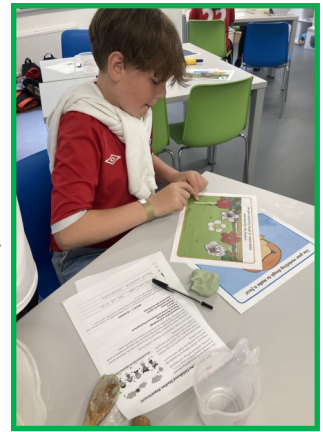
Year 6 were invited to an Industry Taster Day at the Isle of Wight College last Friday. The children had the opportunity to experience life as a student in the childcare, computing and sports departments. They made play dough and were encouraged to think about how they would use the play dough in a session with young children. In the computing department they found out about the history of computing and they even solved a Python coding problem. They finished a really interesting day with Kieron who encouraged them to create their own games with rules for our friends to play.

Our Year 6's shared:

"The computing session was interesting because you could tell the teacher really enjoyed teaching it." Fletcher

"I liked the fact the childcare department has an actual classroom for the students to practise in." Grace

"The facilities in the childcare block were really nice." George



READING BOOKS - PLEASE RETURN!

Just a reminder that all reading books, library books and Mrs Feist's surprise/secret books should have been returned. Can all parents please check over the weekend that there are not any Nettlestone books at home.



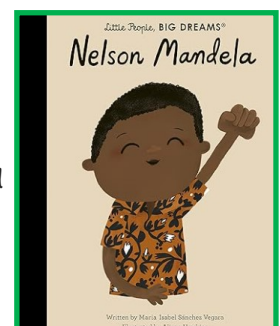
WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY - ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK



Due to our kitchen refurbishment all children have had assemblies in their classrooms this week. Our theme for the last two weeks of the school year is resilience and all staff started the assembly on Monday by talking to the children about this being a very long and tiring term, full of learning and fun events and asked the children to be resilient enough to continue to ensure that we are all doing our best and being respectful of everyone to enable these two weeks to be as enjoyable as they promise to be.

The children listened to the life story of Nelson Mandela which is one of extreme resilience as he served 27 years in prison fighting for freedom and fairness for all in South Africa and in the end, he became President of South Africa and made a big difference to many people's lives!

What a tale of resilience!



WE CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES—SPORTS DAYS

Luckily the folklore associated with St Swithen's Day did not come true as whilst the rain fell on Monday and Tuesday and thwarted our original dates for Sports Mornings, the sun did appear later in the week and enabled our fun activities to go ahead and thankfully not have to be cancelled for this year.



We are aware that the change of plans inevitably caused frustration amongst some parents but thank you to everyone who took the time to communicate their understanding that sadly the weather is simply beyond our control!

The children had a great deal of fun whilst testing their resilience at a multitude of activities.



MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE TO GET MOVING AT THE WEEKEND!

junior parkrun
junior parkrun is a free 2k run, 9:00 every Sunday morning at Seaclose Park in Newport.

- There are 385 junior parkruns in the UK.
- 1500 children have taken part in the 2018 Medina WJ junior parkrun since it began in 2018.
- 9,000 medals awarded.
- 240 medals awarded.
- UK junior parkrunners have walked, jogged & run a total of 8,651,670k. That's the equivalent of 216 laps around the earth.
- junior parkrun is for children aged between 4 & 14, their friends, relatives, parents & carers.
- There's no time limit & no one finishes last!
- You don't even have to run or be fast - it's all about taking part.
- Adults can run with their children.
- Adults & children can volunteer too.
- We move to Appley for the summer & run beside the beach!

#JFYB
Don't forget your barcode!

To get your barcode, register at:
parkrun.org.uk/medina-juniors

Medina I.O.W. junior parkrun

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

The Isle of Wight course is one of 385 junior park runs in the UK and almost 1500 children have taken part since in 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/>



FINANCIAL FRIDAY - TRUST FUNDS

Linked to our Financial Friday we have been asked to remind parents about Child Trust Funds.

The Child Trust Fund was a scheme introduced to encourage saving for children. The scheme was open to all parents of children born between 1st September 2002 and 2nd January 2011.

The first set of children who were on the scheme were able to access their money on 1st September 2020.

76% of parents in the UK opened an account when the scheme launched and HMRC estimates there are 700,000 accounts which have been forgotten about or 'lost'. To find out more information please click the link below...

<https://www.justfinancefoundation.org.uk/childtrustfund>

Even if no money was added at all, there could be **£250 - £1000 in your account.**

£ 2.5 Billion

'lost' and 'unclaimed' money
in Child Trust Funds
(Which?)

FINANCIAL FRIDAY—ADDITIONAL SUPPORT



Could you be claiming up to £2,000 per child each year towards childcare costs?

The Government-backed Tax-Free Childcare scheme is designed so that for every 80p you put into your Tax-Free Childcare account, the state will add 20p. Eligible parents can get up to £2,000 per child per year.

How does it work?

You open an online Tax-Free Childcare account using your Government Gateway ID and for every 80p you pay in, the Government will top up your account. A quick way of making sure you put in the right amount is to look at your childcare bill and multiply it by 0.8. This gives you 80% of the total bill – and the amount you should put in your tax-free childcare account – and you'll get the remaining 20% as a top up (subject to the £2,000 a year cap).

What can you use it for?

You can use tax-free childcare for all sorts of childcare including breakfast clubs, after schools clubs, holiday activities, childminders, nurseries.

Eligibility

To qualify, you (and your partner, if you have one) need to be working (including self employed) and:

Each earn national minimum wage – To be eligible you'll need to earn the equivalent of 16 hours/week at the national minimum wage for your age group.

Each earn £100,000 a year or less.

What do you need to do?

If you're eligible, you'll need to create an online childcare account via the Government Tax-Free Childcare site – www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare.

Book your clubs directly with the school office by emailing parents@nettlestoneprimaryschool.co.uk

- Pay money into your online childcare account by making a payment from your bank account using your debit card. The Government will top up the account on the same day.
- Search for the school's name in the list of childcare providers on your childcare account and make a payment directly to the school from your account.

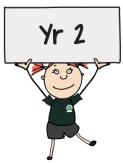
SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

This week our little learners have been showing us how they can be resilient and they can make it happen. We have been very proud of how the children have coped with changes in routines when showing a can do attitude to their learning and development. Sports day was a fabulous opportunity for us to join in and take part in lots of physical activities with the school. We also had a wonderful trip to the beach which supported the learning we have been doing around our topic and beach life. Also the changes in our lunch time routines has shown just how well our little learners can adapt, learn and grow in their own abilities.



Reception Class has had an amazing week, taking part in their first Sports Day with all the parents cheering them on as they showed great resilience and tried hard at all the activities (thank you to Mr Philimore for organising). They then had a fantastic trip to Seagrove Bay where the weather was on our side and all enjoyed a lovely time making sandcastles, collecting shells, and chalk drawing. On Friday, Reception, Preschool, and Year Six took part in our Water Day where we had lots of different water-based activities out for the children to enjoy on a very hot day.

Year 1 have had another fabulous week this week. The children had RE day and their key concept was authority. They thought about authority in their own life and then looked at how the stories of Jesus demonstrate Jesus' authority to Christians. The children continued their English based on the book 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris. They have started to create their own stories and have created front covers and the beginning of their adventures. In Maths the children have been consolidating their learning about numbers to 100. In Computing the children have been continuing to develop their word-processing skills and have been learning about how to highlight text and change the font. In DT the children have been creating their fruit kebabs and evaluating them.



This week Year 2 have been learning about shapes. We have been reviewing our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and identifying some of the features of these shapes. This week Year 2 had their RE day. We discussed the concept of rules. We talked about groups that we belong to and what rules might be in place. We then discussed why we have rules and then looked at rules in some religions including Judaism and Christianity. In Science, we investigated how the height of a slope might affect the distance an object travels. In History we have been learning more about the life of Sarah Forbes Bonetta. Today Year 2 have been to visit the Isle of Wight Aviation Museum. Year 2 were also amazing during sports day.

In Year 3 we have been planning and writing instructions on how to make and operate a pie making machine. In Maths, we have adding and subtracting fractions as well as learning about years, months and days. We have been finishing our learning on light by investigating what would be the best way of finding a lost coin, turn out the lights and see it shine or use a torch to see it reflect. In Art, we have been creating our own pictures using pointillism. In PSHE we have been defining the terms 'secret' and 'surprise' and to know the difference between a safe and an unsafe secret.



We have had a busy week this week in Year 4. We started the week with RE day where we looked at stones as symbols and looked at the religion of Buddhism. We created our own Zen gardens. In PSHE this week we have carried on looking at how our bodies change during puberty. Direction and position involving coordinates has been our focus in Maths this week. Wednesday saw our classroom turn into a room of Ancient Greek goddesses and people, it was lovely to see everyone in their costumes. We spent the day creating lots of crafts linked to Ancient Greece and finished with our own Ancient Greek Olympics. Thursday saw us finally compete in our Sports day which we all thoroughly enjoyed. We finished the week with Financial Friday where we had to plan an end of term party with a budget. We also sold cakes to raise money for our class charity.

We have had another wonderful week in Year 5. There are always so many fun activities to look forward to in the Summer Term and this week has been no exception. We very much enjoyed sports day and the termly inter-house Spanish Quiz, as well as having a very special playtime with Pre-School in their amazing outside area. (The Pre-School children were extremely welcoming and enjoyed making Year 5 tasty treats in their mud kitchen. Miss Beale was even served up with a croissant and a latte!) In addition to this, we have exercised our creativity in creating more poetry linked to The Lost Words poetry anthology, and in the course of this learning gained some fascinating knowledge about kingfishers! In Maths, we have continued tackling decimals and used our skills to solve problems involving measures, where an understanding of decimals is vital.



This week in Yen class we have taken part in two sports days. On Wednesday we were responsible for leading the numerous events for the Pre-School, Reception and Key Stage 1 classes. We ran the events, recorded the scores and encouraged the younger children. Our teachers told us that we were excellent role models for the younger children. On Thursday we took part in our own sports day. This time the events were led by sports leaders from Carisbrooke College. It was a great day and we enjoyed working with the older pupils. This term's RE topic focused on the concept of neighbour. We thought about what we think a neighbour is. We then explored the concept through the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

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... how resilient your child is.

Words to use... "you can do it" "have a go" "you can make it happen".

Tips for the week... don't forget our last day is next Tuesday 23rd July.

We have been reading... 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts.

YEAR 1

Talk to me about... authority.

Words to use... police, doctors, paramedics, fire fighters, coast guards, life guards, teachers.

Tips for the week... Can you spot people with authority around you?

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



YEAR 3

Talk to me about... secrets and surprises.

Words to use... safe secret, unsafe secret.

Tips of the week... To work out 1 whole one subtract 3 eighths. Remember to change the 1 whole one into eighths. This will be 8 eighths. Then your calculation will be 8 eighths subtract 3 eighths.

We have been reading... 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' by John Kelly and Cathy Tincknell. 'Shrinking Violet Definitely Needs a Dog' by Lou Kuenzler.

YEAR 5

Talk to me about ... what happens when we multiply and divide by ten and one hundred.

Words to use... decimal, tenth hundredth, thousandth, place value, moving up/down one or two places.

Tips for the week When we teach children how to multiply by ten or one hundred, we always show them how the number physically moves up the place value chart by one or two places and that the opposite happens, when we divide.

We have been reading... The Lost Words

YEAR R

Talk to me about... our trip to Seagrove Bay!

Tips for the week... it looks like it'll be a hot week so please ensure your child has sun cream, a hat, and a water bottle.

We have been reading... The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... shapes, Aviation museum, rockets.

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

Tips for the week... to remember to use full stops and capital letters.

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

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... Ancient Greek day, co-ordinates, endangered animals, Buddhism and Zen gardens and Alexander the Great and why he is remembered.

Words to use... soap carving, mosaics, laurel wreaths, olympics, sports day, coordinates, positions, directions, Buddhism, Zen gardens and Alexander the Great.

Tips for the week... Continue learning your Common Exception words and Times Tables.

We have been reading... Alex vs Axel.

YEAR 6

Talk to me about... helping the younger children during their sports day.

Words to use.. role model, resilience, determination, neighbour, Sikh, Sikhism.

Tips for the week... enjoy the sunshine (when it appears) and read a book you keep meaning to start.

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



FONS

Friends of Nettlestone School

FEELING INSPIRED AFTER SPORTS DAY?!

Sign up for September's RAT Run...

The Nettlestone RAT (road and trail) race is fast approaching - so please do sign up!

At 10am there will be a 600m kids' race, followed by one start at 10.30 with a choice of either a 5km or 5-mile route.

It promises to be a fun run and we want to encourage families to take part. Each runner is automatically entered into our prize draw!

All money raised from the event goes back in to the school and enriches our children's education

Please pass this on to anyone who you think may be interested in taking part!

[Why not sign-up](#) with your family?



It was great to see everyone who could make it to our AGM on Sunday. Looking forward to lots of fun FONS socials in the autumn!

Thank you for supporting our Ice Pop sales! The last one of term is on THURSDAY...

FONS' end of term

ICE POP SALE



*Next week's ice pop sale will be Thursday after pick-up!
50p, cash only, on the drive*

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Get in touch with any ideas or questions:
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Celebration Assembly



Alex, Suki, Evelyn, Issey, Noah W., Darcy, Theo.



WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please can we remind all families that **children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a yummy free meal every single day.** It is super easy to take advantage of the offer, all that is needed is for parents to pre order their free dinners on School Money and complete the check out process (even though there is a zero balance) and your child will be able to enjoy their free meal.



For children in Key Stage 2 and any parent that has a change in personal circumstances 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 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 and additional in-class support. It really is worth applying.

Lunchtime Menu – from Chartwells until the end of term

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Regular Meal—
Order HAM

Vegetarian Meal -order
CHEESE

Chartwells		IOW SS24 Packed Lunch				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sandwiches		Ham, Cheese				
Vegetables		Mixed Crudites – Carrots, Cucumber & Cherry Tomatoes Available Daily				
Fruit		Fruit of the Day				
Drinks		Bottled Water Carton of Fruit Juice				
Desserts		Cooks Choice of the day				

