

First Shoots

The Newsletter of

Netherhall Junior School



Summer 2019

Year 4 Multi Sports Events

All Year 4 children were recently given the opportunity to take part in 'Mission Active', an event designed to teach them new skills as well as emphasising the need and importance of regular exercise.

They spent the day at a local high school, taking part in a variety of sports and games as well as mixing and working with other children. The children had a great time learning and trying new activities and at the end of the event they were all presented with a certificate. Year 4 teachers were very impressed by the efforts of all the children and very proud of how they represented our school.



SATs

We are very proud of all of our children and know they tried their very best in the tests and that the tests only represent a 'snapshot' of what they can do! We will publish our schools results when we have had some marking review outcomes as these may affect our final percentages.

Our Approach to Behaviour

We have made some minor changes to our behaviour policy and our approach in school. We have been working towards these changes for the last couple of years; we feel it creates a good balance at rewarding and recognising when children are following our core values and doing the right thing and then supporting, educating and giving an appropriate consequence when they don't. In September the new policy will be available for you on the campus website and we will send out more detail to help answer any questions you may have.

Dinner Money

If you pay for your child's school dinner, it will be £11.25 in September. This must be paid on a Monday morning.

Remember, children make a choice of dinners or a packed lunch on a Monday and stick with that choice for one week.

95%

Our school attendance this year was 95%. We hope to improve even further next year and reach an aspirational 96%. Well done to all of our Going for Gold winners- we had 37 children having 100% for the whole school year.

Y6 Production

Anchors away! This half term, Y6 set sail on a swashbuckling pirate adventure over the high seas in an amazing piratical musical. We have worked on stage presence, dramatization and expression. The children have enjoyed learning the new songs and the accompanying dance routines; it has been a great opportunity to see the creative side of our children flourish. The children have worked so hard to learn the lines and use body language and expression to enhance the characterisation. Thank you for all the support with props, costumes and supporting your child with their lines.



Bonjour and Au Revoir

We say a temporary goodbye to Miss Powell who will start her maternity cover in September as she prepares for the new addition to her family. Good luck Miss Powell! We welcome Miss Agar into the Year 4 team to cover Miss Powell's maternity. We have Miss Blake and Miss Beaumont working as support staff in school; they joined us in Summer but we want to give them an official welcome!

Mrs Cotton is moving to a part-time role although will remain a Y5 class teacher; the class will also be taught for one day by Miss Jebson. We also say goodbye to our Year 6 children and wish them well for high school and beyond. We welcome a very full new Year 3 group and hope they settle well into our school.

Here are the names of the classes and staff for next year. We have a theme of Castles or Royal Palaces this year to help us learn more about the history and heritage of the UK.

3:1 Tower of London	Miss Hudson, Miss Hemingway
3:2 Hampton Court	Mr Crane, Miss Berry
3:3 Windsor Castle	Miss Taylor, Mrs Troop, Mrs Clarke
4:1 Warwick Castle	Miss Lees, Mrs Beaumont
4:2 Bamburgh Castle	Mr Booth, Mrs Cooney
4:3 Raby Castle	Miss Agar
5:1 Cardiff Castle	Mrs Cotton, Miss Parker
5:2 Conwy Castle	Mr Tate, Mrs Sylvester
5:3 Caerphilly Castle	Miss Maud
6:1 Stirling Castle	Mrs Senadhira, Mrs Smith
6:2 Glamis Castle	Miss Hall, Miss Blake
6:3 Edinburgh Castle	Mr Walker, Mrs Castle

Mrs Clarke will continue to support in classes as a learning mentor and supporting with her THRIVE work

Dates for Your Diary

Return to School	Tuesday 3rd September
Inset Day (School Closed)	Fri 27th September
Half Term	Fri 25th Oct - Mon 4th Nov
Inset Day (School Closed)	Friday 29th Nov
Inset Day (School Closed)	Monday 2nd December
End of Term	Friday 20th Dec

Healthy Minds and Wellbeing

We are working closely with Trailblazers in Kirklees to help develop our school approach and curriculum focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing. We will be spending time thinking about keeping our minds healthy, looking at our growth mindset, mindfulness, relaxation and being confident in talking about our emotions. We believe this is a really important topic for us all to be thinking about and we'll be hoping you can come and get yourself involved in any events that might pop into the diary.