



Nelson News

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY — PLEASE READ

Monday 20 September

Clubs Start

Getting to Know You Meetings Mon—Thur

Mini Marathon

Nelson Stars

★ Well done to Nicole 5D, Bobby 6M, Alexander 2N, Petr 6Mc, Milo 3F, Tayyab 4S, Nisa 3B, Oliver 2M, Emily D 1L, Lucy 1B, Joseph 4B and Sara 5G. All our stars received a certificate in our celebration assembly. These will be displayed in our studio. Keep up the great work!

Thursday 23 September, Year 3 at 9.05am & Year 1 at 2.30pm Please do not worry if you cannot make the date, any relevant information will be uploaded to our website.

International Car Free Day

On Wednesday, we are running a competition to try and encourage active travel in school. We would like you to leave the car at home and actively travel to school on a bike or scooter and win a Golden Lock Prize!

Headteacher's Award

Ms Ward has given out 26 Headteacher's Awards this week. Well done to Jamie 5D, Carys 5D, Riyan 5D, Lola 5G, Dani 6M, Archie 6M, Lionel 4S, Abi 4B, Xing Yu 4B, Sofia 1L, Alfie 5D, Erin 4S, Eylana, Maria, Maryum, Oscar all in 3F. Sofia, Alina, Nisa, Amelie, Manuel all in 3B. Emily 1L, Lucy 1B, Oliver 2M, Alex 2N and Mr Abbott. Anyone who receives a Headteacher's award will be entered into the Headteacher's raffle each half term.

The Golden Lock

The golden lock is a fun way to encourage you to ride your bikes and scooters to school as often as possible by offering you a chance to win a prize. We will surprise one of you by fixing the 'golden lock' onto your bicycle or scooter in the bike shed. At the end of the day as you leave school, whoever's bike has the golden lock gets to claim the prize!

This activity will be used towards our TFL STARS Silver accreditation and we look forward to as many families taking part.

Getting to Know You Meetings

Our 'Getting to Know You' meetings start from Monday and will take place in the Studio. This is a chance for you to meet the class teacher and learn about the curriculum and the wonderful trips and workshop on offer for the class. Here is a reminder of the dates:

Monday 20 September, Year 6 at 9.05am

Tuesday 21 September, Year 5 at 9.05am

Wednesday 22 September, Year 4 at 9.05am & Year 2 at 2.30pm

Job Vacancy

Nelson School is looking for a handy person with an interest in gardening to join our team and be around at the end of the school day. You will support the site team and lock up the school at the end of the day. We welcome all applicants. If you would any further information please phone the school office.

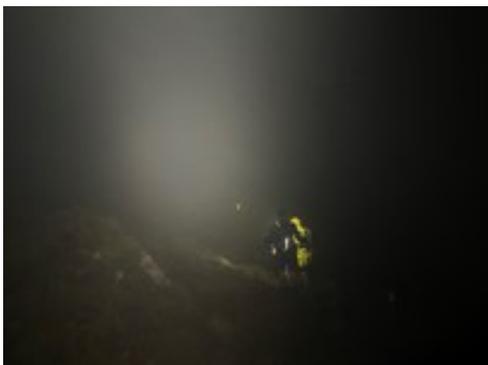
Phonics

We are introducing a new scheme for phonics this year, called **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds**. Many of the children may have seen the new books in the infant library, which will help them all to become fluent readers. We start teaching phonics in Nursery/Reception and build on reading throughout Year 1 and Year 2. This ensures all children build on their growing knowledge of the alphabet, mastering phonics to read and spell as they move through school. We are very excited about our new phonics scheme.



Mr Abbott's Challenge

Last weekend, Mr Abbott started his 103 mile challenge which he had to complete in 50 hours. He shared his experience with the children and talked about the challenges he faced. The weather and visibility was poor but Mr Abbott showed great resilience, team work and courage and we are all very proud of him. Thank you to everyone who sponsored Mr Abbott he raised £1004.00 for the PTA which will go towards the children here at Nelson.



Mrs McDonald's Favourite Children's Book

Sam's Sandwich by David Pelham

"Sam's Sandwich" was a huge favourite with my own children, who squealed with squeamish delight every time we read it together, which, for quite a long time, was at least once a day! With a cover designed to look like a sandwich, each page reveals another filling with a thoughtful surprise addition that the mischievous Sam pops inside for his greedy little sister. It's beautifully illustrated with lift-the-flap pages and cleverly written in rhyming verse. Children love joining in to shout out the next ghastly ingredient that Sam has carefully selected, but perhaps not best shared just before eating!

School Tour

On Monday, if the weather is good, we have arranged for the school and children to be filmed by a professional videographer. The tour will go on our website so that prospective parents can have a better understanding of school life at Nelson. We will let you know when the video is available for you to watch.

Clubs

We have had an overwhelming response to some clubs including Art Club. If you haven't been contacted by the school office then your child has a place on their chosen club. There are still spaces available in Netball Y5 & Y6 and Drama Y1 –Y6. If there are not enough children in these clubs then they may not be able to run.

Reminders

Parents are only allowed in the school building if they have been given permission and have collected a visitor badge from the School Office.

Please remember to bring in a water bottle.

Wellies can be worn to school but children should change into their school shoes whilst at school.

The one way system is still in place.

Secondary School Applications

Children in Year 6 need to apply for secondary school. The closing date is the 31st October. For Hounslow schools please visit <https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/downloads/file/3310/download-and-view-secondary-school-list>

Richmond Schools are below

School	Date	Time
Christ's School*	Thursday 23 September	5 to 7pm
Grey Court School	Tuesday 28 September	6.30 to 9pm
Hampton High	Thursday 7 October	6.30 to 8.30pm
Orleans Park School**	View opening mornings and visits	
Richmond Park Academy	Wednesday 6 October	6.30 to 8pm
St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School	Visit school's website	
Teddington School	Wednesday 13 October	5 to 8pm
The Richmond upon Thames School	View opening mornings and visits	6.30 to 8.30pm
Turing House School	Thursday 30 September	6.30pm onwards
Twickenham School	Tuesday 5 October	6 to 8.30pm
Waldegrave School	No open evening. View opening mornings and visits	

Anxiety Workshop

The MHST will be running a live 90 minute workshop on separation anxiety for parents/carers. The aim of this workshop is to help you identify anxious behaviours, think about what maintains these and provide you with some ideas on what you can do to help your child or young person overcome these challenges. More spaces have been added

Tuesday 21st September 2021 (9.30am - 11am):
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-21092021-tickets-170309832293>

Wednesday 22nd September 2021 (5.30pm - 7pm):
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-22092021-tickets-170311003797>

Friday 24th September 2021 (12pm - 1.30pm):
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-24092021-tickets-170312105091>

Monday 27th September 2021 (12pm - 1.30pm):
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-27092021-tickets-170311555447>

Tuesday 28th September 2021 (5.30pm - 7pm)
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-28092021-tickets-170312652729>

Thursday 30th September 2021 (9.30am - 11am):
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-30092021-tickets-170313952617>

Covid-19

Coronavirus hasn't gone away so there will still be a need for schools, to follow measures to avoid the spread. What if someone tests positive or has symptoms? Do they need to isolate? Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 either according to a PCR test or a lateral flow device test – this means you have the virus. If you get a positive LFD test you should book a PCR test. A negative PCR test will override a positive LFD test.
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – see below if this applies to you)

you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#).

Pupils should only self-isolate if they have symptoms or if they get a positive PCR or Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test.