



Nelson News

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY — PLEASE READ

Sunday 4 Dec
Monday 5 Dec
Tuesday 6 Dec
Wednesday 7 Dec
Thursday 8 Dec
Friday 9 Dec

PTA Car Boot Sale 9.00am
Online Oral Health Coffee Morning
Boys' Football Away Game
Christmas Lunch Day, Christmas Jumper Day & Choir Performance
Rugby Away Game
Reception Pyjama Day

Nelson Stars

Our Nelson Stars this week are: Daisy 4B, Sadie-Grace 3N. You have received a certificate which will be displayed in the studio and celebrated in assembly. Keep up the great work!



Change to our School Hours

Following our recent consultation with parents regarding the Government's White Paper 'Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child sets out the expectation that schools provide 32.5 hours each week by September 2023 at the latest'.

From January, the school day for all year groups will start at 8.40am and finish at 3.10pm. In the morning, the gates will open at 8.35am and children can go straight into class for the register at 8.40am. If you arrive after 8.40am, your child will be marked on the register as late.

In the afternoon, the gates will open at 3.05pm for all children to be collected at 3.10pm from their classrooms. It may take a few days for this to become normal. Breakfast club and school club timings will remain the same.

Thank you to all of you who completed the questionnaire.

Ms Ward
Head Of School

Headteacher Awards This Week

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| Y6 Light Up | All of 3B |
| Performers | Sofia 4B |
| Josh 6N | Carys 6N |
| Flo 6N | Camvual 6N |
| Alfie 6N | Honey 4B |
| Alan 2M | Daisy 4B |
| Olivia 1L | |

You received a headteacher award and will be entered into a raffle each term to win a prize from Mrs Ward. Well done!

The story of Hanukkah

We have been learning about Judaism as part of our RE topic.

Usually, Hanukkah starts in late November to mid-December. This year it starts the evening of December 18 and ends on December 26. To celebrate the ancient miracle of the oil burning a candle for eight nights, Jews celebrating Hanukkah light a candleholder called a menorah for eight nights.



Richmond Arts Competition

What makes you happy?

What makes you happy is it doing art?
Or is it being with people in your heart?
Is it doing writing?
Or maybe doing something exiting?
Is it playing games at home?
Or just playing on your phone?
Is it being with your pet?
Or just going on the internet?
Is it playing on your drum?
Or having some chewing gum?
Is it playing with your sibling?
Or just doing some scribbling?
Is it doing singing?
Or just going swimming?
Is it having a cuddle?
Or is it jumping in a puddle?
Is it being with your mum?
Or answering a sum?
So what does make you happy?
Whatever it is ,do it snappy?

Lily H Y5

Sun and Moon

Your right arm is the sun,
The light I glare at first,
And the glow I awaken from every morning.
Your left arm is the moon,
The light I stare at last,
And the bright sight I see every night.
While the sun represents the conscious purpose
in life,
The moon is the key to the deeper emotional
self.
It's where your secrets and desires live.
Nothing is complete if one goes missing,
So, let us be thankful we have a sun,
But also grateful for a moon.

Mustafa Y6

Your poems have been entered into the Richmond Arts competition. Thank you for allowing us to share your wonderful poems. We received lots of pieces but only had space to share these two. Well done to Reya Y5 and Hawra Y5 and everyone else who has entered the competition and good luck!

Christmas Lunch

All staff and children will be having a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, 7th December, kindly funded by the PTA. If you pay for your school meals and have already booked the 7th December you can cancel the meal on ParentPay. If your child is a vegetarian they will be offered the vegetarian Christmas Dinner option.

Extra Bank Holiday 2023

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 8th May. This is an additional bank holiday given to us to celebrate the King's Coronation. Please remember to check your diary and amend them accordingly.

Nelson School is committed to safeguarding – a shared responsibility

Light Up Whitton

Our Year 6s performed on stage at the Light Up Whitton event on Sunday. They recited a poem called The Christmas Truce. Each young person that took part spoke beautifully and projected really well. They were nervous to begin with but like true professionals carried on until the end. Well done year 6. We were really proud of you.



Year 3

Year 3 have worked so hard throughout their Egyptian topic to create some wonderful pieces of art. We were delighted that we could hold our Art Exhibition for parents to see all their fantastic creations. It was also a great opportunity for the rest of the school to visit the Art Museum too!



Christmas Plans

Reception –Year 2, please remember to book to see your child’s Nativity play. **Wednesday 7th December** - Christmas lunch (**paid for by the PTA – thank you**) & Christmas Jumper Day. Please come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper, something Christmassy or something brightly coloured. **Friday 9th December** - Father Christmas will be visiting classrooms (from the door) and delivering presents to the children (funded by the PTA) **Monday 12th December** – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carols Performance (details below) -2.30pm **Tuesday 13th December** – Christmas Panto **Wednesday 14th December** – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 9.30am & Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols Performance -2.30pm **Thursday 15th December** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 9.30am and Christmas Party day. You may come dressed in your own clothes and may bring a small snack for yourself (not to share). Please ensure no snacks containing nuts or fizzy drinks are brought into school. **Friday 16th December** School will close at 1.30pm.

Children in Need

Well done everyone we raised

£179.05

looking after little teeth

Oral Health Coffee Morning
Online Event via MS Teams
5th December 2022 at 9.30 am

Meeting ID: 373 885 021 43
 Passcode: yuNEoR

Come along for free friendly advice and information on how to look after little teeth.

Warm Space
Heathfield Children's Centre
 Warm space for families with children aged 0 up to 8 years

Free tea, coffee and hot chocolate
 Charge your phones, tablets or laptops
 Age related games and activities
 Quiet space

MONDAYS, 5PM TO 7PM

Monday 28 November
 Monday 5 December
 Monday 12 December
 Monday 19 December
 (Closed Christmas week)
 Monday 9 January
 Monday 16 January
 Monday 23 January
 Monday 30 January

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