

# Newton Road School Newsletter

11th March 2019

Spring finally seems to have arrived and the new term has already got off to a wonderful start. This half term seems to be flying by! Everyone has been working hard and showing P.R.I.D.E. – this was really highlighted at our celebration assembly on Friday when the teachers spoke about great role models, fantastic independent learners and children that had found new levels of focus and determination! The children have been focused and enjoying their learning journeys. I have the pleasure of being able to visit classrooms throughout the day and the week and I have loved seeing our aircraft designers of the future in Y1/2, our Y5/6 Titanic dance and our Y3/4's exploring challenges like how do we measure a wiggly line. We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you and sharing your child's learning and progress at the parent consultation meetings last week as well. We hope that you are pleased with the progress your child is making, but if you have any concerns please do not hesitate in discussing them with us.

World Book Day was fantastic and I want to thank Mrs Moody for organising such an engaging day which the children got so much out of. A big thank you to all of you that encouraged your children to bring in their decorated settings and organised their outfits. The children looked amazing.

## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 8th March 2019 is **95.44%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Hawks with 100.00%

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Bees with 99.08%

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dragonflies with 98.83 %

**As the cold weather is still with us we know children get ill. We have spoken to all of the children about the importance of washing their hands, using a tissue and putting it in a bin, and covering their mouths when they cough to help reduce the spread of germs. Our site team have also increased their cleaning regime and they come in during the day to clean down door handles and common surfaces to help keep us well.**

## Foundation Stage

Foundation stage are enjoying our learning journey 'Food Glorious Food!' Last week we learnt about where our food comes from and the journey it makes to get to our plates. We have practised our addition skills and have learnt how to write an addition number sentence using the correct symbols. World Book Day was a fantastic experience for us all, Squirrels class were amazing at reciting their poem to the whole school! They remembered all of the words and actions to the poem 'Good Food' by Tony Mitton.

## Year 1/2

Phase 1 have been working their socks off since they came back from half term. The Twits have invaded our classrooms, our thoughts and imaginations and we are loving it. The children have been writing disgusting descriptions of both Mr and Mrs Twit and trying to out-do each other with the vilest of adjectives. Arithmetic has been a focus for maths in year 2 and place value in year 1 with lots of counting involved in all lessons. Our planes are looking good after their delayed start and are due to take off shortly with their brand new logos All aboard for term 2 of Storyland!

## Year 3/4

Year 3/4 have had a great week looking at the wonderful myths from Ancient Greece. They have been engaged in studying the ups and downs of the gods and humans lives. They have also been measuring many different items around the school using mm, cm and m. The children have been discussing whether they would have liked to have been in the Ancient Greek army and looking at their wonderful armour and ships. Over this term, the children will be making their own shadow puppet show so they have been considering what stories they would like to tell and what their puppets should look like. A great start to the term so far. Well done and keep it up!

### **Year 5/6**

As part of world book day, the children learnt a poem off by heart and practiced performing it. Each class performed it to the whole school and did an amazing job! In Maths, the children have been working on algebra understanding that it is the use of letters and symbols rather than numbers and calculating the values of unknown variables. In Learning Journey, the children have begun to explore icebergs and have made predictions about which icebergs will melt first and why.

### **Sports Update**

Four KS1 children had the opportunity to represent our school at the Level 3 School Games Kurling County Finals competition. The aim of the game was to land Kurling stones on a circular target to gain points, the team with the most points win. After winning their level 2 district competition for East Northants, they competed against schools from the county. I am thrilled to say that they came 3<sup>rd</sup> winning the bronze medal! The school is immensely proud of them for representing Newton Road School so well, it is a significant achievement-one that we can all be proud of!



### **Change 4 life Club**

This term we have been running a Change 4 Life club for children across the school. The club aims to educate children on how to stay healthy through exercise and nutrition. If this is something you think your child may be interested in, please come and get a letter from Mrs Ribano in the school office for more information or speak to Mr Butler. A confirmation text message will be sent out if your child has got a place.

### **Newton Road Babies**

A big congratulations to Miss Harris and her partner who had their baby girl in December and Mrs Ash and her husband who had their baby boy in February. Both Mums, Dads and babies are all doing well.

### **Parking**

Can I politely ask that all parents and carers park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting from school. I have had reports of cars parked partly on the pavements around school, and have seen cars parked on double yellow lines close to junctions. I know it is congested at the beginning and end of the school day, but we cannot compromise the safety of our school community. Thank you.

### **World Book Day**

What a day we had celebrating World Book Day! The children all looked amazing in all their different costumes and there was an abundance of talk about books across the school, throughout the day. The day began with a poetry extravaganza when each class performed their own poem to the rest of the school, which they had rehearsed and learned off by heart. Every class, from Foundation to Year 6, stood with pride, spoke with confidence and beamed with delight as they performed their poem. It was an immensely proud moment to see all the children at Newton Road School having the opportunity to shine. The 'pleased as punch' faces, the enthusiasm and hive of excitement was lovely to experience. A huge thank you to all of staff who worked hard with their classes to make the poetry morning such a success.

During the morning, each class was also busy making their own book themed lampshade. These are beginning to take shape and are looking fabulous - they will be displayed around the school, once they are finished. Look out for photos of these and / or for the opportunity to see them for yourself, once they are displayed.

Finally, a big well done to all those who entered the 'design a book themed scene' competition. These were fantastic and prizes were awarded to children from each phase. Thank you for your support with all of the costumes, competitions that were entered, and for helping to make World Book Day a success.

## Newton Road School-PTA

If you would like to become a member of our PTA then please pop into the school office and register your interest. We look forward to you joining us!



# Newton Road School P.T.A



**We really do need your support!**

**As parents, you are AUTOMATICALLY a member of the P.T.A... your voice counts!**

### Be the Change

**Be a role model**—be the change you want to see. You'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a noble cause.

**We're not just for mums!**  
It's important to our PTA, our school and our pupils to have parents and carers of all descriptions represented on our committee and to help reach out to other parents and carers.  
Are you a dad, a grandparent or carer with a skill that would come in useful?





**You'll feel more connected**— There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support. Every PTA event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you. You will be part of a like-minded network of people who share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.



**You'll be part of a great network**—Many hands make light work—you'll be part of a great network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for all of our children.

### COUNT ME IN! Volunteer

**Make a Difference**—There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved— from designing a poster, photocopying and distributing letters in the school, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall...so many ways. You decide how much you can contribute, every little counts!

**Help us continue to create lasting memories**— Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. PTA events will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources the PTA help fund make learning even more engaging.



## Key Dates for Your Diary for Spring Term 2

Friday 5th April 2019 - Last day of term	Tuesday 23rd April 2019– School Re-opens
Friday 26th April 2019 - Class Photos	Monday 6th May 2019 - Bank Holiday -School closed (1day)
Friday 24th May 2019 - Last day of term	Monday 3rd June - School Re-opens
Friday 19th July 2019-Last day of term	Wednesday 4th September-School Re-opens