

# Newton Road School Newsletter

3rd April 2019

The building work around the school is progressing nicely and I would just like to say thank you again for your patience whilst this much needed work is carried out. On Friday I was delighted to be entertained by a group of children within the Nene Education Trust. Five children from each of the schools within the trust were chosen to take part in the Whole Child Singing Project run by the Trust. The children have been rehearsing over the last couple of weeks and on Friday they performed at each of the five schools and were fantastic! All the children performed and behaved beautifully and our five children from Newton Road School beamed with PRIDE. The songs from the Whole Child Project have been uploaded onto the Nene Education website on the 'Our People Block' on the front page of the website. This is the link to the website <https://neneeducationtrust.org.uk/> and as a bit of fun anyone can listen and vote for their favourite. **Voting closes at 3.30pm on Friday** so please do have a listen and vote for us! I do hope you will all come and join us on Thursday after school for our Easter Egg Raffle and help support our playground renovations. Have a wonderful Easter Holiday and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 23rd April.

## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 29th March 2019 is **95.43%** and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. Last week's results are:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Dragonflies with 99.22%

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Wolves with 98.52%

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Squirrels with 97.94%

**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

Last week Squirrels class were looking at the story 'Handa's Surprise'. The children thoroughly enjoyed this storybook as we looked closely at similarities and differences between England and Africa (where the story is set). As well as this, Squirrels were also able to explore some of the exotic fruits that were mentioned in the story, creating fantastic adjectives to describe them. The activities set out were all linked to the story where the children got to show off their creativity in making simple representations of objects using a range of mediums. We also had a look into famous landmarks around the world, learning some of their names and where they are based.

## Year 1/2

Ants, Dragonflies and Bees have been busy this week investigating living things; we have made cress heads and are checking to see what changes are happening to them. We were all really excited to have the author Olaf Falafel visit us and he has inspired us to add lots of disgusting extras to our Twit's trick. We have begun work on our puppets and have been learning how to sew. Thank you for all the amazing homework projects that have been arriving throughout the term: we love the creativity and imagination that has gone into each of them.

## Year 3/4

Last week Year 3 and 4 have continued to develop their awareness of how to work out the perimeter of a shape by measuring carefully using their previous knowledge of centimetres and millimetres. Writing has focused on the Greek Myth Perseus and the Gorgon's head and the children have been honing their skills on writing in paragraphs and using prepositional phrases and relative pronouns. Learning journey has focused on mosaics with the children choosing their own image to turn into a mosaic. PE has continued to focus on the Greek Olympic games and through Science the children have made sundials or shadow clocks and explored how these work outside in the sunshine.

## Year 5/6

Last week in Maths the children were very busy! Not only were we learning to read, write and recognise all metric measures for length, weight and capacity - we had also been learning to calculate and convert them! In English, the children have been recognising standard and non-standard English with opportunities to use formal and informal language. They also thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the author – Olaf Falafel. Learning Journey was linked to Maths last week with the children solving Maths problems to do with the Titanic and also looking at the measurements of various ships and plotting them on a graph.

## Beat the streets

The 'Beats the Streets' campaign started on Wednesday and all the children were very keen on tapping their fobs and getting the competition started. Don't forget as parents/carers you can take part too, all you need to do is register your card on the website below and you're all set to go! There is lots of information on the 'Beat the Streets' website and they have their own Facebook page and Twitter account so please take a look. Newton Road School is currently 14th out of the 21 schools taking part. There are 291 members registered so if you haven't registered there is still time as the competition runs until 8th May. Lets get those wheels rolling and those running shoes on and see if Newton Road School can make it into the top ten!! If you would like more information please visit <https://www.beatthestreet.me/eastnorthants>

## Author Visit

Baboons, space and parps! Not your usual Monday morning lessons, but what a fantastic Monday morning we had this week. Laughter in abundance and giggles galore resounded around the hall when Olaf Falafel came to visit. It was truly a booktastic treat to listen to Olaf's new story, 'One giant leek for mankind,' and to learn about the moon landings. All the children took part in a mass drawing session, producing some amazing sketches of the characters from the story. Everyone, staff and pupils, had a brilliant morning.



## 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.

## Easter Egg Event

Don't forget to come and join us after school on **Thursday 4th April** for our Easter Egg raffle. If you would like to donate any Easter Eggs to our event then please could these be brought into school as soon as possible. Any donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

## Newton Road School Website

Our new school website is well and truly up and running. This is a great source of information to help keep you up to date with information and events happening at school. All letters that are sent out are available for you to view under the **Info for Parents** tab on the front page, then by clicking on **Letters** on the left hand side of the page.

Have you had chance to take a look at the school calendar? This is another fantastic place to find out just what's going on in school, from clubs to school holidays, everything is listed here, so if you haven't had chance to have a look, now is the time! You will find it located at the bottom of the first page on the website.



## School Gateway

We currently have **41%** of parents that have downloaded and signed up to our School Gateway app which is fantastic! Ideally we would really like **all** our parents to sign up but we are aiming to achieve at least 70%, so please help by downloading the app and help us achieve our target. Using the app means we can send you app messages that you can reply to, for **FREE**. It's quick and simple to do. Please make sure we have your up to date mobile number and email. If you do need any help please ask at the office.



## Newton Road School-PTA

On Thursday 4th April we will be having afternoon tea from 2.30pm to the end of the school day in the hall. For all those interested in finding out more information on our PTA, everybody is welcome! If you have ideas for fundraising, have a link with a business that could donate raffle prizes or can donate your time and skills, no matter how big or small then please come along for tea/coffee and a chat.

**If we each do a little we can make a big difference together!**



# 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)
Monday 13th May 2019 - SATS Week	Monday 20th May 2019 - KS1 Assessment Week
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