

# Newton Road School Newsletter

16th May 2019

I am delighted to share with you that we will be welcoming Mrs Alison O'Neill to our Newton Road family as Vice Principal from September 2019. Mrs O'Neill will bring with her a wealth of experience and knowledge. She has a clear passion and enthusiasm for developing the whole child and she is extremely excited to be joining the team and the next stage of our growth. I am sure you will all join me in giving her a warm welcome to our school family.

Some of you may now be thinking where will Mrs Abel be in September. The answer is she will be taking up a new post of Associate Principal at Windmill Primary School from September 2019. Although we are deeply saddened that we will be losing her from the school, she is remaining within the Trust and we know she will do an amazing job at Windmill, as she has done here over the last two and a half years and we look forward to developing links between our two schools. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best.

## **Attendance**

Our current whole school attendance for week ending 10th May 2019 is **95.28%** 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 99.52%

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Red Kites with 97.12%

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Eagles with 96.88%

**Parents/Carers must ensure that children arrive on time for school every day. School gates open at 8.40am and registers close promptly at 8.50am. Late arrivals will be coded accordingly. Arriving a few minutes late regularly can soon add up to a lot of learning time missed.**

## **Foundation Stage**

Squirrels class worked exceptionally hard last week! They learnt a brand new word of the week linked to our themed topic (Ahoy There Matey!) and have been using this in their independent writing. We have also been learning a tricky concept in maths this week, using a number line to solve subtraction number problems. The children have really enjoyed this new way to solve number problems and have shown great enthusiasm in applying their knowledge in their independent learning.

## **Year 1/2**

Wow! This term is flying by, Year 1 and 2 have been extremely busy in their learning, we are proud of their attitude towards their learning and we encourage them to keep it up. This week we are continuing to write an explanation of the frog life-cycle, the children have enjoyed selecting interesting vocabulary to use in their explanations. In maths, Year 1 have focussed on number patterns and telling the time. Year 2 have shown attention to detail when working out word problems and picking out important vocabulary to help solve the answer.

## **Year 3/4**

Year 3/4 have had another great week, looking at how we can calculate different amounts and what change you may receive. We have also been rounding different amounts to the nearest pound to help us with these. The children have been writing paragraphs about the main characters in our key text, looking at their impact on others in the story via a biography. We have looked at healthy eating and have been designing our own healthy dinner on plates. We have studied the Savannah and compared it to a Safari Park and asked the children to decide which place would be better for the animals to survive. Thank you to those who read at home regularly with their children. The children love receiving different rewards for reading regularly.

## Year 5/6

Year 6 have been working very hard on going over the Maths and English skills needed for their SATs tests. Year 5 have been covering lots of Maths arithmetic skills as well as writing a persuasive argument about who they feel is responsible for the sinking of the Titanic. P.E. is now on a Friday and the children have started building skills towards a game of 'Throlf' which is a spin off of golf.

## Beat the Streets

The "Beat the Streets" campaign ran by East Northamptonshire County Council came to end on Wednesday 8th May. We would like to thank everyone that took part and hope you enjoyed getting out and about and hunting for those beat boxes. Newton Road School came 19th with a total of 29850 points and 8556 miles, so well done everyone.

## Fundraising News

Two of our pupils have raised an amazing amount of £320 which they will be donating to our playground fundraising project.

*Mum said; "The superhero fun run was part of the Right Move Marathon weekend at Milton Keynes*

*It was a 2k run finishing in MK Dons Football Stadium. We had registered to do the run a little while ago and one day the kids came home and asked if they could get sponsors to help raise money for the playground. I thought it was a fab idea and said yes. Most of the sponsors came from members at my work Rushden Town Band Club. Liam was especially good at explaining what we were up to and asking for sponsors.*

*It was a fun day, the kids loved dressing up and doing the run and they did really well, it was a great atmosphere although a little chilly. Scarlett and Liam were really happy to receive medals and were amazed at how much money they managed to raise".*

The school are incredibly proud of them as they have shown amazing PRIDE.

### 'Recycle with Michael'

The school managed to collect 290kg of unwanted clothes and shoes which were collected by The Salvation Army for their 'Recycle with Michael' scheme. These items were converted into cash and our share was £34.08. Thank you to everyone that donated their unwanted items, by doing this we have helped the Salvation Army raise funds so they can continue with their valuable work and helped the school raise money for the new playground!



## School Gateway

We currently have **40%** of parents that have downloaded and signed up to our School Gateway app which is fantastic! If you have not downloaded the app, it's quick and simple to do. Please make sure we have your up to date mobile number and email. This means we can send you app messages that you can reply to, for FREE. If you do need any help please ask at the office.



## Key Dates for Your Diary

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