

Important Diary Dates

June

3rd June—Inset Day
4th June—School Re-Opens for children
13th June—EYFS Sports Day
14th June—Nursery Assembly
14th June—Sports Day
18th June—Photographs
27th June—RSE Day
28th June—Year 1 Class Assembly
28th June—KS1 and KS2 Sports Day—rearranged

July

5th July—Year 3 Class Assembly
6th July—Year 6 Trip
12th July—Pupil Reports to Parents
12th July—Year 2 Trip
17th—EYFS Garden Party
19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—School closes for the Summer holidays!

Weekly Attendance

92.8%

Another busy week at NCS, I keep on writing that don't I...

This week our Year 6s had their transition day to high school and we are all starting to think about the new year and what it will bring. Our Year 6s have an action packed two weeks ahead of them and I am sure they will get the send off they deserve. Meanwhile, we are busy ordering all our stock, planning staff training and we continue to move things around to get the best outcomes for the children next year and beyond. As I have said previously, from September, we are launching our new phonics program so we are rearranging and moving some of the smaller spaces around school geared toward prioritising reading and phonics and facilitating the provision our children deserve.

As part of reallocation of space we have also changed our thinking around the Nursery space and outdoors area for EYFS. I am the kind of person who will respond with what's right, rather than stick to plan when it's not working, and reflect why. Therefore, from September our Nursery class will go back into the separate Nursery classroom. This will ensure they can have easier access to their outdoor provision, more classroom space and the better access to toilets. Reception will stay in the main building and they will gain extra classroom space by using the new space vacated by Nursery. As part of this we will continue our investment into Early Years over the Summer holidays, by improving the outdoor learning spaces and the Nursery classroom.

This is probably my last **written** Newsletter this term. On Tuesday I am having surgery to repair a torn tendon which will make typing very difficult indeed. Next week, I may have to be creative with my newsletter and perhaps start a new Headteacher vlog!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Marks

Sport Day Update

We would like to invite you to our re-arranged Sport Day on:

Monday 15th July.

KS1 9.00am

KS2: 1.30pm

We are hopeful and optimistic that we will *finally* get the good weather we deserve this July!

Updates from the Office....

- Please inform the school office when your child is absent .
- Just so you are aware. If your child accrues 5 unauthorised absences then statutory action (a Penalty Notice) may be taken. Please do not book family holidays during term time.
- Please remember to order your child's lunch on School Hub.
- Please provide appointment letters/emails/texts when your child has an appointment during school time



Letters sent out this week:

- * Nursery and Reception Animal morning
- * Transition Letter

Transition Day

Tuesday is Transition Day. Please make sure you have read the separate letter sent out today regarding arrangements for Tuesday and classes for next year.



Drop offs and pick ups

Thank you for your cooperation in making our car park safer at the beginning of the day. We do still have some children on the school site before 8.35am and some children being dropped off by car at the school gates. Please can I ask that children are not on site before 8.35am and that they are walked to their classroom door.

School Trips

We have a number of school trips over the next couple of weeks. Please can I remind parents to check the weather forecast and ensure your child has the appropriate clothing e.g sun cap, rain jacket, sun cream etc.– you never know what the British weather will bring!



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery we have been enjoying listening to Percy the Park Keeper stories then taking our learning into the outdoor area where we have made a hut for Percy and his friends. In number we have been counting objects up to 5, ordering the numerals 1-5 and sequencing numbers to find the missing number.

Reception have been practising their football skills this week and have even taken turns in goal. They have been amazing and now know how to dribble and pass the ball to their team mates.

Year 1 explored money in maths and looking at the value of coins and notes. We have been looking at different types of letters in writing and have written letters to the big bad wolf and Goldilocks. In science, we have been looking at plants and have begun the process of growing our own cress! We also looked at how planes have changed over time and discussed their similarities and differences.

Year 2 had a fantastic opportunity on Monday to work with a poet on some performance poetry! We spent Monday morning practicing techniques to improve our oracy and physical movement when performing poems. We also workshopped ideas to create our own poems based on "Homework Excuses" by Matt Abbott. We also have a butterfly update! Most of the caterpillars have formed into chrysalises and are now hanging in our butterfly house waiting to hatch into some beautiful butterflies!

Year 3 have been working really hard practising our assembly this week. We learnt our lines and songs really quickly. Thank you to all parents and carers for help with providing fantastic costumes! In maths we have completed our work on statistics, looking at bar charts and pictograms. In French we have been learning the names for different pet animals.

Y4 have transformed into a theatre company! We have been learning lines, practicing songs and making props ahead of our Romans themed class assembly next week. We have also been reading play-scripts and writing our own, adapted from The Firework Maker's Daughter. We have also been working with symmetry and the properties of shape in Maths lessons, and learning how to make electrical circuits in Science.

Year 5 enjoyed their first game of rounders this week in PE. We completed our diary entries from Tim's point of view about the Highwayman and how he had stolen his true love's heart. Maths this week saw us complete our unit on volume and capacity – we are looking forward to applying our mathematical knowledge to reason and problem solve over the coming days. We have been thinking about how we can look after the Earth in RE this week, and explored the ideas of stewardship and khalifah.

Year 6 have had an exciting week - we got to visit our new high schools for the day! We thoroughly enjoyed it and are really looking forward to starting in September. In Maths, we looked at all things to do with holidays. We used graphs to compare temperature and rainfall in countries we would like to visit and looked at the relationship between distance and time to find how long it would take us to get there.

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
Year 1 & 2	Wednesday	Multisport
Year 5 & 6	Thursday	Multisport
Year 3 & 4	Friday	Multisport