

February 2017

Art Day: Ms Wynne Roberts was in school on 23rd January to lead an Art Day – for pupils in Y5/6 – on the topic of 'Iconic British items and buildings'. Thanks to Mrs Nuttall, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Powell (Class Governor) for helping out on the day. The work is on display around school and images can be seen on our Facebook page, Twitter and our website.

Indoor Athletics Competition: Y5/Y6 children represented the school in the Indoor Athletics competition at Neston Recreation Centre recently. Thanks to Mrs Muskett for organising our participation in this event.

Famous Britons Day': Henry VIII, Amy Johnson, David Beckham & Florence Nightingale to name but a few 'Famous Britons' were in school on Famous Britons Day. Staff and children dressed up as people from the past and from more recent times. The day was a huge success. Thank you to parents/relatives for making a huge effort with the children who looked fantastic in their costumes. Photos on Facebook and [AboutmyArea](#).

Thank you to those parents, relatives of pupils and members of staff who donated unwanted Christmas presents to our PFA. We will use the donations as prizes at forthcoming events. Thanks also to the members of the PFA who organised the collection and sorted out the PFA store room. Thanks also for the donations of books.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers:

Once again our school is taking part in collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We have a collection box in the entrance hall. You can collect vouchers at any Sainsbury's store and online between **Friday 28 January and Friday 30th June**. Please ask your friends and relatives to collect vouchers for us. Many thanks, in advance, for your help.

Smokebusters: Fire Officers from Cheshire Fire Services visited our Year 5 pupils to speak about fire safety. The children had the opportunity to look around the fire engine, watch an informational DVD and to experience the smoke tent.

Roberts Bakery Visit: Paul Graves from Roberts Bakery visited school last week to work with Y4 children. The children were taught about the history of baking. Each child baked a loaf of their own which they were able to take home – very tasty it was too.

Thank You: A big Thank You from Mrs Holland to those parents/relatives who have donated DVD's for use on wet play days.



Dime One – (Andy Birch) was in school on Mon 6th Feb to paint the bike store area. All classes had the opportunity to go out and see Andy at work during the day. Sadly, the poor weather 'beat him', but he will return to complete the artwork.

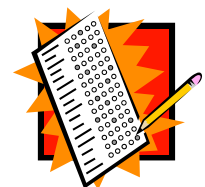
Valentines Disco: Thank you to our hardworking PFA for organising the disco last week. Another well supported event with over £270 being raised which will go towards the outdoor parents shelter and chicks for Reception class.

Our thanks to Mrs Julie Dean who led a workshop for a group of pupils on Monday 6th Feb'. The children were designing a new flag for the school and creating designs for a Christmas stamp competition. The children produced some impressive work.

Diary Date: Panto 2017 – For your information we plan to watch the Panto again this year at New Brighton on **Tuesday 19th December**. The vast majority of parents and children were positive about the trip last December, so we decided to book our seats as early as possible.

National Curriculum Tests:

A reminder that **Year 6 SATs** will take place during the week of **8th May 2017**. It is essential that all Y6 children are in school that week as these tests cannot be taken at any other time. **Year 2 SATs** will take place throughout the month of May. **Please do not book holidays during the school terms as we are unable to authorise holidays in term time.**



Attendance: Attendance for w.e.03.02.17:

Year 6: 94.8% **Year 2: 94.3%**
Year 5: 98.3% **Year 1: 96.6%**
Year 4: 97% **Reception: 92.8%**
Year 3: 95.4%

Our target is to get attendance figures of 96% (or better) each week. The winning class is presented with a certificate and small trophy.

The winners – Year 5 with 98.3%

Attendance: Attendance for w.e. 10.02.17:

Year 6: 94.8% **Year 2: 97.3%**
Year 5: 100% **Year 1: 95.2%**
Year 4: 96.1% **Reception: 93.2%**
Year 3: 91.5%

Our target is to get attendance figures of 96% (or better) each week. The winning class is presented with a certificate and small trophy.

The winners – Year 5 with 100%

Champions of the Week: During our Friday assembly each week Class Champions are chosen to celebrate their children's achievements in school.

Friday 03rd February: the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Kai Bentley – Reception, Ebonie Butterworth – Y1, Ethan Lee – Y2, Faye Parry – Y3, William Davis – Y4, Max Lawner-Bennoch – Y5 Congratulations to them all.

Friday 10th February: the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Aiden Cooke – Reception, Jasmine Meadows – Y1, D.J. O'Connor, Lucas Gardiner – Y2, James McEvoy – Y3, Callum Bush & Annabelle Davies – Y4, Abby Barnes – Y5 Josh Rudd & Faith Ly – Y6 Congratulations to them all.

Diary Dates:

February 2017:

Tuesday 14th: Y6 Conway residential (3 days)
Tuesday 14th: 9.30-11.30 a.m. Group of Y1/Y2, Gym Festival, Childer Thornton
Friday 17th: School Closes 3.15 p.m.
Monday 27th: School Opens 8.50 a.m.

March 2017:

All diary dates in March are to be confirmed

Thursday 2nd: World Book Day
Monday 6th: Y5/Y6 'Bikeability'
Tuesday 7th: Parents Evening
Thursday 9th: Parents Evening
Tuesday 14th a.m. Y4 Liverpool Phill visit
Tuesday 14th: a.m. Small group of Y2 children to Gym Festival, Childer Thornton Primary School
Friday 17th: Y2 & Y5 trip to Liverpool Museum
Friday 17th: Inter-house orienteering - tbc
Friday 24th: Red Nose Day
Thursday 30th: p.m. Image Musical Theatre Production "The Selfish Giant"
Friday 31st: School closes 3.15 p.m.

Community News:

'Marvellous Medicine Through the Ages' at Neston Library, Tuesday 21st February 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Become a plague doctor discover the disgusting truth about treating diseases in the middle ages. Drop in at Neston Library. Tele: 0151 337 4670

Brownies: If your child is age 7-10 and interested in joining Brownies on Tuesday evenings, 6.15-7.45 p.m. at Little Neston Green, please contact Melissa Murphy on 0151 334 0919 for more details.

Cycle Training: During half term, at Chester County Offices, Cricket Club, Mannings Lane, Upton, Chester, CH2 4EU the Cheshire Road Safety Team have organised **FREE** training for children age 5-12 years run by Cycle Experience. Children will require a road worthy bike and a cycle helmet to take part. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Booking can be done by visiting: www.cycleexperience.com/holidaycourses.

Rotary Club: Join the Rotary Club at their Open Evening on 7th Feb 2017 at 6.30 p.m. Hinderton Arms, Cheshire High Road. Further details contact Ralph Peters on 0151 336 8558

Free Childcare for 3 & 4 Year olds: An Increase in the number of free hours of childcare available to some families from 15 hrs to 30 hrs a week will be available for parents who are eligible from Sept. 2017. Please go on line and complete in the Parent Questionnaire at:

<http://www.cheshirwestandchester.gov.uk/30Hoursfree>. The questionnaire will be available until 24.03.17. For the Advice and Support Service contact 0300 123 7001.

If you have any issues to discuss regarding your child/children please feel free to come into school to make an appointment with the class teacher or myself.

R Golding (Headteacher)

If you want, or need, to contact members of the Governing Body you can either drop a letter/note into the school office or contact the Chair of Governors via our e-mail address admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

Currently, our Parent Governors are:

Mrs Kate Davies (Mum of Hollie Y4)
Mr Richard Shuker (Dad of Evie Y5 & Joseph Yr1)
Ms Alison Metcalf (Mum of Emma Fletcher in Year 6) is also a Governor

Our Chair of Governors is Mr Ian Trotman

Our Vice-Chair of Governors is Mr Simon Wilson

A quick way to keep up with news and photos from school is to join our Facebook Page – search for '**Friends of Neston Primary School**' or follow us on Twitter - **@Neston_Primary_** We also upload images and news to our website. www.nestonprimaryschool.co.uk

