



Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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Events....

1st Mar - Small schools regional football finals in Washington.
2nd and 3rd Mar—Andrew Towers in doing film-making days with all classes.
6th PTA Bake Off competition entries in.
6th Mar—Fire service in for fire safety/ road safety talks with Y1/2 and Y5/6.
8th Mar pm— Rugby tournament.
9th Mar—Andy Tooze, poet, in school working with all classes.
9th Mar—football comp. at Barnsley FC
10th Mar 2:30 Sycamore Class assembly.
17th Mar 2:30 Oak Class assembly.
13th Mar—School Council upcycling competition entries in.
14th Mar—County finals athletics.
20th Mar—all classes visit the church-RE
22nd and 23rd March—Beech Class
29th March Parents' Evening

Nether Kellet News

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

We will have the brilliant opportunity of working with Andrew Towers later this week learning how to make films linked with our Theme this term. Once the films are completed, we will hope to post them on our website for you to see. The children will have a great time putting together their films/ TV programmes!

PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

As you will no doubt have

seen, I emailed the parent questionnaire results to you all last week. They are also on our website on the parents' page. Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the questionnaire, it is much appreciated. In terms of some of the things raised:

We have already been looking at encouraging all of the children to eat more healthy snacks at Night Owls. Fruit and vegetables are always freely available but Sophie and Hazel are now coming up with ingenious ideas to encourage the reluctant fruit eaters to participate too! We continue to look at online payment options and communications. We have had demos of various products but haven't yet seen one that is user friendly and offers much more than we have already (and of course they are all quite costly which means money we can't spend on other things). We are planning on buying a card reader for the office so card payments will be very straightforward. We already have BACS payments available so do contact us for those details should you wish to make online payments. In terms of communications, we will continue to use email and Facebook as our main methods alongside letters and phone calls when we really do need to get in touch. We will continue to keep a lookout for packages that do add value and convenience.

Poet in School



On Thursday 9th March we have another exciting day planned. The poet Andy Tooze will be in working with each class helping everyone to write their own funny poems. He has published 3 books of poems so far: "Green Shoots Rising", "The Poetry Bug" and "The Poetry Bug Strikes Again". He will have signed copies of the books with him that can be purchased for £5 each on the day of his visit.

Internet Safety

We continue to educate the children about internet safety and how to be careful online. This week, the children in Sycamore and Beech Classes will have Online safety workshops run by the same team who run the Life Education Bus. Please support your child's online safety at home using the relevant parental controls and regular conversations with your children.

Parents' Evening

Parent's evening will be on Wednesday 29th March. Appointment letters will be sent out soon.

Be inspired.....have belief and grow



SPORTS

We have continued to have great success in football competitions. Our team won a tournament at Morecambe FC against all local schools so they are representing Morecambe FC in a tournament at Barnsley FC on 9th March. They also won the Lancaster and Morecambe schools tournament trophy in the league they played in at Morecambe High. They have their other big game in the north east coming up too; we wish them every success in these next rounds!

We have a rugby tournament coming up soon with a team made up of boys and girls from both Sycamore and Beech Classes. We have included as many of the children who play rugby outside school as we can. Letters will come out soon.

We also have the next round of the athletics tournament coming up on 14th March in Blackpool where we will compete against teams from all over Lancashire having won the local competition for small schools. Good luck to all our sports teams, you're doing a great job!

Competitions

We have a new PTA Bake-Off competition that you will have received a flyer for. Entries are invited from children and parents. They will be judged on Monday 6th March by two of our expert baking parents: Sarah Ward and Angela Rodgers.

Remember, we also have the School Council Upcycling Competition too. Children are invited to upcycle any item that would normally be thrown away to make something useful/ decorative. Bring entries or photos of entries into school.

For both competitions, there are prizes for each category/age group. Please support these competitions.



London Visit We are getting everything in place for Beech Class' London visit. If you haven't yet paid the balance to make up the £100, please pay this ASAP. If you need the numbers for BACS payment, please contact Helen for this. We will be doing some work with the children ahead of the visit so that they get the most out of the days we are there and also know something of what to expect as we know many of them have never been to London before. The visit is a really exciting opportunity for our children to experience a complete contrast to Nether Kellet and see first hand some of the main sights of our capital, experience being in a large multi-cultural city and learn about our political system as well as sampling many cultural experiences from museums/ galleries to theatre, street theatre, the financial hub, the Thames and China Town.

Parking

The cones that we put out to prevent unsafe parking near school are heavy to move so we haven't been moving them each evening only at weekends while the nights have been dark. I am conscious, however, that they are unsightly for residents during lighter evenings and at the moment, we are without a site supervisor to move them. I am therefore going to trial removing the cones completely but the parking restrictions DO STILL APPLY. I know the majority of our parents are very much in favour of the clear zone near to the school gate to protect our children. Please ensure that anyone who drops off or collects your child (ren) knows NOT TO PARK /DRIVE NEARER TO SCHOOL THAN THE TURN OFF ON BRIDGE ROAD. This is essential for our children and parents' safety and to reduce air pollution near to school.

Best wishes, Nicki Bradbury

Term Dates: Please try to avoid holidays in term time as they can't be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.
Easter — Break up Fri 31st March 3:20pm Summer — Break up Friday 21st July 1:30pm
Return - Monday 17th April
Half term — Monday 29th May — Tuesday 6th June incl.