



# Nettlestone News



Newsletter 4

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## Upcoming Events

Seesaw Parent Workshop - Sept. 29th

- EYFS and Yr1 parents welcome at 8.50am

Year 3 Dinosaur Isle Workshop - 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Year 4 Swimming 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Yr6 The Bay - 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

Year 5 Educational Visit - 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

KS1 Celebrations - Oct. 3rd

Year 6 Showcase Assembly - Oct. 3rd

Mentoring Meetings Go Live (See Newsletter for Information) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct @ 3.15am

## Sporting Fixtures



Fri 26th Sept U11 girls Pokemon football at Ryde School

Weds 1st Oct U11 Boys football at St Mary's

Fri 3rd Oct U11 boys Football at Bembridge

Weds 8th Oct U11 Mixed Tag Rugby at Queensgate

Fri 10th Oct U9 Tag rugby at Ryde School 1.30pm leave

Mon 13th Oct U11 girls football at Oakfield

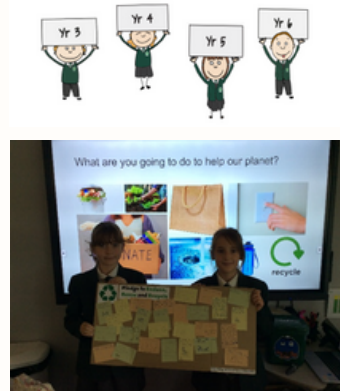
Thurs 16th Oct U11 boys Cup at St Helens



## Making a Difference- Recycling Workshop!

This week Key Stage Two had a visit on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council to discuss how we can help to save our planet with recycling.

We discussed how different items can be recycled, the three Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and also made a pledge to say how we are going to help our planet. It was also rather funny to see some of the teachers dressed as a potato (the food item that is most wasted).



## Make the Healthy Choice to join the Rat Race!

The Nettlestone Rat Race is on Sunday! The weather looks perfect for running and we would love to see all of our community taking part or just coming to enjoy the cake! As well as the adult event there is a children's 600m event starting at 10am! Make the healthy choice to be there!



Book now by scanning the QR code on the poster or sign up on the day at Nettlestone Primary School. You can even pay NOT to run!



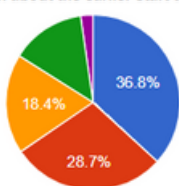
# Making a Difference - Thank you for your feedback

A big thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete our Transition Survey last week. Your feedback has been incredibly valuable in helping us understand your experiences and thoughts about the children moving to their new classes in advance of the summer break.

We're delighted to share that the majority of responses highlighted how beneficial the transition process has been for the children, supporting their confidence and sense of belonging as they settled back into school in September.

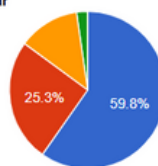
The extra thoughtful comments around what would make it even better will continue to guide us as we refine and strengthen our approach for next year!

How did you feel about the earlier start to transition this year



- Very positive - it was a great idea and well timed (32)
- Positive - it was helpful overall (25)
- Neutral - I didn't notice much
- Negative - I'm not sure it added
- Very negative - It caused confusion

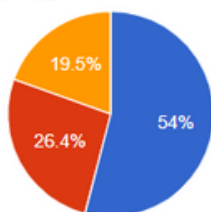
Did the extended transition period help your child feel more confident or settled about the new school year



- Yes - my child felt much more confident and ready (52)
- No - it didn't make a noticeable difference (22)
- Somewhat - there was a little improvement (11)
- Unsure - I can't say either way (2)



Do you have any suggestions for how we could improve the transition process in the future



- No - I think it worked well was (47)
- Yes (please share below)
- Not sure (17)

## Even better if...

### 1. Shorter Transition Period Preferred.

A longer transition was seen as disruptive, especially for Year 6 pupils and end-of-year activities.

### 2. Impact on Pupils and Teachers

Concerns were raised about the emotional impact on children being moved early, and the difficulty for teachers managing both outgoing and incoming classes. Some felt it affected the sense of closure for the school year.

### 3. Suggestions for Improvement

Ideas included holding events like sports day before the transition and improving communication about the transition process, perhaps having 'meet the teacher' events before the move so that children can be well supported.

## Award Winners!

For Key Stage 2 ...



Poppy J.

Ruby W.

Ben

Elijah

Amelia R.

Journey

Rose T.

Sonny



## Making Healthy Choices - Wellbeing Workshops

On Thursday afternoon, Year 3 took part in a Wellbeing workshop with Tom, an Education Mental Health Practitioner. The children learned how important it is to take care of our mental health, and about the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing': Connect, be active, keep learning, giving and be present. They made posters to help them remember these important principles and came up with their own ideas about how they can take care of themselves and others around them. They listened very carefully and engaged thoughtfully with the activities- well done year 3!



# Making it Happen - Meet our New Young Governors!

Over the past 2 weeks, pupils in Years 2–6 took part in their very own hustings to choose their class Young Governor. The Young Governor's job is to represent the views of their class and make sure that pupil voice is at the heart of improving our school.

Each candidate worked hard to write a manifesto, explaining the changes they would like to see, and shared why they believed they would make a great representative. After hearing the speeches, classes voted for the person they felt would do the job best—just like in a real election!

Mrs. Jacobs and the Pupil Leadership Team are very excited to start working with our new Young Governors. Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to those elected!



## Making a Difference to our Planet



Year 2 had an exciting and eye-opening visit with Ella from the Isle of Wight Recycling Centre, Waste Services. The children confidently shared what they already knew about recycling and the important principles of "Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse." Ella inspired the children by telling a heartfelt story about a little girl who began litter picking all by herself — and soon, everyone joined in to make a difference. This story showed the children how just one person can help protect our planet. The children also learned about the journey of plastic waste and discovered the harmful effects plastic can have when it ends up in our oceans, especially on the creatures that live there.

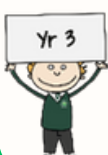
To bring the lesson to life, Ella showed a video explaining what happens at a recycling centre. She also highlighted the dangers of putting batteries into general bins and shared practical tips about how old batteries should be safely disposed of — either taken to special shops or placed in clear plastic bags on top of black bins on collection days.

The fun didn't stop there! The children had a blast getting creative by recycling old socks into cute bunnies and caterpillars, showing that recycling can be both helpful and enjoyable.

Overall, Year 2 had a memorable learning experience full of valuable lessons about caring for our environment and how small actions can lead to big changes.



## Making Healthy Choices - Free School Meals



From Year 3 upwards, children need to pay for their school dinners, unless they qualify for free school meals.

Click for the [link](#) to apply for free school meals with the information on who can claim.



## Making it Happen - Year 5 visit the Aquarium

The Solent Savers were absolutely fantastic ambassadors for Nettlestone Primary on their trip to 'The Blue Reef Aquarium'. They had the opportunity to tour the aquarium and observe many different species of marine life. The main purpose of our visit was to expand our understanding of the term ecology and how to become more eco-aware as part of our focus on the climate change agenda this academic year. The workshop was very informative and Year 5 learnt all about ecology, eco-awareness and micro-plastics and their impact.



## Reminders - Please leave toys at home!



Just a quick reminder to all families — please make sure children are not bringing valuable toys or personal items into school. This includes trading cards, and keyring bag charms which are super popular right now! Although swapping cards and keyrings can be fun, it can also get a bit tricky, especially for younger children who might not fully understand how a trade works. We've had a few upset faces recently, and we'd love to avoid that. So, let's keep those special things safe at home and save the swapping for trusted friends and family away from school. Thanks so much for your support!

## Assembly this week...

This week, in assembly, Mrs. Jacobs announced the names of the children who were successful in their campaign to be the new Young Governors for each class. Related to this, and because our value this week continues to be 'Democracy', Mrs. Jacobs read 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright. The message of this book is that everyone has a mouse and a lion inside of them, in that we can feel small but act with confidence and speak out. This linked very well to the idea that a Government represents the people and although one person may feel insignificant, they can speak out to the people that represent them - in our case in school - the Young Governors!



## School Dinners - menu for next week

w/c 29th Sept	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	UPDATE	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	BBQ Chicken & Rice	Roast Pork & Roast Potatoes	Battered Fish & Chips	Beef Burger & Wedges
Vegetarian	Broccoli & Leek Tart	Macaroni Cheese	Butternut Squash Bake & Roast Potatoes	Veggie Fingers & Chips	Quorn Burger & Wedges
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Banoffee Pie	Ginger Biscuit & Fruit	Strawberry Ice Cream



**School dinners are now £3.10**  
**ALL DINNERS MUST BE PAID FOR AT THE POINT OF ORDER**

