Nettlestone Primary School

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News from Nettlestone Primary School

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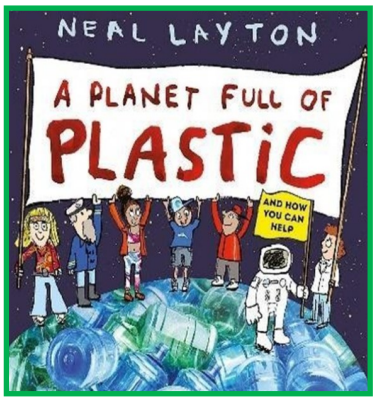
20th September 2024 VALUE OF THE WEEK: QUALITY/EXPECTAIONS

WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Our theme of High Expectations and Quality continued for this week and the children were able to agree that they were all trying their best in the classroom.

Mrs Jacobs reminded them about our presentation and handwriting expectations and said that teachers would really be focusing on this.

Together they listened to 'This Pretty Planet' by Tom Chapin to complement the story 'A Planet full of Plastic and How You Can Help' by Neal Layton.



The children understood the link and learnt all about plastic, how it was discovered, how it is made and how it is useful but also bad for our planet. The 'reduce, reuse, recycle' message was explored together.

All staff have reminded the children about the Young Governor elections that will be taking place this week. The children were excited to hear about the chance to become their class representative on the Young Governing body and many children stated that they would be working on their manifestos.

Good luck to all of the class candidates!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE—SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING CONSULTATION

As you may be aware the consultation has today commenced (20th September) to consider the closure of the six identified schools and expansion of special educational needs places across the Island. This process will run until the 1st November with the findings being reported to Cabinet in December. During this period, the Local Authority will also be undertaking a number of consultation meetings across the Island within the impacted schools.

Below is a link to the online survey which parents are invited to access to ensure all views are captured and the LA remain abreast of current thinking. Please do find the time to make a comment and share your views if you want to influence the decision making process.

Online Survey: https://forms.office.com/e/mkqS7PGbNK

WHAT AN AMAZING START TO SPORTS!

First games of the year and our Year 6 team did us proud showing excellent team play and work rate throughout. Taking part in the Pokémon Cup we were up against Bembridge and Newchurch to see who could make it through to the Finals. In our first game against Bembridge, the team had more possession and territory but couldn't break down the well drilled defence and after a long kick up the pitch Bembridge managed to score to win the game 1-0. In the second game against Newchurch, the Blue Army scored after only 10 seconds! But the green team remained resilient and battled back to finish winning 2-1. In the final game Newchurch beat Bembridge 1-0, so all teams were level with 3 points and a 0 goal difference.

We took part in a 3 way penalty shootout, up against Bembridge we narrowly lost 3-2, against Newchurch we won on sudden death but unfortunately Bembridge managed to beat Newchurch to go through as winners.

They were very close games and all the teams deserved to go through. Well done to all.

#gogreenarmy

MISSION FOR THE WEEKEND?

Do you have any old unwanted football boots, shin pads or goalie gloves? If so we would love to take them off your hands and share them with the community. We often have children playing their first ever games and understandably don't want to buy brand new boots. Please bring them in and pass on to the next generation!

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN— KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK!

MONDAY 23rd	TUESDAY 24TH	WEDNESDAY 25TH	THURSDAY 26TH	FRIDAY 27TH
Farm Yr4 Swimming Hustings for Young Governors start				KS2 Celebration Assembly Yr4 River Trip (weather permitting) Yr6 Showcase Assembly Parent Forum

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

Parents of children in Year 6 will be aware that the window for secondary school applications is now open. The closing dates for applications is midnight on **31st October 2023**.

To aid parents with making this difficult decision our local secondary schools are offering a series of open day/ evening events. Please take a look at the list of arrangements on offer and prioritise the setting that you may wish to visit to make a visit happen!

School/ College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	01/10/2024	5-8pm
Christ the King College	19/09/2024	5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	1st—24th October	Open month Please call 01983 203103 to reserve a tour space
Island Free School	12/10/2024	9.30am—1pm
Medina College	26/09/2024	5-8pm
Ryde Academy	09/10/2024	
Ryde School	05/10/2024	10am-12.30pm
The Bay CE School	03/10/2024	5-8pm
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	03/10/24	9.30am –12.00pm

WE CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES - WEARING CORRECT UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who has looked super smart at the start of term in their neat and tidy school uniform. Please can we remind all families that extra large hair accessories, painted nails and adornments such as friendship bracelets should be saved and worn at the weekends rather than at school. Please make it your 'mission possible' this weekend to remove any unwanted items before returning to school on Monday.

Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM	PE KIT - WITH NETTLESTONE LOGO
Bottle green polo shirt with school logo Years 1/2 only Year R/1/2 - Bottle green polo shirt with school logo Years 3//4/5/6 - White shirt and school tie Year 5/6 - School blazer (optional)	Green PE shirt
Bottle green v necked jumper or cardigan with school logo	Black PE Shorts
Grey trousers	Black hoody and tracksuit bottoms
Grey knee length skirt	Trainers
Optional grey shorts	All items are available from Pendle on http://nettlestone-primary-school.footballkit.co.uk The company will add initials which is advised to avoid lost property. Please see website for size guide and information on garmets.
Optional green gingham dress	
Grey, black or white socks or grey tights	
Black sensible school shoes, not trainers or fashion style	
Simple hair ties – no fancy bows or head bands please and only school colours.	
A pair of welly boots (any colour) to keep in school (Reception to Year 2 only)	

All items with the school logo can be purchased from Kids and Co in Ryde all other items can be purchased from wherever you prefer to shop.

POETRY CORNER

Yesterday was officially International Talk Like A Pirate Day! With this in mind we have chosen a Pirate Poem this week—can your children read and share the poem on Seesaw?

Pirate Pete by James Carter

We would love to see your children reading and sharing the poem on Seesaw.

Pirate Pete
had a ship on the sea
had a fish for his tea
had a peg for a knee
and a tiny little parrot called...Polly

Pirate Pete
had a book with a map
had a skull on his cap
had a cat on his lap
and another little parrot called...Dolly

Pirate Pete
had a trunk full of treasure
had a belt made of leather
had a cap with a feather
and another little parrot called...Jolly

Pirate Pete
had a patch on his eye
had a flag he would fly
had a plank way up high
and another little parrot called...Molly

So, Pirate Pete
and the parrots four
they sailed the world
from shore to shore –
collecting gold
and gifts galore.
And that's their tale

there is no more!

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025

The Isle of Wight Council has confirmed the dates that parents will be able to register their children for primary school admissions, for the September 2025 school year.

Due to the recent school place planning communication, there will be a slight delay in parents being able to register their children for primary school places.

The window for those children due to start primary school in September 2025 opens on **Monday 18 November 2024** and closes midnight **Wednesday 15 January 2025**. With places being confirmed on National Offer Day on **Wednesday 16 April 2025**

Councillor Jonathan Bacon, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education said 'The decision has been made to postpone the date for primary school admissions this year to allow extra time to support school staff through the sensitivities of the school place planning process. Giving them the space needed to process recent information and to help ensure everyone's wellbeing is our priority."

If you are thinking about Nettlestone Primary School for your child please note that we will be hosting tours of the school from **1st October onwards**. Please contact the school office to book a visit should you be keen to come and see us in action!

FONS Friends of Nettlestone School

Calling all runners...Make the Nettlestone RAT Run our mission possible this September !

It's just over two weeks to go until the Nettlestone RAT Race - our biggest fundraiser of the year - on Sunday 29th September. This year we are delighted that the main race will be started by Nettlestone alumni Major General Sir Martin White.

The running events include 3 distances to choose from: a 5-mile course; a 5km course and a children's 600m race. Many families from our community and beyond enter and run the course together. We are so lucky to be sponsored by Hovertravel and Grace's Bakery, and this year's entrants' raffle is shaping-up to be better than ever with Ryde Superbowl tickets, running shoes, wine vouchers and much more up-for-grabs.

Early bird discount ends this weekend so enter right away and we'll see you on the start line!

Love, The FONs Team

PS. Please come and have a drink with us this Tuesday at The Mermaid Bar, Pondwell from 7pm

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SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

Preschool little learners have been independently exploring both our indoor and outdoor learning environments. The children's continuing interest in constructions has given us lots of opportunities to use both our gross motor and fine motor skills and lots of size, shape and measurement language. Outside the children used the large scale construction working together to build a bus and imaginatively took a trip to Tapnell Farm. Inside the children have built, houses, garages, wildlife sanctuaries and towers.

Reception have had a busy week! Along with having our photos on Tuesday, Reception have been learning new phonemes and we have also begun blending some of our new phonemes! We have listened to the story of the Three Little Pigs this week, making our own stories and puppets to retell the story. This has linked to our number learning as well. We have learnt about number 5 and begun consolidating our learning about numbers 1-5 a little more by looking at patterns and ways to make these numbers. We have also been busy planting bulbs and making signs for our outdoor space, explaining what the flowers will be and also protecting our flowers.

What a great week we have had in Rosen class! We finished all our learning on We're Going on a Bear Hunt and the children worked really hard to remember a capital letter, full stop and finger space when writing their captions! In computing we learnt about the different parts of a laptop and even practised using our mouse skills. We continued our learning in maths and have been using tens frames to represent numbers to 10 and looking at one more and one less. The class have really been focusing on their number formations this week. In Science we investigated which material would be the most waterproof. We used our fine motor skills to use pipettes to drip water on various materials in order to keep a teddy bear dry! Well done Year 1!

This week in Foster Class, we have been learning about expanded noun phrases to describe the troll. We used information from the book and our expanded noun phrases then to write our great descriptions of the troll. In Maths, we have been recognising and building tens and ones numbers. This week Buddy the Bee has been to Australia. We found out the different types of animals that we could see, musical instruments we could play and famous landmarks that we could visit. In Computing, we have been using the laptops where we have named the main parts of a computer, switched it on and logged on as well as using the mouse pad or a mouse to click and drag. Our Science investigation was to find out which rocks were the least crumbly. We used great vocabulary to describe the rocks.

This week, we have very much enjoyed our introduction to our latest text for our learning journey, 'Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob)'. We loved the fact that alongside the words in the story, the pictures actually showed a whole other chain of events. Bob thinks aliens don't exist, but as he is going about his daily work, it seems that they are popping up everywhere, without him seeing! We have continued working on place value to 1000 in maths and have started to put numbers on number lines going up in scales of 1, 10 and 100. We have enjoyed the challenge of working out the scale of number lines and also exploring different ways in which numbers can be partitioned. We were amazing in our first Spanish lesson and enjoyed playing games to help us practise our Spanish. Miss Beale was very impressed with the care we took in pronouncing words and some days we have even answered the register in Spanish.

Another busy week in Zephaniah class. Year 4 are really enjoying their swimming sessions at Waterside. We have continued with our work on figurative language in English this week looking at using similes, metaphors and personification to add detail. We have also performed some funny descriptive poems in class as well working on our oracy skills. In Geography this week we investigated the question 'Do all of the continents have rivers?' We enjoyed our Science investigation this week where we learnt about dissolving and investigated what happens when water is added to a plate of skittles. We thelanned a further investigation to see whether the amount of water added or the size of the skittles affected what happened. We've continued our place value work in Maths looking at 1,10,100,1000 more or less than a given number as well as number lines to 10,000.

This week in Blake Class, we have been exploring other forms of animal themed poetry in preparation for writing our own. Our poetry will be inspired by the works of William Blake. In Maths, we have continued building on our place value knowledge and have focused on identifying numbers on a number line and adding powers of 10 to a number. Our Geography learning has prepared us for our visit to the Garlic Farm next week and we have also had the opportunity to attend an online workshop with a geologist. This has enabled us to learn more about this career path, but also expand our knowledge of fossils as part of our Science learning.

In Year 6 this week we explored our rich text 'Change Sings' by Amanda Gorman. We focused on the purpose of the poem, and with reference to the poem, we decided that it entertains, informs and persuades us. The language, the illustrations and Amanda Gorman's passion inspire readers to make changes. In our Maths lessons, we have continued to consolidate and apply our knowledge and understanding of place value of numbers up to 10,000,000. Our observations in our Geography lesson were superb. We were asked to think about a picture that depicted survivors of an 'extreme earth' event (i.e. an earthquake). We discussed the issues facing survivors and how their lives are impacted by these extreme events.

CONVERSATION STARTERS!

Want to know what your children have been learning this week? Here are some conversation starters that may help you talk to them about what they have been up to in class!

PRE-SCHOOL

Talk to me about...size, shape and measure.
Words to use...small, tiny, tall, large, long, short.
Tips for the week...join in at home with our rhyme of the week.
We have been reading... Incredible you! By Rhys Brisenden.

YEAR R

Talk to me about... our favourite things and why we all have things and people that are special to us.

Words to use... i for iguana, n for net, m for mouse and d for dinosaur.

Tips for the week... to practise counting to 5 or making 5 using different objects or looking for 5 in our environments.

We have been reading... The Three Little Pigs.

YEAR 1

Talk to me about... technology!

Words to use... staying safe, computer, mouse, keyboard, screen, laptop.

Tips for the week... can you spot technology when you're out and about? How does it help us?

We have been reading... My Dad's Got an Alligator by Jeremy Strong.

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... Australia.

Words to use...kangaroo, koala, didgeridoo, Ayer's rock, Bondi beach, Boomerang, Sydney Opera House.

Tips for the week..... use describing words (adjectives) to create expanded noun phrases, e.g. 'the tall, wooden gate' or 'a warm, milky hot chocolate'. Remember to use a comma between the adjectives.

We have been reading... Three Billy Goats Gruff by Alison Edgson and The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl.

YEAR 3

Talk to me about Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob).

Words to use... rocket ship, launch pad, craters, astronauts, aliens

Tips for the week...encourage your child to think about using language to vividly describe the characters in the story, when they tell you about it.

We have been reading.... Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob).

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... whether every continent has a river, our performance poems, skittles science investigation and number lines to 10,000.

Words to use... more, less, number lines, investigations, dissolving, continent and rivers.

Tips for the week... continue to learn your times tables and common exception words.

We have been reading... The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold.

YEAR 5

Talk to me about...how to show possession and contraction using an apostrophe

Words to use...apostrophe, singular possession (one person/ thing), plural possession (more than one person/thing).

Tips for the week...remember when marking a number on a number line, you have accurately calculated/marked each of the intervals to help with your counting/positioning on a number line.

We have been reading... Lightning Mary by Angela Simmons and poetry from 'Songs of Innocence and Experience' by William Blake.

YEAR 6

Talk to me about ...the picture of the aftermath of the earthquake in Turkey. What did I notice?

Words to use... impact, aid, survivor, extreme event.

Tips for the week... keep adding your reading at home to Boomreader! We enjoy reading your reviews and recommendations.

We have been reading... Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. Will Queenie feed Olive and Cliff?

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—MOBILE PHONES

Please be reminded that mobile phones have to be **handed in to the school office** should they be required for safeguarding purposes i.e. children walking home independently. Should pupils' mobile phones be seen or heard in school they will be kept in the office and parents advised to collect at a time convenient to them.

WE CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

Next week, Monday 23rd—Friday 27th September, is official Cycle to School Week 2024!

The benefits of cycling are clear for all as it helps us get healthier, helps us to protect the environment, is a much cheaper way to travel as well as being really good fun!

For those that are able to, safely, we would like our families to pledge to cycle to school everyday but other pledges might also include:

- Swap one car journey for cycling
- Discover somewhere new to go on a bike ride
- Go on a cycle ride with my family

Pledging is for everyone, no matter how you travel. Please make the healthy choice to get on your bike next week and share your cycling pictures with us on Seesaw.

GREEN ISLE OF WIGHT WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As energy prices are set to rise by 10% in October, just as households begin to switch on their heating, Green Isle of Wight is supporting the community with their EnergyWise service.

The service aims to help households reduce their energy usage and manage their bills.

EnergyWise offers practical solutions to improve energy efficiency and reduce costs, providing personalised home energy advice tailored to individual needs. One of the service's standout features is the availability of free home energy surveys by qualified staff, including thermal imaging, allowing households to identify key areas where they can make savings.

Key features of the EnergyWise advice service include:

- · Personalised energy advice: Tailored recommendations based on individual household needs.
- · Free home energy surveys: Expert analysis of your home to identify potential energy savings.
- · Practical solutions: From no-cost changes to more substantial energy efficiency upgrades, they can help find what works for you and any grants that might be available.
- · Support and guidance: Friendly, knowledgeable advisors are available to answer any questions and guide you through the process.

For those worried about their energy usage and the impact of rising costs, EnergyWise offers an accessible, supportive solution to help reduce energy consumption and keep bills manageable.

Book an initial home assessment by visiting the website - https://www.greeniow.org.uk/energywise if you think this could make a difference to your household.

Celebration Assembly

Jack H, Edie, Ziggy P., Shai, Georgia

WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria for free school meals can be found at: apply for free school meals.

We would encourage any parent who has faced a change in personal circumstances, perhaps related to the cost of living crisis, to consider the criteria and apply if they are eligible.

Free School Meals
Are you entitled?

If the application is approved eligibility can open a gateway to a host of additional benefits for your child including supporting the purchase of school uniform, funding for school trips, additional in-class support.

Please call the school office should you require any further information.

Lunchtime Menu – from Chartwells

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausage & Mash	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Broccoli Bake	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta	Veggie Sausage & Mash	Cheese & Onion Pasty, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce	Quorn Dippers & Chips
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie & Fruit	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream

Please don't forget to order your meals on School Money before you come to school on Monday!