



NEWSLETTER



A POSITIVE VISIT FROM OUR CEO – MRS AMANDA BENNETT

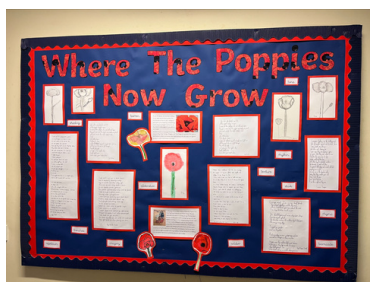
On Monday last week, we welcomed the CEO of our Trust, Great Heights, into school to see the progress we have made since Ofsted visited school last November. Mrs Bennett spent time visiting all of the classes and speaking to both the children and teachers about their learning; she commented on how **‘engaged and focused’** children were in their classrooms and said the school had **‘a calm and purposeful learning atmosphere’**. She also toured school looking at classroom learning environments and corridor displays commenting on how our working walls were **‘supporting children in their learning’**. We are really proud of how far we have already come and the positive steps forward we have made; we now look forward to celebrating further improvements together over the coming year.

OUR ENVIRONMENT

You may have noticed our fantastic new signage which was put up during half term. Over the Christmas break, we will be having a fence built around school to ensure that we are keeping all of our children safe both inside and outside of the building. Here are our newly elected school councillors proudly showcasing our new sign at the bottom gate.



In both classrooms and corridors around school, we are celebrating children's learning. Take a look at some of our fantastic work:



In Art lessons in Y6, children have been learning about site specific art and in Y5 they have been developing their observational drawing skills linked to their poetry in English.



EVERY LESSON, EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY

As the winter weather approaches, we would like to remind all parents and carers that children may attend school with minor illnesses, such as a slight cough or a cold. It is imperative that children are in school on time every day in order to not miss out on any key learning.

We have seen a real improvement in our whole school attendance since September and would like this to continue to rise to ensure that all children are accessing their learning every day. Please continue to make every effort to ensure your children are in school every day for every lesson including the early morning task which starts at 8:40am. A huge thank you to everyone who has already made positive changes towards this!





CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

On Wednesday 20th November, Miss Mahon, Mrs Hill, Caleb and Alice attended the Kirklees Hero Recycling Award Ceremony at Dewsbury Town Hall celebrating Recycling Heroes across Kirklees. We are thrilled to announce that Nields Academy won the school recycling category and Mrs Hill was Highly Commended for her efforts as Recycling Hero - well done all!



A polite reminder to all children that large backpacks, toys, keyrings etc are not permitted to be brought into school. Children must bring a small bag which fits their reading record, reading book, homework and water bottle in it. Snacks should be fruit only.

PTFA

We have a small but active PTFA at the moment who, over the years, have contributed massively to our school. **They need more people to join them. Contact the school office for more details.** The PTFA will be running a Christmas Raffle and continue to run the 50/50 lottery so please remember to get involved!

READING FRIENDS

We would love more people with a little time on their hands to come in to school once or twice a week to listen to some of our children read. This is a lovely experience for everybody involved and really helps to boost the fluency of children who need it. Please contact Mrs Travers if you can offer a morning or an afternoon.

SOCIAL MEDIA AT NIELDS

Look out for a bigger social media presence soon from Nields on Facebook and Instagram. Please visit our new website if you haven't had chance to look already.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Wednesday 4th December - Y5 Trip to the Tolson Museum linked to their Roman topic

Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th December - Y6 Residential Trip to Robinwood

Monday 16th December - EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties

Tuesday 17th December - Y3, Y4 and Y5 Christingle at St James' Church

Wednesday 18th December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performances

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Dinner Day and KS2 Christmas Parties

Please continue to check emails and Seesaw for further information.

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