



# NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME BACK TO NIELDS ACADEMY!

We hope you had a fantastic summer filled with fun, relaxation, and exciting adventures. As we gear up for another wonderful school year, we're thrilled to see so many familiar faces, as well as some new ones! It's wonderful to see everyone looking smart and ready for the new school year. From shiny new uniforms to freshly sharpened pencils, we are starting the year off with enthusiasm and an excellent attitude towards our learning. We're confident that this will be a year filled with growth, learning, and a lot of fun!

We would like to give a special shoutout and warm welcome to our newest Niels family members – the Reception class of 2024! We're so excited to meet you and watch you begin this amazing journey of learning and discovery. Your first day was full of smiles, curiosity, and the promise of new friendships. We know you're going to do great things here at Niels!

A big thank you from Miss Mahon, our new Principal, to everyone for making her feel so welcome in her first couple of weeks at Niels.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

On Monday, we celebrated 100% attendance across school which is a fantastic achievement and one we would like to celebrate more often! As we continue to work together this year to foster a supportive and engaging learning environment, we encourage everyone to maintain this positive momentum and ensure that pupils are present and in classrooms ready to learn by 8:50am every school day. Your commitment to this plays a pivotal role in our shared goal of maximizing each child's potential - every child, every lesson, every day. We have made attendance and punctuality a focus for the academic year and urge you to support us in understanding that regular presence in the classroom is crucial for your child's success and development.

May we also take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that now the children are settled, all children should be dropped off at the door and adults should not be coming into school on a morning or at pick up. A message can be passed on to the class teacher through the adult stood at the door or a meeting / phone call can be arranged through the school office.

## READING AT NIELDS

Over the past couple of weeks, class teachers have ensured that each pupil has both a 'love to read' and a 'learn to read' book alongside a new reading record and bookmark. Learn to read books are based on either your child's RWI phonics assessment or their PM benchmark level - staff are currently working hard to assess all children to ensure they are at the correct level now they are in their new year groups. It is imperative that your child brings their book home each day and returns it to school the following day. Children should be aiming to read for around 10/15 minutes at home to an adult three times a week and if they read 3x in a week they will be given a reading raffle ticket and entered into our half termly draw to win a trip down to choose a new book from our local bookshop 'A New Leaf'.



## READING VOLUNTEERS

Last year, we had an amazing team of reading volunteers who supported different classes each week by reading with individual children. This year, we are looking to expand our team in order to offer an adult to each class! If you could spare an hour or two of your time each week and would be interested in sharing books with our wonderful children and supporting them with their reading, please get in touch with Mrs Travers via the school office for further information.

## FOREST SCHOOL THURSDAYS

This morning in our Celebration Assembly, we celebrated winning 1st place for 'a basket of vegetables and/or herbs displayed for effect' in the schools category of the Horticultural Society Show - well done to all involved!

We look forward to another year working with Mrs Hill in our wonderful Nields Garden. This half term, Mrs Hill will be working with EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 to further enhance and support their curriculum and topics!



We would like to share some exciting news that Mrs Brooke (our Reception Teacher) is expecting her second baby around Christmas time. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Brooke and her family. Plans are already in place to find a teacher to work with our Reception children during Mrs Brooke's maternity leave.

### Diary Dates:

- **18/9/24 at 6pm - Y6 meeting for all Y6 parents and carers - see Arbor email for further information**
- **27/9/24 at 2pm - Macmillian Coffee Afternoon with PTFA in the garden - more information to follow**

Please continue to check both Arbor and Seesaw (the main office can help if you are struggling to access either of these platforms) and stay tuned for more information about upcoming events and activities including regular updates on your child's learning in the classroom. We have a lot of exciting things planned for this year, and we can't wait to share them with you!

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all our families for your ongoing support and dedication. Your encouragement and involvement play a vital role in making Nields Academy a special place for our pupils and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you across the year.

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead. Let's make it one filled with learning, laughter, and lots of happy memories

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