



**Nelson  
Academy**

## NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Whole school  
attendance percentage  
for week ending:  
07/03/2014**

**96%**

London	92.2%	Durham	94.8%
Belfast	95.0%	Lancaster	97.6%
Cambridge	96.0%	Warwick	96.3%
Leeds	95.7%	Exeter	98.6%
Norwich	94.7%	York	98.7%
Bristol	90.6%	Oxford	97.9%

### Diary Dates 2014

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Future Fair Year 5 and 6  
**Wednesday 2nd April :** Dress Rehearsal to the School

**Thursday 3rd April:** Theatre Club: Little Mermaid Production

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Theatre Club: Little Mermaid Production

### Writing Challenge Team presentation to parents

The date planned for this was Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March. This will now need to be **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Parents of these children are invited to the 9.10am assembly. Apologies for having to change the date. Mrs Westall

### **Maths Challenge**

Well done to all of the children in the Maths Challenge Team who presented their project in assembly. This is what the Maths Challenge Team means to the children involved:

'I've got better at team work and algebra'  
'It is a great way of being social while still learning.'  
'While we were making our zoo there was a lot of Art involved too.'  
'Even when times were tough we tried our best.'



### WATER BOTTLES

1 or 2 parents have queried our policy on children's drinks with me this week. Our policy (and the policy that is common across all of the Downham cluster schools) is that children have unlimited access to water all day. They may bring a squash or fruit drink with a packed lunch, but water bottles should only contain water.

I hope this clarifies the situation.



*It's Sport Relief next Friday, don't forget to dress up in your sporting gear!*

*Sport Relief biscuits will be on sale 50p and wristbands for KS2 £1.*

*All donations and money raised going to support the charity.*

## "Things to do with your child before they leave primary school"

### Make a trail with sticks

**From the book:** 100 things to do before you are 11 and 3/4 quarters!



## FUTURE FAIR

I am looking for more volunteers to take part in our **Future Fair** event for Year 5 and 6 children on **Friday 28th March from 2pm - 4pm**. If you feel you could come along and represent your job, having a stand and answering children's questions then please see **Mrs Westall** as soon as possible. The last few years the event has been a real success and children have been inspired. **Parents of Year 5 and 6 children are invited to this event from 2.30pm.**

### DURHAM, LANCASTER AND WARWICK

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
2.00 – 3.00  
Numeracy Café

Tickets for The Little Mermaid JR are on sale.  
Tickets will cost £2 each.

The show is being performed on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th April at 6.30pm.

We don't have long now until the production so it is essential that all children come to all rehearsals and learn their song words and lines. The next rehearsals are:

**Monday 17th in Norwich Class 3.30 - 4.30.** We will be doing a line and song run, so everyone that has lines needs to be there please, and they need to have practised lines.

**Friday 21st in the hall 3.30 - 5.00.** Everyone needs to be there. We will be running through the second half so please check lines and song words for this section (Ursula's Lair - end).

During the summer months when the weather is warmer girls will be allowed to wear blue checked summer dresses with their Nelson Academy cardigans. Boys can wear grey school shorts as in previous years. The children continue to look very smart.

Thank you for your cooperation in this.

### Parents are invited in to our Friday celebration assemblies. Please see below:

#### HALF TERM

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Year 3 parents

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 parents

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Nursery parents.

## VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a reliable, hard working cleaner. This is a permanent position and the hours are 3.30 - 5.45 daily. We are also looking for people to cover cleaning staff absences that we can call upon at short notice. If you are interested please collect an application form from the office.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Sunday 23rd March

Shouldham Warren Cross Country

Mrs Frances Rayner will be there with the running shirts.

Meet at 10.30 am for a warm up.



To celebrate Easter we are inviting children to make an Easter bonnet at home for a parade in our final assembly this term on Friday 4th April.

Children can wear these bonnets to school this day.

There will be an Easter bonnet parade at 2.45pm on the last day when children will be parading around the field.

Parents are invited to come along and stand along the long path on the school field at 2.45pm. This will be weather dependent.

### BOOK FAIR

We have a travelling book fair visiting us from Monday 17th March until Friday 21st March. Children will be able to use their World Book Day tokens towards the cost of any book above £2.99.

Please come along and have a look at the wide selection of books available.

If there is anybody willing to help run it during that week, from 3.10 - 3.45 please call into the office and let Mrs Banks know. Thank you.

**If your child is being collected by another adult at the end of the school day. Please can you ensure that staff are informed either verbally or by letter in the morning.**

**Only in an emergency situation should the school be notified by telephone of any changes regarding collection of children.**



The new Nelson Academy website is now live - the link is:

<http://nelsonacademy.co.uk/>

Here there are links to: classes, staff, weekly newsletters, purchasing uniform, a direct email link that you can inform the school of when your child is absent and many other useful items.