



# Nevill Road Junior School

## Parent Newsletter 7 - Autumn Term 2018

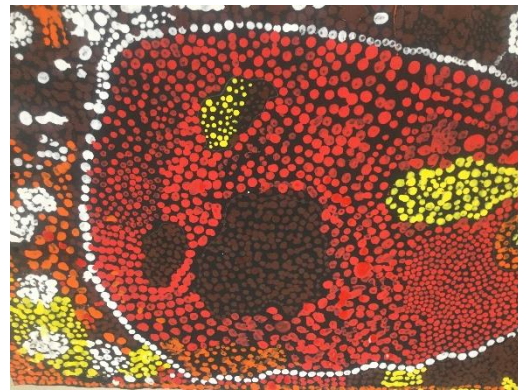


Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a **LOT** going on at the Junior School over the past couple of weeks and much more to come. We work hard to update information as much as possible and send reminders on a regular basis. Please keep checking the website, newsletter and parent app for all the information you need.

### Let's Get Cultural

Last week, we welcomed visitors from a variety of different cultures, who delivered workshops for all the children to experience. These included Indian Stick Dancing, Japanese Origami, Tai Chi and Pakistani Craft. It was lovely to see all of the children learning together across the school.



### Coffee and Calculations

The first of these events took place for families of Year 5 and 6. Parents said that the sessions were, 'Very useful, well prepared and a very good use of time.' 'Very informative and helpful - more please!' We will be providing future events for Year 3 and 4 families after Christmas. Please look out for these dates on the website calendar and the posters that went home earlier in the term. Thank you to Mrs Jordan for preparing these sessions with the class teachers.



## Co-op membership scheme.

Please use the link below to back us if you are already a coop member or would like to become one if you are not already! This means we will receive 1% of all the money spent on Co-op branded products by members who choose to back our cause. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/29237#>

So far we have raised £17.62 - every little bit is hugely appreciated as all the money we raise will help pay for the trim trail and games area, which has cost the school £22,000. Unfortunately, the many grant applications that have been applied for, have not been successful and therefore the school will also be heavily subsidising the resurfacing work that has taken place. We will keep trying to find ways to raise more funds and appreciate all the support you are giving the school in this matter.

## Year 4 Greek Day

Last Tuesday Year 4 were visited by two Ancient Greek citizens - Penelope from Athens and Andros from Sparta. A full day of activities was enjoyed by all children and included sessions on the democracy and art of Athens, how Sparta went to war, dancing Zorba and performing a play. Year 4 had to decide by the end of the day if they would prefer to be a citizen of Sparta or Athens. Despite the more positive treatment of women, most children preferred the prospect of a life in Athens' society rather than the stark, war-like philosophy of Sparta. Many children dressed for the occasion and wore the laurel leaf head-dresses they had made earlier in the term. The whole of Year 4 enjoyed stepping back in time to Ancient Greece!

Emelia: 'I liked learning about the differences between Athens and Sparta and about the entertainment.'

Lucy: 'I thought it was really interesting because we learned more about things we'd learnt in class, such as about Ancient Greek weapons and what happened when you died in Sparta.'

Lucas: 'I enjoyed playing the Greek board game Patteia (which is Greek for pebbles) and the performance in the afternoon was fun.'

Talin: 'It was interesting learning about the fierce Spartans, holding some real weapons with Andros and handling artefacts with Penelope - the Athenian Lady.'



## ★ FANTASTIC FINISHES

This week has been the turn of Year 3 and 4 to share with families, the fantastic learning that has been taking place this term.

Year 6 will be making modrock creatures on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** and Year 5 will be selling items at their Tudor Market on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Make sure you don't miss out!!

## The Respect Charter

Unfortunately staff in schools across Stockport are experiencing more and more types of unacceptable behaviour from parents and visitors, particularly on social media. Therefore, the Local Authority and Unions have been working with schools to put together a 'Respect Charter' and a 'Parent and Visitor Behaviour Policy'. These can both be found on the school website. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss, in the first instant, please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher. We are always happy to help but may not always be able to respond immediately, due to the busy day to day running of the school.

## Staffing news

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to one of our members of staff, who has been at Nevill Road Junior School for many years. Mrs Clarke has made the difficult decision to move on to a completely different career and we all wish her the very best for her new adventure. Therefore, Miss Thomas will be joining the staff team in the role of HLTA and like Miss Robinson is a fully qualified teacher as well as an art and drama specialist. Mrs Jowett will also be joining the team as a teaching assistant, supporting children in Y5 and Y6.

We are very excited to be welcoming Miss Dean back after her maternity leave and I have managed to persuade Mr Roscoe to stay for an extra week to help her settle back in to her new class and role.

Thank you as always for your continuing support.

Kind regards

Judi Cliff  
Headteacher

Please find below the diary dates for the next two weeks to ensure you do not miss out on any of the events taking place.

## DECEMBER

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	- Year 6 Parents, 'Fantastic Finish' morning 9.15am
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	- Year 4 Christmas Show 2.00pm
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	- Year 5 Parents, 'Fantastic Finish' afternoon 2.00pm - Year 4 Christmas Show 6.00pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	- Christmas jumper day - Christmas dinner - Christmas fair 4.00pm - 7.00pm
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	- Miss Dean is back!!
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	- Year 3 Christmas concert 2.15pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	- Last day of term and Mr Roscoe's last day.

\*\*\*Please note school starts again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January\*\*\*

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