



Nechells Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

The second national lockdown has now commenced but it is heartening to see the school routine is continuing as normal for pupils. This week as part of our Aspirational programme we welcomed Rhys Williams, a senior BBC journalist virtually, who spoke about the skills and qualifications needed to work in the industry. Children were given an opportunity to ask questions regarding having a career in journalism – in future we may have inspired the next David Dimbleby or Fiona Bruce!

Remembrance Day is taking place next Wednesday. Some of our Year 6 pupils have been working hard at lunchtimes selling poppies and other items to raise money – you can already see some budding sales entrepreneurs in the making!

Yesterday our canteen provider Aspens provided pupils with a traditional bonfire night lunchtime menu, of burgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob and other items being served. Pupils enjoyed their special treat.

As the first week back comes to a close, I would just like to wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs L Mahony
Headteacher



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



Taking care of ourselves is essential so we can continue to help others and be our best. As the saying goes "you can't pour from an empty cup".

Remember: self-care is not selfish it is necessary! Self-care is any activity that we do to promote positive mental, emotional and/or physical health. Self-care is important to reduce anxiety and improve mood. It also helps us to feel better, recharge and take care of ourselves.

We have attached a parent's self-care checklist. With the second lockdown beginning it is more important than ever to practice self-care.

Attached is a list of ideas to recharge and unwind, tick those that help you or that you are currently doing. Are there any on this list you haven't tried? What would you add to the list? We have left space at the bottom for you to add your own self-care ideas.

Black History month - October

Last month we celebrated the lives of significant people who have made history for Black History Month. We looked at people who are from black or minority backgrounds to promote our ethos of inclusion, diversity and tolerance.

Across the school we have learned about the lives of Rosa Parks, (who helped bring equal rights to black people across the world), the Windrush movement and the four extraordinary women who helped get American astronauts into space for the very first time (Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Mann).

Please ask your child to tell you all about what they have learnt.

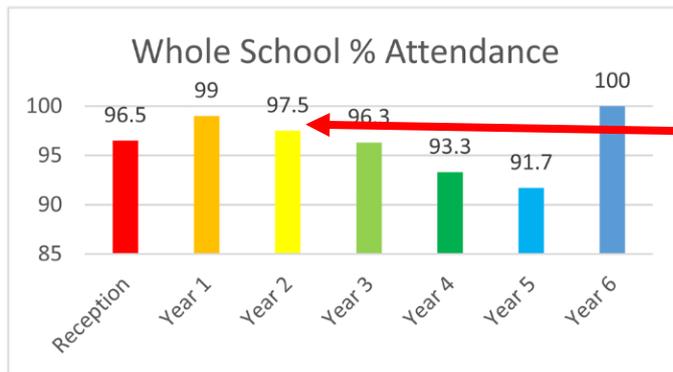
Key dates for your diary



9 th – 13 th November	Anti-Bullying week
11 th November	Remembrance Day
13 th November	Children in Need
14 th November	Diwali
13 th December	Christmas jumper day in support of Save the Children charity
18 th December	Term end – normal school day
05 th January 2021	New term starts

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to **Year 6** who had **100%** attendance! The best attendance in school this week.



Overall attendance this week was **96%**.

Our school target is 97%.

It is really important that your child attends school unless they are genuinely ill so that they can receive the education they are entitled to.

Punctuality

'If a child is 10 minutes late once a week- they will miss a whole day's learning over the academic year'

Children need to be in school before 8:50am! Below is an overview of late marks for each class:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	1	1	0	1	1	0

Well done to Years 3 & 6 for achieving no late marks!



House Points



These are the current House Point Totals collected by each House Team this week:

Cadbury	Simmonds	Yousafzai	Zephaniah
231	174	217	162

Well done to Cadbury

Reminders:

- Please advertise to any parents who have a child who will be starting Reception class in September 2021, that they can now apply for a primary school place at Nechells academy. If any assistance is needed to complete the online application, ask them to contact the main office.
- All children need to wear a suitable winter coat, clearly labelled with their name.
- All children must wear black shoes to school.

Aspirational programme virtual guest workshop



Year 6 pupils selling Remembrance Day items



Pupils of the Week

These pupils have been chosen by their teachers for their excellent work this week:

	Reader of the week	Learner of the week	Star of the week
Reception	Zayd	Safwan	Omar
Year 1	Safiyah	Zakeriah	Ayaat
Year 2	Rayyan	Afnan	Mikaeel
Year 3	Makail	Maryam	Zak
Year 4	Zahra	Ramatoulie	Aleena
Year 5	Fahima	David	Real-Star
Year 6	Hibba	Musa	Hannar

Children will receive their certificates in class.