



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

OPANG NEWSLETTER



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We have had a great Spring term at Newstead so far!



Year 2 explored the local area learning about the history of mining in the area!

We celebrated Mental Health Awareness week by encouraging children to 'connect' with others



Reception had an amazing virtual reading session with Julia Donaldson!



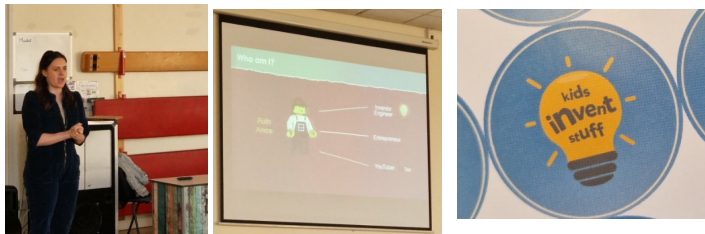
Celebrating last half term...

Our Year 5 & 6 football team competed in an indoor tournament against five other Outwood Primary Academies. After some excellent performances in the group stage, we qualified for the final. The score was 0-0 after extra time, meaning a penalty shootout was necessary to decide the winner. All players showed bravery stepping up to take penalties, and after saving a penalty moments before, goalkeeper Tom stepped up to score the winner and bring the trophy home to Newstead!



D&T Excellence Academy

We are a D&T Excellence academy for the Outwood Primary Academies Trust. Follow our DT account on twitter @DTNewsteadGreen! We had an amazing guest in school, entrepreneur Ruth Amos, who inspired children to become inventors!



OPA Diploma

Each half term, all children work towards a Diploma based around a theme. Last half term's theme was 'Protect and Respect the Environment'.



Nursery made bird feeders!

Y3 went on a litter pack in the local area!

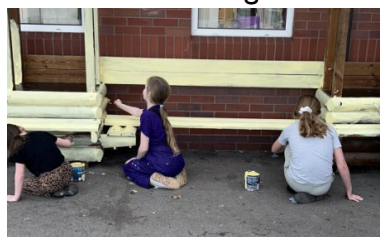


Y5 led an assembly on the 17 Global Goals!



Mental Health & Wellbeing

This half term, our Mental Health & Wellbeing Ambassadors have helped paint our well-being zone yellow. This is a place in school where children come to talk about their problems or relax at social times.



Turkey Earthquake Appeal



We have raised an amazing £395.34 in support of the Turkey Earthquake Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

Spring 2 Dates for the Diary

- 2.3.23 - World Book Day!
- 17.3.23 - Red Nose Day!
- 30.3.23 - Easter Egg Decoration Competition
- 31.3.23 - Easter Raffle and Egg rolling competition!
- 31.3.23 - Break up for Easter Hols

Information will be sent out soon regarding Red Nose Day and Easter Events



OPANG ATTENDANCE

Our school's attendance for Term 1: **92.61%**

Target for Outwood Primary Academy Newstead Green: **97%**

Well done to Year 5 who are this half term's attendance champions with 94.2%

How we celebrate pupil's attendance

We celebrate attendance through a variety of means so all pupils are included.

Certificates and badges for 100% attendance

	Award
1 X A full Half term 100% attendance	100% certificate plus a 100% attendance badge
2 X Full Half term 100% attendance	Bronze Award badge and Certificate
4 X Full Half term 100% attendance	Silver Award badge and Certificate
6 X Full Half terms 100% attendance (a full year 100% attendance)	Gold Award badge, certificate and £10 voucher

- **Certificates and letters homes to families congratulating them on improved attendance**
- **£10 draw every week for pupils with 100% for that week.**
- **Weekly Celebration Attendance assemblies**
- **Weekly class award for the class with the highest attendance for that week.**

How we support families to improve attendance

- **Keep families update through a series of letters**
- **Hold 'Wellbeing Meeting' with families to fully understand any barriers that school can support with to improve attendance**
- **Carry out home visits**
- **Pupil 'Check In' with Attendance and Safeguarding Officer**
- **Initiate Fast Track support for pupils with an attendance of 95% or below**
- **Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are taking ownership of their attendance by keeping a weekly log in their Planners**