

# Noble Primary School

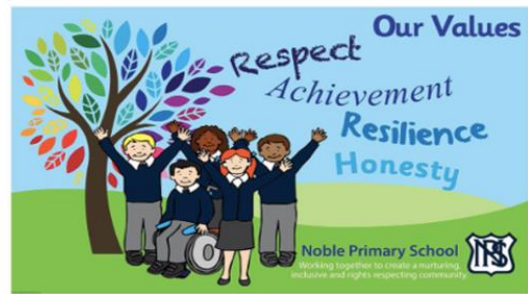
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Our shared vision: Working together to create a nurturing, inclusive, rights respecting community, where learning is exciting, challenging and relevant.



Dear Parent/Carers,

It's another busy month at Noble, so please take time to read through our March newsletter. Many exciting events are coming up over the next few weeks including class assemblies, school excursions and class showcase events. The children have been working very hard in class and are excited about sharing their learning with you.

You will also have received information on how to book a time to meet with your child's class teacher on 30<sup>th</sup> March, using the online booking system. If you are having any difficulties, please email us and we will do our very best to help you.

Finally, you will be aware that we are in the process of evaluating our school vision, values and aims. This is an important exercise as it sets out our aspiration for our school community. Your views are important to us so please complete the return slip. I will then issue the final version at the end of our consultation process. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Daniel Murray

Head Teacher



# March Right of the Month: Article 6

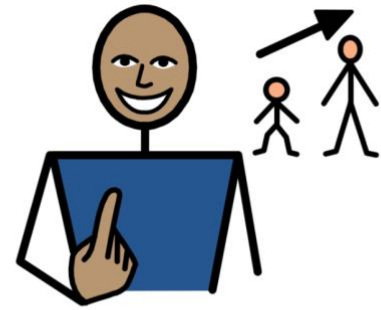
Article 6 of the UNCRC recognises that all children and young people have the right to survive and the right to develop.

This Article also says that children and young people should be able to grow up in conditions that don't impact negatively on their physical and mental wellbeing.

It says the government should do as much as they can to make sure children and young people can live in these conditions in order that they can develop.

For more information, please visit the Children and Young Person Commissioner website for more information:

<https://www.cypcs.org.uk/rights/uncrc/articles/article-6/>



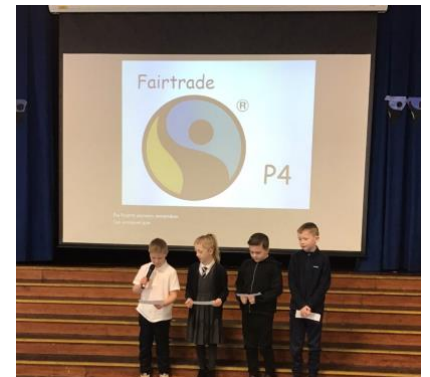
UNCRC Article 6

I should be supported to live and grow

## Fair Trade Fortnight



All classes have been learning about Fairtrade over the last few weeks. The children have been learning how climate change is affecting farming world-wide and how unfairness affects the lives of so many across the world. P6 will be bringing Fairtrade Fortnight to a close on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, with a fantastic assembly for their families and the rest of the school. See our Twitter page for more examples of classroom learning.





# Raising Attainment in Writing

What have we achieved so far?

## Learning and Teaching

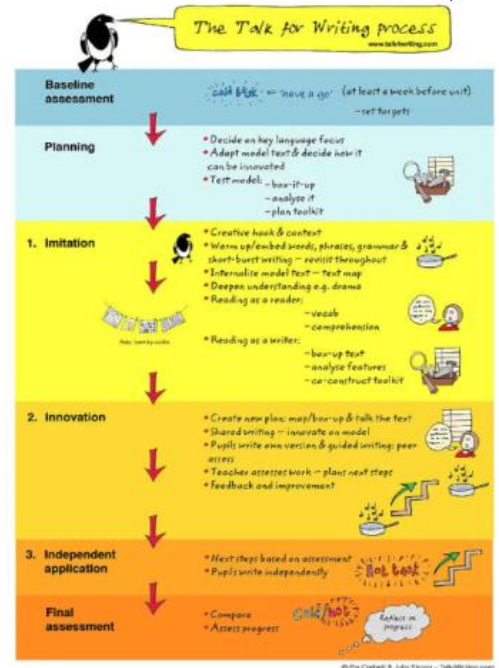
All staff are learning to use the Talk for Writing approach to teach narrative writing this year. This involves the children looking at and discussing model texts before they write their own. The children learn how narrative texts are structured using themes including wishing stories, suspense stories and warning tales. Most classes will use 'short bursts' of writing through the week, to allow the children to develop their key skills. This will be evident in Daily and Taught Writing jotters.

## Our Approach

**COLD TASK**

**HOT TASK**

At the beginning of each unit, the children complete a cold task. The cold tasks help teachers identify the children's strengths (what they are doing well) and what they need to do to improve. Teachers then use model texts, discussion and short burst writing to teach core skills. At the end of the unit, the children show what they've learned through their 'hot' task. You will see examples of these in your children's jotters.



We now have a really big writing wall with lots of ideas to help us. I didn't have that last year.

P4/5 Pupil Noble Primary School

We can 'magpie' new words and phrases from our peers and from the wall display.

P7/6 Pupil Noble Primary School

Planning has helped me. I can now look back at the plan if I get stuck, and I can use the success criteria.

P7 Pupil Noble Primary School

## What do our pupils think?

## What are we going to do next?

- Staff will continue to work together to share good practice and develop planning/assessment.
- This term, classes will be learning about Wishing Tales and Warning Tales using the Talk for Writing process.
- We plan to organise a parent workshop.
- We will collaborate with other schools and undertake further training.



Noble Primary School. Enabling all learners to become...

Successful Learners Confident Individuals... Effective Contributors... Responsible Citizens

# RED NOSE DAY

The Rights Ambassadors are organising Red Nose Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils can come to school with crazy hair and/or PJs or dress down clothes. Children should still come to school warm enough to go outside, and with appropriate footwear.

## Spring Tea: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm

Family and friends of P1 and P2/1 pupils are invited to our annual Spring Tea on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The children can't wait to perform and share their learning with you, no doubt they've been practicing hard at home too learning words and actions.

Tea and coffee will also be available for a small donation. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Noble Primary Parent Council's Spring Disco!

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

P1-3 from 6pm to 7pm

P4-7 from 7:15pm to 8:30pm



Cost will be £2.00 per child, £3 for families with two children and £5 for three or more children.



# Starting P1 in August 2023

Parents of children starting Primary 1 in August are invited to an information session on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 4:30pm. This will be an informal event and an opportunity to learn more about the school and our Primary 1 curriculum. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school community.



## Noble Primary School Class Assemblies 2022-2023



Class	Assembly	Date
P1	Spring Assembly	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
P2/1	Spring Assembly	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
P2/3	Eco Theme	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
P3	Leading the Nativity	13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
P4	Leading Easter	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
P4/5	Rights Respecting	28 <sup>th</sup> of April 2023
P5	Leading Harvest	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
P6	Fairtrade	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
P7/6	Scottish Assembly	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
P7	Leavers' Assembly	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2023

Class	Showcase - Linked to curricular learning	Date
P1	The Snail and the Whale - Journeys	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
P2/1	Explorers	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
P2/3	Welcoming a Baby in Christianity	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023
P3	Bridges	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
P4	Clyde in the Classroom	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
P4/5	The Romans	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
P5	The Victorians	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
P6	The Titanic	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
P7/6	Glasgow and Edinburgh	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
P7	Space - The Solar System	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023

# After School Clubs

Day	After School Club	Last Session
Monday	P4 Football	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Tuesday	Dance Competition Practice	27 <sup>th</sup> March*
Wednesday	P3 Basketball	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Thursday	P2 Multi-Sport	23 <sup>rd</sup> March

\*Last session of Dance will be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March and NOT Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March due to the Movie Night\*

## Raising Attainment in Numeracy

What have we achieved so far?

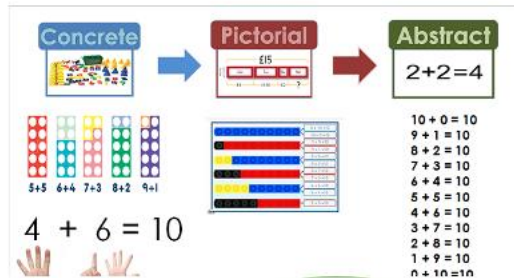
### Learning and Teaching

All teachers have taken part in professional learning with NLC Numeracy Development Officers. Across the school, we follow North Lanarkshire's suggested structure for Numeracy and Maths lessons. This means there is consistency across the whole school. We use concrete materials when we can and make use of our interactive ICT panels to allow pupils to visualise concepts.

Approx. Time	Activity												
5 minutes	Learning Intention and Success Criteria (Displayed and Discussed)												
10 minutes	Mental Maths (Fun, active way to check recall of numeracy facts)												
15 minutes	Marial Ability - Number Talks (The children explore a range of strategies and talk about them - classroom conversations. The focus is there on a particular strategy - this should relate to the concept being taught in the main section of the lesson. E.g. if teaching addition then focus on addition strategies in Number Talks)												
30/40 minutes	Main Section of the Lesson (Direct teaching of each group - we would advocate the SEAL methodology for this. This teaching is then further supported/extended by an activity and a written task. The written task could come from the resource within the school. E.g. SIMS/Teitay/IMAS)												
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10 minutes	Plenary (Teacher/peer assessment, Revisit Learning Intention and Success Criteria)												

### Our Approach

Teaching staff have been learning more about the stages of learning using concrete, pictorial and abstract resources. This is important in numeracy and maths so that learners gain a deeper understanding of concepts. We now know the benefits of using concrete resources at all levels (P1-P7). You will see examples of this approach on Twitter.



### What do our pupils think?

I liked using Numicon. It helped me to see the process of multiplying and division.  
P6 Pupil Noble Primary School

When I was dividing, the cubes helped me to break the numbers apart and share them across the three groups. I could then see what remainders I had.  
P4 Pupil Noble Primary School

I used Numicon to help me divide numbers. This helped me have a better understanding of what division means.  
P6 Pupil Noble Primary School



### What are we going to do next?

- Purchase and organise concrete resources to ensure all children from P1-7 have access to CPA methodology.
- Continue to work together to provide a consistent approach to teaching numeracy across the school using North Lanarkshire Council's structure of a lesson.



## School Calendar

Please note, dates and times are subject to change.

<b>Calendar of Events 2022 - 2023</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>P5 Showcase</b>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	1:45pm
<b>P4 Showcase</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	1:45pm
<b>Comic Relief</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	All day
<b>P4/5 Motherwell Heritage</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Excursion
<b>P1 Transition Meeting</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	4:30pm
<b>P3 Forth Road Bridge</b>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Excursion
<b>P3/2 Showcase</b>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	1:45pm
<b>P1 Health Assessments</b>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Am
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<b>P7 Showcase</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	1:45pm
<b>P1 and P2/1 Spring Assembly</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	1:30pm
<b>Choir to Hattonlea Home</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	pm
<b>Movie Night</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	3:00pm to 4:45pm
<b>Primary Dance Competition</b>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	am
<b>P3 Showcase</b>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	1:45pm
<b>Parents' Night</b>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	From 3:15pm (see appointment time)
<b>P4 Easter Assembly</b>	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9:30am
<b>School Closes for the Spring Holiday on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2:30pm. School will reopen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.</b>		

