

Nexus news September



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This week you will hopefully have received a parent mail regarding some upcoming PTA meetings next Thursday 4th October. We will be holding two sessions on the day at 10.30am and 7.00pm in order to provide you with more opportunities to come in to school and be part of this group. This is an important part of our school development and growth.

These first meetings will be focused on deciding a PTA Chairperson, vice chair, treasurer and an explanation of the role of the PTA within the school.

One of our parents has been looking at Orthotic services that are being provided to some of our students. There is more information available on the Friends of Nexus Facebook page where you may wish to raise further questions.

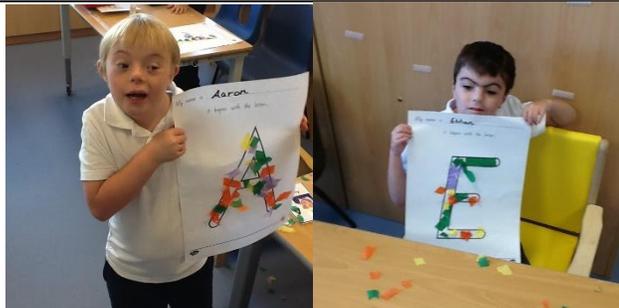
As you know Cathryn is currently only in school for two days per week on a Wednesday and Thursday. If you have any questions or concerns outside of these two days please contact Jackie Gale who is deputising in her absence.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend,

Scott Jarred
Headteacher

Jay Class News

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This term we have welcomed all of the new children and their families to Jay Class.

As the first few weeks of term can be a bit stressful for some of our pupils, we are focusing on getting to know each other.



We want everyone to feel welcome and to make lots of friends; to support our pupils in developing their communication skills we try to use Makaton as often as possible- we have got a little bit of help from Mr Tumble!



We are concentrating on learning about our pupils' likes and dislikes and the way that they learn and develop. Everyone is showing their best and work very hard!





Surely each one of our pupils can find their favourite activity amongst many we can offer; so far cooking, art, music and horse-riding are on top of the list!



Nexus School PTA

Parent Teacher Associations

What is a Parent Teacher Association (PTA)?

Most schools have a **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**, which is an organisation of parents and staff. Its role is to encourage closer links between home and school. PTAs are best known for their **fundraising** work, but they have a useful social function too. Fundraising events provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together.

How is the PTA organised?

At most schools all parents/carers and teachers are **automatically** members of the PTA.

Most PTAs hold their **annual general meeting** in September, at the start of the school year. At this meeting a **committee** is elected to run the PTA – usually consisting of a chair, a vice-chair, a treasurer, a secretary and ordinary committee members. These ordinary members include at least one, and often two, parents from each class as '**class reps**'. Their job is to pass on information from the PTA to other parents in their child's class.

PTA committees usually meet **once a term** and set up smaller working groups to organise individual events.

How is money raised?

Most PTAs raise money through **events**. They often hold one main event each school term – for example, a Christmas fair in the winter, a quiz in the spring, and a summer fair. Other PTA events include school uniform sales, discos, firework displays, international evenings and many more. They're always looking for new **fundraising ideas**.

How is money spent?

Funds raised by the PTA are intended to provide '**extras**' not already provided by the school's main income – often 'fun things' that make learning more interesting and exciting.

The PTA committee and the headteacher decide how to spend PTA funds. Common items include computers, playground equipment, a school minibus and smaller purchases such as presents for Father Christmas to distribute, or lights for a Divali celebration.

How can I be involved in my PTA?

There are many **different ways** you can help with the PTA, whether you have lots of time to offer or not.

Some of the roles are time-consuming, although also rewarding. If you can't commit to a big job, look out for things you can do less frequently (e.g. running a stall at the summer fair, baking for a cake sale). And you can always support PTA events by simply **turning up**.



We are currently collecting for Harvest — We will welcome any donations of tins or packets of food (not fresh or perishable foods please). The food will then be given to St Stephens Church and distributed to local charities.

Dates for the week ahead;