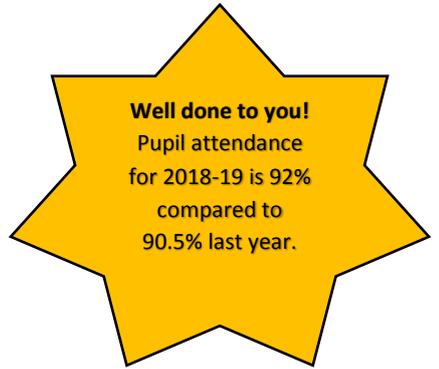




Nether Hall School

## Head Teacher's News – July 2019



**Well done to you!**  
Pupil attendance for 2018-19 is 92% compared to 90.5% last year.

Can you believe the summer holidays are almost upon us again? We hope you enjoy reading about some, of the many, wonderful experiences we have enjoyed at school during the summer term.

### Staff News

In July we will be saying a fond farewell to a number of staff who between them have committed over 74-years to Nether Hall School. So to Maggie, Julie, Stacey and Karen we would like to THANK YOU and wish you the very best of luck and life in your retirement or as you explore pastures new. We will miss you. As we say goodbye, we also say hello to Loren, Victoria, Humairaa, Sonal, Kieran and Natasha who will be joining our staff team in the new school year. Loren will be teaching in the secondary phase of the school, Victoria is our new physical therapy co-ordinator and will be working across the entire school while Humairaa, Sonal, Kieran and Natasha will be supporting pupils' learning in the classroom.

### Meal Barrow



Huge congratulations to the pupils in S7 whose meal barrow was awarded second prize in a city wide competition to design a meal from 5 ingredients of their choice grown in a wheelbarrow. There will be a celebration event for pupils to attend early in the new academic year. Well done S7 we are very proud of your success.



### Work Experience

Work experience took place in the first week of June with 17 students from the Sixth Form taking part. The placements were excellent, warmly welcoming our students and providing real life experiences. Thanks to Premier Inn, Loughborough University, Belgrave Gardens, Coles nursery, Tesco, and The British Heart Foundation for their support. Students returned brimming with confidence all having applied skills learnt at school in real work places. Communication was a particular highlight with all students speaking confidently with unfamiliar people. Well done everybody!



### Total Communication News

Early in the summer term we hosted a signalong conference at the school. As a result of a very successful day, we have been asked to be the regional centre for signalong. Special mention and congratulations must go to Heather Woods for organising the conference and who continues to work tirelessly in this area. You can find more information about Total Communication on the school website

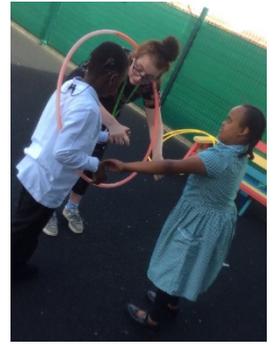
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### Problem Solving Day



As part of our new curriculum students are encouraged to develop their Problem Solving and Thinking Skills. These skills are developed through a variety of activities in order for pupils to apply their knowledge in a range of situations both at school and at home.

To encourage this we had our very first 'Problem Solving Day' where staff organised activities across the school to encourage pupils to work together to solve problems. We all had a fantastic morning and it was great to see lots team work in action!



### Family Fun Night

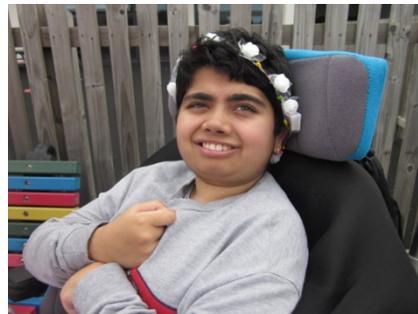
Thank you to the many of you joined us for our recent family fun night. The evening was sold out with over 150 people in attendance! We danced, played some games, indulged in the wonderful food on offer and together raised over £1500. Special thanks to those members of staff that organised this fabulous evening.

(a bit of an 'in joke' but for those of you that attended.....I still have a giant bear sitting in my office waiting to go to its new home).



### Shine Festival

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, led by our extremely enthusiastic music specialist, Aimee Harrison, we hosted our very own music festival. Performers came from schools across the city and the county demonstrating an absolute wealth of talent. In our outdoor learning area we had a 'chill out' zone where pupils were able to enjoy; yoga, having their hair done, hand massage, henna work, zumba and face painting. The arrival of the ice-cream van topped a fantastic day thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils and staff.



Once again I would like to thank our dedicated staff without whom these wonderful opportunities would not be possible; for their energy, enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring our pupils have the very best experiences every single day.

Finally, I know you will join me in wishing the 9 pupils leaving school on Friday the very best of luck as they embark on the next phase of their adult lives.

Wishing you and your family a lovely summer.

Sarah Naylor  
Head Teacher

#### Date reminder:

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – school opens for pupils

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Christmas holiday

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – school opens for pupils