



Newburgh Primary School

"A caring school where every child matters" (OFSTED)

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What's on this week	Monday 10th October	Tuesday 11th October	Wednesday 12th October	Thursday 13th October	Friday 14th October
Before school 8am-8.55am			Guitar (8.45am)	School Bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Guitar (pm)	Brass (am) Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm)	Guitar (am/pm)		Y6SJ swimming Brass (am) Celebration Assembly Year 6 @ 9am
Lunchtime		Home learning	Y4,5 Glass Painting	Y4,5,6 Running Club	Home Learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y4 Hockey Y2 Multi-sports Football V Lillington (h)	Boys Choir Y4,5,6 Netball Lego club 3.15-4.30pm Girls football V Coten End (h)	KS2 Football club (Mr Smith & Mr Brandrick) Y1 Tennis Reception Tea Party 3.20-4.00 Film club 3.15-4.50pm	Orchestra Y4,5,6 Girls football (Mr Brandrick)	Y3 Football Y1 Multi-sports

Dear parents,

I wanted to offer a heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone for their kind donations to our Harvest Festival last week. As you can see from the photograph we had a fantastic amount of produce donated and this made a wonderful backdrop to our festival.

We were also delighted to welcome so many adults to share our two performances with us. Although the hall was exceptionally busy for both the morning and afternoon assemblies, I would hope that you were able to see your children performing with their year group.

All of the produce donated has been given to the Leamington and Warwick food bank for distribution as needed.

*Have a good week.
Many thanks, Mr. Smith*



FIREWORK SAFETY COMPETITION:

The Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service are holding a competition for local children to enter to highlight the dangers associated with bonfire night. There are two categories:

*** Reception / Year 1 / Year 2: Design a Firework Safety Poster**

*** Y3,4,5,6: Write a firework safety poem or rhyme & decorate it.**

Children are invited to enter this competition as an activity at home ~ we will not be carrying this out as an activity at school. Posters or poems should be created on **A4** paper / card and have children's **NAME, AGE & SCHOOL** on the back of their work. The closing date for entries is Thursday 3rd November. All entries can be handed in to class teachers or the main office. Good luck!

BEFORE SCHOOL:

Please could we remind parents of KS2 children not to follow their children into school in the morning as other children are entering school. If you need to speak to a member of the teaching team before school, please head to the main office and a member of staff will be contacted. Also, if you would like to make an appointment to speak with a teacher, please do this via the school office.





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Please remember our responsibilities to ourselves and our children when driving or parking around the school site. This is especially important where children and parents are crossing Kipling Avenue to enter school.

Please note that children should be arriving at school at 8.45am at the earliest please.

GOVERNORS' CORNER:

"Words," said the BFG "is oh such a twitch-tickling problem to me all my life."



There's no doubt that learning to read and write is a complicated business, made more complicated by the recent rise in standards in national testing, but it's good to know that efforts are being paid off. Over breakfast the other day my eight year old son was quizzed on what a personal pronoun is (that's how we rock in our house!), and he told me - something that, as a secondary school English teacher, I know GCSE students can't always explain. It was also evident at the school where I work, when marking the first writing assessments by our new Year 7s, what secure training they have had at primary school; the writing was far more confident and technically-secure than we have ever seen before and, while this means secondary teachers are having to re-think their approach to Year 7, we're truly grateful as 20% of GCSE English is for spelling, punctuation and grammar, and students are coming to us with a much better grasp of these skills.

So it's clear that alongside all the fun of book week, the book fair, poetry workshops and dressing up, there's a phenomenal amount of hard work that goes into reaching such high standards of literacy, something Newburgh is very proud of as 88% of our Y6 students gained the national expectation or higher in their Writing last summer, 13% above the national average. There is always progress to be made, but as the BFG so beautifully put it: *"I cannot be right all the time. Quite often I am left instead of right."*

Parent Governor Election

The votes cast in the election for a new parent governor were as follows:

Dr. Sally Nowak 65

Dr. Tom Billyard 44

Dr Sally Nowak is therefore duly elected

Thank you to everyone who voted. The voter turnout was 13%

Anna Meredith, Parent Governor

SCHOOL GAMES BRONZE AWARD:

I am delighted to inform parents and children that we have been awarded the School Games Bronze Award in recognition for the amount of competitive sport we offer now across the school. This includes in-school activities as well as fixtures against other schools. It is not something which can simply be awarded for putting on a handful of extra-curricular activities with a sporting theme. The emphasis is to encourage young people to be healthy and active and allow them to compete with themselves and / or others in a sporting environment. There are a number of new activities which we will be competing in this year and we are now working towards our SG Silver Award.



COMMUNITY POLICE NOTICE:

One of the 6 options for the upcoming Police Community Priorities is school parking around the schools in Warwick. You can only vote once in any one 24hr period, but as many times as you like between now and 26th October 2016. The Warwick Community Forum policing priority vote is now live. Visit <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/23606/Warwick-Central-Community-Forum-Policing-Priority-Vote---October-2016> to cast your vote.

CROSS-COUNTRY:

The second Year 6 cross-country race of the season will take place on Saturday 15th October. This race is being held at Hatton Country World with girls racing at 10.30am and boys at 11.00am. If you plan to compete in this event please make sure that a reply slip has been given to Mr Smith and that you give yourself enough time to park and get to the start before the race commences.

We do not pick a team for the cross-country events and all Year 6 children are invited to participate. If you return a reply slip, I will presume that you will running on the 15th.

MISSING SCOOTER:

A pink 'My First Scooter' has gone missing this week from the infant bike / scooter shelter. If you know anything about this or one has arrived at your home unexpectedly, please could it be returned to school? The main office will be happy to take it from you or it can be returned to one of the infant teachers.

NUT ALLERGIES:

A reminder to all parents that we have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies. If these children come into contact with nuts of any form the consequences will be extremely serious. Please help us to minimise this risk by not including any nuts in lunch boxes, including peanut butter.

PARENTS EVENINGS:

Please note that parents evenings will take place this half term on Tuesday 18th October and Wednesday 19th October. Both evenings will run from 3.30-7pm.

Please note that individual school photographs will be taken on Monday 17th October. This is a CHANGE OF DATE.

PTA NEWS:

The PTA Autumn cake sale is just around the corner, on Tuesday 18th October (to coincide with parents' evening). Let's help raise lots of money for the school!

We would love your help in 3 ways, choose 1, 2 or all 3!

1. Bring your cake donations on the morning of Tuesday 18th - home baked or shop bought, and drop them off at the playground entrances.

2. Help run the stall, even just for 30 minutes...sign up at <https://app.ptasocial.com/events/29744>

3. Buy cakes from the stall any time between 3.15-7pm in the library. Every penny raised goes towards the school on projects such as the new infant playground being installed this week. Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

