



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 25th September	Tuesday 26th September	Wednesday 27th September	Thursday 28th September	Friday 29th September
Before school 8am-8.55am				School bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am)	Violin (pm) Brass (am) Woodwind (pm)	Guitar (am/pm) Year 6 visit to British Motor Museum (WW1 workshop)	Forest School (Y3)	Swimming Y6 Harvest Festival: KS2 @ 9am KS1 & Reception @ 2.30pm
Lunchtime	Drama	Home learning			Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls choir Y1 Cricket Y2 Athletics	Boys choir KS2 Football (Mr. Smith & Mr. Brandrick)	Y3/4 Football V Priors Field (a) Y3 Tennis Y1 phonics meeting 6pm	Orchestra Y5/6 Art	Y4 Athletics Y2 Cricket <u>NO Y3 Street Dance</u>

NURTURE GROUPS:

What is a nurturing group?

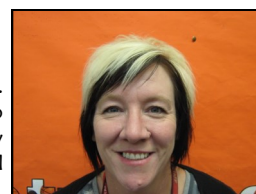
Nurturing groups offer a short-term, inclusive and focused in-school intervention that has an impact in the long term. This provision assesses learning and social/emotional needs, giving whatever help is needed to remove the barriers to learning. There is a great emphasis on language development and communication. As the children learn academically and socially they develop confidence, become responsive to others, learn self-respect and take pride in behaving well and in achieving.

This intervention is now being offered to small groups of between 4-8 children in a warm environment which helps develop positive relationships with both adults and peers. The group is run by two trained members of staff, children attend the nurturing group but remain an active part of their main class and spend an appropriate time within the nurturing group according to their needs. The relationship between the two staff, always nurturing and supportive, provides a role model that children observe and begin to copy. Food is shared at 'snack time' with much opportunity for social learning, helping children to attend to the needs of others, with time to listen and be listened to.

This leads me on to asking for your help. The groups have an allocated nurture room which is set up to be inviting, calm, safe and a secure environment. We are in need of items such as small world, puzzles, play-doh, dressing up, cars and garages.

If you are able to donate any of these items, Mrs Hicks will be on the **infant playground** and Mrs Brandrick on the **junior playground** every morning week beginning **25th September-29th September 8.40-8.50am** to collect the items from you if we feel they could be of use.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. Mrs Rai, SENCo



Mrs. Brandrick



Mrs. Hicks

Dear parents,

Our traditional Harvest Assembly will take place on Friday 29th September 2017. Parents are very welcome to attend this festival where each year group will perform a short piece.

The Key stage 2 assembly for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will begin at 9am and the Lower school assembly for Reception and years 1 and 2 at 2.30pm. The assemblies will be approximately 40 minutes long. We are sorry that we are unable to accommodate buggies and prams in the main hall.

As in previous years, children are asked to bring in a donation of produce which will be displayed in the hall and will then be donated to Warwick & Leamington Foodbank (our school is a registered distributor of foodbank vouchers).

The types of donations which are always welcomed include tinned food, pasta, rice, coffee or jam. Please bring in donations by Thursday 28th September. Our Year 6 pupils are busy harvesting fruit from our courtyard and making apple produce for you to enjoy after the assembly!

Have a good week. Many thanks, Mr. Smith





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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:

We had our first governors' meeting of the year last week, voting in Mr Binnie to remain as chair, agreeing on various policies and making sure everything is in place for the year ahead. For the children of Newburgh, meeting and getting to know their new teacher is what will lay the foundations for their year ahead, and as last week was Roald Dahl day and next week is National Poetry Day, here's a poem by Roald Dahl about just that:



*My teacher wasn't half as nice as yours seems to be.
His name was Mister Unsworth and he taught us history.
And when you didn't know a date he'd get you by the ear
And start to twist while you sat there quite paralysed with fear.
He'd twist and twist and twist your ear and twist it more and more.
Until at last the ear came off and landed on the floor.
Our class was full of one-eared boys. I'm certain there were eight.
Who'd had them twisted off because they didn't know a date.
So let us now praise teachers who today are all so fine
And yours in particular is totally divine.*

Anna Meredith (Co-opted Governor)

If you have an issue you would like governors to consider, please send an email to governors2325@welearn365.com

PTA NEWS:

At the last PTA meeting, it was agreed to donate **£1400** towards payment of school trips (£200 per year group). This money is used to subsidise the cost of school trips to make them cheaper for parents. It was also agreed to donate **£628** towards 3 more balance benches for year 6, so they can sit comfortably during assembly and enjoy this year 6 perk.

After the great success of our last quiz, the PTA will be holding an **Adults only 'Freaky Friday' themed Quiz Night on Friday 13th October** at the school. Tickets will include fish and chips in the half time break and your entrance into the quiz. We will also have a licenced bar at this event. Letters will be coming out soon with more details of how to sign up, so save the date and get thinking of a quiz name (teams to be made up of 6 people or less).

Our October cake sale will be done differently this year due to the fact that Parents' evening is on Halloween. We thought cakes and sweets might be a bit too much on the same day so instead we're going to have a cake sale directly after school on **Monday 16th October**. This event is only possible due to your kind cake donations, so anyone wishing to donate bought or home made cakes, can do so on the morning of Monday 16th October at the entrance to the infant and junior playgrounds. Every penny raised at these events goes towards helping to improve our children's school experience so please come along and support us any way you can

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

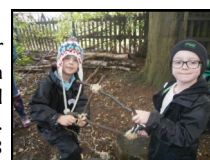
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

Please note that individual school photographs will be taken on Monday 9th October.

Please note that allocation of extra-curricular club places (where appropriate) will now be sent via an eSchools message. This will NOT now be sent home on paper through children's book bags. As mentioned above, please make sure that you are able to log on and receive messages via eSchools. If you are unable to do so, please contact the main office.

FOREST SCHOOL:

Forest School has begun this term with our Year 3 classes. 15 pupils from each class take part on a Thursday morning; group 1 from 9 until 10:30 and group 2 from 10:30 until noon. After half term the other halves of the Y3 classes will have their turn. The children who are involved will be seen around school on a Thursday in comfortable non-school uniform as this is more suitable for the sessions. We provide waterproofs and wellies (if needed) and there are lots of spare hats and jumpers in case it is chilly!



Our first session last week began with some tree identification around our field and a conker hunt with a twist. Our main activity was to learn to attach two sticks at a right angle by lashing string at each corner. This task, which the children completed in pairs, encouraged strong communication and teamwork and needed a fair amount of perseverance.

Forest school helps our children to develop their confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences – there are many more interesting tasks ready for the weeks ahead.

Thank you to parent helpers Mrs Smith and Mr Finch who are there each week to support the learning process.

Mrs. Franklin

KS2 (Year 3-6) football club will take place on Tuesday 26th this week due to a fixture on Wednesday 27th. Children do not need to sign up for this club, but we will be picking school teams from children who attend training unless they have a good reason not to and have communicated this to Mr. Smith or Mr. Brandrick beforehand.

BOOK FAIR:

There will be a Book Fair in school on Monday 2nd October until Friday 6th October for you to purchase books. These make great presents for Christmas!! This will run from Monday morning to Friday morning in the main hall each morning from 8:30 to 8:55am and again after school Monday to Thursday from 3:10 to 3:50pm. Please support our book fair as the school is rewarded with books relative to the number we sell!! Each book fair is even better than the last one. Thank you for your support. Mrs Turner, Literacy Manager

eSchools reminder - All communication is now being sent home via the eSchools platform. It is really important for parents to log in to eSchools and update their email address within the personal details tab to ensure that correspondence is being received. The only letters which will be sent home on paper will be those which require completion of a reply slip. Please let the school office know if you require help with log in or a password reset.

