



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 9th January	Tuesday 10th January	Wednesday 11th January	Thursday 12th January	Friday 13th January
Before school 8am-8.55am		Y5&6 Indoor Athletics 8am	Guitar (8.45am)	School Bank 8.30am Y5&6 Indoor Athletics 8am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Guitar (pm) Y4EP to Warwick Library 1.30-3pm	Brass (am) Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm) Y4MP to Warwick Library 9-10.40am	Guitar (am/pm)		Y5KP swimming Brass (am) Y5 Dodgeball tournament @ Campion 1.30-3pm Y2 Celebration Assembly 9am
Lunchtime		Home learning		Y4,5,6 Running Club	Home Learning Y4 Ukulele
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Mad Science club Y3 Hockey Rec Multi sports PTA meeting 6.30pm (staff room)	Boys Choir	KS2 Football club Y2 Tennis Film club 3.15-4.50pm	Orchestra	Fencing Y1 Tag Rugby Y2 Basketball

Dear parents,

A Happy New Year to you all!

I hope that you managed to enjoy a super Christmas break and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to a busy new term at Newburgh Primary School.

On behalf of all the staff at Newburgh I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who donated gifts to individual members of staff or the staff team as a collective group. We were overwhelmed, as always, by your generosity - thank you.

This term there will be no let up in what is going on at Newburgh, with several different activities happening on individual weeks to run alongside our more long-standing activities. Please keep an eye out for these opportunities as they arise.

For children in Year 5, swimming will re-start on Friday 13th January. Further details about this can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.

Please continue to move safely around the school site, particularly if the weather is frosty or icy in the mornings. Have a good week.

Many thanks, Mr. Smith

Empowering learning in Key Stage 1:

During numeracy-based activities, children have been exploring a range of objectives to allow them to become more independent with their maths learning and to help them to "unblock" their learning. This term, the children will be focusing upon becoming Resourceful Thinkers, Independent Enquirers and Team Workers. Being "Resourceful Thinkers" will allow the children to evaluate their strengths and limitations as learners. As "Independent Enquirers" children will have the opportunity to independently plan what to do and how to go about it. Finally, by being "Team Workers" children will experience working confidently with others and to take responsibility for their own role within a team.

All staff will work closely with the children to embed these objectives across the curriculum as well as their mathematical learning.

We would like you to discuss these ways of thinking during their homework and across any parts of their lives that it is appropriate.

Thank you, Miss Masani.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

We have spaces in most sports clubs starting next week except Wednesday's Y2 tennis club. Please speak to the office if you are interested in a place in any of them.





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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:

The Governors of Newburgh Primary wish all our parents and children a very Happy New Year, and a productive term. I hope all of you and your children had a wonderful festive season, and that your children are refreshed and ready to tackle a new term's work. I have just returned from my home city of Edinburgh, where I took part in Europe's biggest Hogmanay street party, with a magnificent fireworks display at midnight exploding out of Edinburgh Castle. Truly amazing. As well as ensuring that the education your children receive is of the highest quality, our other main priority as governors is the safety and well-being of your children in our school. In September 2016 the government produced new safeguarding guidelines for schools, and although it is up to Headteachers and staff to apply the guidelines, it is governors' responsibility to ensure that they are being followed correctly. When OFSTED inspectors visit schools, they will question governors on their awareness of safeguarding procedures in school, and about what steps Governors have taken to satisfy themselves that the school is complying with the regulations.

To make sure your Newburgh Governors are fully aware of their responsibilities, we will all be undertaking a safeguarding training course later this month.

We wish you all a safe and happy term.

Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors

YR5 DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT:

Children involved in this mixed-gender tournament will receive a separate letter outlining arrangements. However, it is worth noting that we may be back at school a few minutes later than normal as the scheduled time for completion of the tournament is 3pm. Therefore, depending on the traffic locally we may not be back at Newburgh until some time near to 3.30pm. If this is going to be any later, we will let the school office know in advance so that parents can be informed.

Children will be given a kit for this event, but should wear suitable indoor footwear please.

Thank you, Mr O'Dwyer and Mr Smith

LIBRARY VISITS:

Children from Year 3,4,5,6 will be visiting Warwick Library over the next few weeks.

Week beginning 09/01/17: Monday at 2.00pm & Tuesday 9.30am YEAR 4

Week beginning 16/01/17: Monday at 2.00pm & Tuesday 9.30am YEAR 3

Week beginning 23/01/17: Monday at 2.00pm & Tuesday 9.30am YEAR 5

Week beginning 30/01/17: Monday at 2.00pm & Tuesday 9.30am YEAR 6

To ensure the children can make the most out of this opportunity, it would be beneficial for them to sign up for a library card, if they do not have one. The registration process is quick and easy and can be done online by visiting www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary.

Any volunteers to walk with the children, would be gratefully received. Please contact your class teacher.

INDOOR ATHLETICS:

Please note that on Tuesday and Thursday next week there will be an opportunity for children in Years 5 and 6 only to come into school at 8am to practice their indoor athletics skills which were introduced before the Christmas break during a one day 'roadshow'. This opportunity is open to any child in years 5 and 6 but children should be serious about wanting to take part please.

This is not simply an opportunity for children to come to school early for these two days.

Children do not have to sign up for this activity. They should come to school in kit with school uniform ready to change into in a bag please. Muddy outdoor trainers must not be worn please - clean trainers will be absolutely fine.

Indoor athletics will take place in the main hall. Children should come to the main office area at just before 8am where a member of staff will guide them through to the hall.

If you have any questions about this and whether it would be suitable for your child, please speak to Mr Smith.

FOREST SCHOOL:

We are very fortunate at Newburgh to have the facilities to give our pupils the opportunity to take part in Forest School activities. Our special Forest School area is at the back of our field under some beautiful, mature, large trees. We are looking for a happy band of volunteers who would be able to give up their time to assist with Forest School sessions under the supervision of the Forest School leader. **Volunteers can be any age but they would need to be happy to work with the children outdoors and also would need to have a DBS check** (which can easily be arranged through the school). At the moment the plans for Forest School sessions are very flexible and the day chosen will depend upon the availability of willing helpers. Sessions would normally last for a whole morning or afternoon. We would need help to get the children changed in advance and then to assist with the activities.

Forest School is an inspirational process, which offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees.

If you are interested please contact the school by phone or in person through the school office. Alternatively please send an email to admin2325@welearn365.com

Many thanks, Sarah Franklin

YEAR 5 SWIMMING:

This term Year 5 will be going swimming to Stratford Leisure Centre. We have had to make this arrangement due to the fact that both pools at St Nicholas' Park and Newbold Comyn are being closed for either rebuilding or long-term maintenance work at the same time. We have been fortunate to secure the same time slot for swimming lessons on a Friday afternoon and we expect timings to run similarly to how they are presently. We will be mindful of the return journey to school after the lessons as children may return very close to the end of the day depending on traffic. Year 5KP will start on Friday 13th January, with their lessons lasting until 17th February. Year 5OD will then begin on Friday 3rd March.

For health and safety reasons, please can we remind children who have long hair that this should be either tied back in a pony tail or similar.

