



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 13th March	Tuesday 14th March	Wednesday 15th March	Thursday 16th March	Friday 17th March
Before school 8am-8.55am			Guitar (8.45am)	School Bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Guitar (pm)	Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm) Brass (am) Fire service visiting Y1	Guitar (am/pm)	Y5 'Big Bang' visit	Y5DO'D swimming Y4 Celebration Assembly 9am
Lunchtime		Home learning		Y4,5,6 Running Club Y3 Recorders	Home Learning Y4 Ukulele
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y3 Cricket club Y2 Rounders club	Boys Choir Football V St Margaret's (h) KS2 Netball	<u>NO KS2 Football club</u> Film club 3.15-4.50pm Y4,5,6 Gardening club Change Makers 3.30-5pm YR Tennis Y1,3,5 Forest School club Football V Priors Field (a) Y4 Let's Get Cooking	Orchestra Y6 Art club 3.15-4.30pm <u>NO Girls Football</u>	<u>NO Fencing</u> Y2 Cricket club Y1 Athletics club

PTA NEWS:

After a few months of finding quotes and arranging funding, the PTA have finally approved £6895 to have a staging and seating area installed on the field for the upper school to use. This will help with children's confidence, while giving the chance to perform to other students and parents and add a new dimension to their outside play. If you would like to be involved in making decisions about how the money we raise is spent, please come along to our next meeting on **Thursday 6th April at 6.30pm** in the staffroom and have your say.

Save the date: We will be holding our annual Camping weekend at Hatton Country World, over 2 nights this year, on **Friday 9th - Sunday 11th June**. This is such a fantastically, fun weekend and we encourage anyone with a bit of adventure and love of camping to come and join us. Details are already being put together to make it even more fun than last year, and remember you can bring a tent OR caravan and stay for either 1 or both nights. We will send out more details and how to book, closer to the date.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chariman

ROTARY DONATION:

Thank you to the Rotary Club for providing us with funds to purchase a

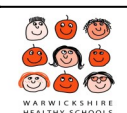
keyboard just before Christmas. Being extremely portable, the keyboard was used by Mr Binnie for all our school productions and also our choir events at Hatton and the local care

home (Leycester House). As always we are extremely grateful to the Rotary Club for their generous donation and in return we always support their local events where possible. We also have provisionally invited the Rotary Club members to our next choir concert which will take place late on in the year at a date to be decided.



COMIC RELIEF DAY 2017:

Miss Maisey, Mr. Porter and the school council have organised a 'comedy' event for Friday 24th March - Comic Relief Day 2017. More information has been sent home directly regarding this event but we would like to remind parents that this will be a non-uniform day when children can wear red in exchange for a donation of £1. Children can also wear their own red noses.





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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:

Learning beyond the classroom

I have always believed that children should experience the world beyond the classroom to expand their knowledge and widen their horizons. It gives us confidence to enquire about new things and we learn together by exploring. At our school we are always encouraging children to explore beyond the classroom. On my recent adventure, I learnt something new and I want to share that with you.

Do you know what a Cassowary is?

It is earth's **second heaviest bird** related to emus. The average weight of a male is 110lbs and that of a female is 160 lbs.

Their feathers are glossy black but their legs are scaly. They have **splendid long wattles** and a **straight helmet-like casque** that sits above the eyes. Their feet have just three toes and their wings are tiny almost non-existent, hence they are **flightless** birds.

Normally, cassowaries are **shy and reclusive** but when threatened or cornered, they can become aggressive and will strike back with powerful head-butts and pecks.

They are really **good high jumpers** and can leap 5 feet off the ground. They're **great sprinters** too with a top running speed of 30 miles per hour.

This humble bird mainly dines on assorted fruits and berries that fall to the ground in the forest. Every day, it gobbles up roughly **11 pounds of berries and fruit**.

Do you know how many kilos that would be?

It plays an important role in the forest by dropping the fruit seeds through its poop from one place to another so it is never short of food, creating the forest of the future.

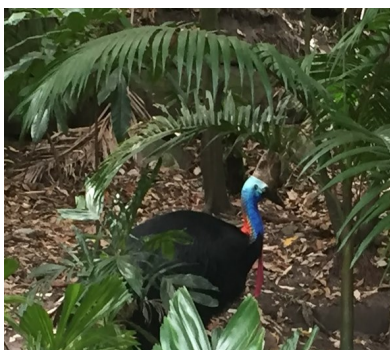
The cassowary depends on the forest more than the forest depending on the cassowary.

They have been known to live for decades, one bird reached the age of 48 but despite that they are now listed as endangered species in Australia. The number of cassowaries left in the world is estimated to be around 1,500 to 2,000.

What other species in the world are now listed endangered?

Next time you go on an adventure, share what you saw and what you did. This helps us all to learn.

Raman Gurnani



FOREST SCHOOL CLUB:

We have received some enquiries as to what children should wear to Forest School Club. Please could children have a separate bag of warm clothes (joggers, warm top, waterproof coat and wellingtons if you have them). Children may get muddy and wet during this club so wearing school clothes/coat/PE kit should be avoided where possible.

We do have a limited supply of waterproof, all in one suits but due to numbers in the club there will not be enough for everyone. We will ensure that everyone is dressed appropriately before club begins.

Y5.6 RESIDENTIAL VISITS:

Can we please remind parents to continue making regular instalments towards Year 5 & 6 residential trips taking place in the Summer Term. Instalments can be made via ParentPay as often as convenient, from £10 upwards.

YEAR 5 'BIG BANG' VISIT:

Year 5 will have the opportunity to learn lots about Science and Engineering at The Big Bang Fair in the NEC on Thursday 16th March. Please remember children will need a packed lunch, morning fruit snack and also a drink. Please pack your child's lunch in a bag that they are able to carry around comfortably all day. Children who usually have a school dinner (free or paid) can be provided with a school packed lunch, as long as it has been ordered. Children do not require any spending money on this visit. Mr O'Dwyer & Ms Wilson

GRANDPARENT GARDENING WEEK

27th - 31st March 2017

Grandparent Gardening Week 2017 is fast approaching and there are some really fantastic prizes on offer this year for schools taking part.

It's a great way to get the ball rolling on this year's growing by helping to prep our garden areas ready for planting.

Please let your child's class teacher (and Mrs Simpkins) know if you are available to help.



VOUCHERS:

Sainsbury's Vouchers are available to collect once again. The box to post any vouchers can be found in the main entrance hall. Please help us to collect as many as possible! Vouchers will be available this year from 25 January - 28 April. In previous years we have purchased a lot of valuable PE equipment with our vouchers.



CALENDAR:

Please note that a provisional (draft) copy of the school calendar for the academic year 2017-2018 is now available to view on the school website (under the 'term dates' tab).

We have yet to confirm the exact dates of the residential visits in 2017-2018, hence why this is a provisional calendar at this point. However, we do not envisage the term dates to change from those indicated.

