



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 8th May	Tuesday 9th May	Wednesday 10th May	Thursday 11th May	Friday 12th May
Before school 8am-8.55am			Year 2 Racy Readers (children involved have already been notified)	School Bank 8.30am	
Activities during the school day		Woodwind (pm)	Spring Fever parents' meeting 2.30pm		Y4MP swimming Y2 Celebration Assembly 9am
Lunchtime	Y5/6 Drama	Home learning		Y4,5,6 Running Club Y3 Recorders	Home Learning Y4 Ukulele
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y1 Cricket Y2/3 Golf	Boys Choir Y6 Rounders PTA Meeting 7pm (The Unicorn)	Y4,5,6 Gardening club YR Tennis Y1,3,5 Forest School club (Gp2) KS2 Athletics Spring Fever parents' meeting 5.30pm	Orchestra Y6 Art club 3.15- 4.30pm	<u>NO Fencing</u> YR Athletics Y2 Handball

Dear parents,

We are getting to the stage in the academic year when our children will experience a number of really important tests. Despite repeated calls from professionals to reduce formal testing for primary school children, children nationally now experience more tests than ever.

At Newburgh we believe that 'continuous daily assessment' is the key to children's success. On a lesson by lesson basis we don't 'test' children, but by careful observation and excellent teaching we make sure we understand how well children have understood new concepts and adjust our teaching accordingly.

However, tests are also very important. They provide us with valuable 'summative' information which allows us to judge how well each child has progressed at varying points of the year. We understand that some children find 'formal tests' worrying, so we are careful to present formal tests in ways which are unthreatening. We wish all of our children the very best over the coming weeks as they undertake these assessments. Have a good week. Kind regards,

Mr. Smith

## CHOIR & ORCHESTRA EVENTS: SUMMER 2017

Our Summer concert will be on Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> in our school hall at 4pm. Everyone is welcome. It will last approximately 45 minutes and refreshments will be served afterwards for the choir/orchestra members and their supporters. This will be a joint performance with the orchestra. Members of the local Rotary Club will be invited as a thank you for the funds that they have given us over the years. Pupils will be supervised at all times so if you are not able to attend please collect your child from the hall at 4:45pm.

Our Year 4 and Year 5 choir members and orchestra will be performing at the Rotary Concert at St Mary's church on June 20<sup>th</sup> – further information to follow. Again this will be with our orchestra.

Our choir and orchestra end of year **Treasure Hunt** will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 3:30 pm. This will take place in the hall and courtyard and will include a short informal singing presentation which will be decided upon by the children. It is a chance to say good luck to our amazing Year 6 musicians who will be moving on (and we hope continuing with their music) at the end of the year.

Thank you, R. Binnie, L. Preston, K. Blayney, S. Franklin





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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:

With around a fortnight under our belts, in what is already a short half term it's a wonder how everything gets fitted in!

With SATS around the corner for our year Two and year Six children, a cram packed inside and outside school activity programme and with school trips on the horizon is great to see as governors how such a detailed programme of events is made to look so seamless.

We wish all the children who are taking end of key stage tests the very best of luck over the coming weeks and thank all our outstanding teaching staff for their hard work and commitment in supporting the children during this period.

Steve Nemeth, Co-Opted Governor

***eSchools reminder - All newsletters are being sent 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 newsletters and other correspondence is received. Please let the school office know if you require help with log in or a password reset.***

Please note that Year 4's assembly will take place on Tuesday 16th May @ 10.20am & 2.45pm.

## MISSING SCOOTER:

Please can you help? One of our Year 6 children's scooter has gone missing from the Junior cycle and scooter shelter. We understand that there are a few of a similar type, so we would expect that this has been taken by accident. If your child has a scooter which they bring to school, please check the ends of the handlebars ~ there are two pink dots painted on them so the Year 6 child would know the scooter was theirs. If you find that you know anything about this or find this scooter at home, please return it to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## VOUCHERS:

This is a final call for any remaining Sainsbury's Vouchers to be handed in please. The voucher scheme this year ended on 28th April and we are now in the process of calculating how many vouchers we have this year. In previous years we have purchased a lot of valuable PE equipment with our vouchers.



Has anyone mislaid an item of jewellery? We have an item of jewellery in the school office which was found on the junior playground. If you know that you have lost some jewellery, please come and speak to the main office immediately.

## PTA NEWS:

The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May at the Unicorn Pub on Chase Meadow at 7pm. We will be discussing upcoming summer events such as the camping weekend and the Summer Fair among other things, so if you would like to have your say please come along. We always welcome new faces with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to continue to help support the school through fundraising. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman

## YEAR 3 VISIT TO COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK:

Year 3 will be visiting Cotswold Wildlife Park on Wednesday 17th May. Children are expected in school at the earlier time of 8:30am through the junior playground entrance and will return by 3:30pm to the junior playground. All children must wear their school jumper and suitable clothes to walk around the wildlife park. They need a small rucksack in which they should pack their lunch, drink and a snack. They will not require any money.

Thank you, Mrs K Turner and Mr N Broomfield

***There will be a staff-only day on Friday 26th May. This will coincide with the beginning of the half term break in the Summer Term. This means that school will be closed to children on this date.***

## ECO CLUB ~ PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS COLLECTION:

The Eco club would like you to save your milk container tops for an event that we will be having later in the Summer term. Please rinse the tops (any colour) and send them in with your child. They will be collected by your child's class Eco rep.

We need hundreds so please start saving!

Thank you from The ECO Club.



## SCHOOL BANK:

**The Bank will be open before school from 8.30am onwards on each Thursday morning.** Once

an account has been opened it can be serviced as you wish for one off deposits or for more frequent saving.

If you would like any further information please come along to speak to the bank team on a Thursday morning. Thank you, the school bank team and HSBC. Any child can open an account once they have reached **seven years of age.**

