



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 26th February	Tuesday 27th February	Wednesday 28th February	Thursday 1st March	Friday 2nd March
Before school 8am-8.55am				Bag2School collection 8.30-9am	
Activities during the school day	Violin (am)	Brass (am) Violin (pm) Woodwind (pm)	Guitar (am/pm) Y5 visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens	Reception Forest School: Group 1 - 18/1 - 15/2; Reception Group 2 - 1/3 - 29/3 World Book Day	Y5 swimming Y2 celebration assembly @ 9am
Lunchtime		Home learning Y5/6 Drama workshop			Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls choir Y2 Football Reception multi-sports	Boys choir	Y1 Tennis KS2 Football Y4,5,6 Gardening	Orchestra Art Club	Y1 Tag-rugby Y3&4 Netball

PARENTS EVENING:

Parents Evening appointments will take place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March. As usual, appointments can **ONLY** be booked online via the eSchools app or desktop / tablet.

Appointment bookings 'go live' to parents on Tuesday 27th February and will close on Thursday 8th March. *Please contact the school office immediately should you require a password reset.*

YEAR 4 DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT:

On Wednesday 7th February, our Year 4 pupils were invited to take part in the Central Warwickshire School Games Festival Dodgeball Competition at North Leamington School.

12 schools took part with each school taking a squad of up to 8 players. The games were 6-a-side and each team was made up of 3 boys and 3 girls. Our squad was made up of Jake, Maisey, Emma, Serena, Amelie, Alfred, Bayley and Callum.

The rules allowed for any hits under the shoulders and if a ball was caught the opposing player was out and an eliminated player was allowed back in. To win, teams had to eliminate all the other players or have more players on the court at the end of the 6 minute time limit. In all, Newburgh played in 8 matches and won 7 of them, many by eliminating the entirety of the opposition team, sometimes more than once in the 6 minutes.

At the end of the tournament Newburgh were declared the **winners!** We are all very proud of our Year 4 Dodgeball Team. Well Done! Mr. Porter

PTA NEWS:

We are pleased to announce that Newburgh Primary School PTA has organised a **textile collection** with Bag2School in order to help raise funds for our school. Our next collection is:

THURSDAY 1st MARCH 2018

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the **collection area in front of the main school entrance between 8.30am – 9.00am** and help us have a really good collection.



SUITABLE items include: undamaged adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

UNSUITABLE items include: damaged clothing, bedding, curtains, and household linen. **Note: all unsuitable items will be sent to landfill.** (refer to www.bag2school.com for details).

If you have any queries, please contact us by email newburghpta@gmail.com.

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SPORTS KIT:

Please could **ALL** sports kit be returned to school as soon as possible once it has been washed and dried?

We have an increasing amount of kit which hasn't been returned recently and this impacts on how we can 'kit out' teams appropriately in the future. We are missing sports socks in particular if you have any of these please.

Thank you in advance for your help with this.





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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.

GOVERNORS CORNER:

Germes...

There seems to be an awful lot of them about recently. Did you know that the germs in a droplet from a sneeze can travel up to 100 mph and cover a distance of six feet? No wonder there's been so many people off school poorly recently – as many as 35 students in one day! If you've managed to avoid all of this in your household (so far), then I congratulate you. In our house we've had temperatures, 'bubbling' stomachs, sneezing and what feels like relentless coughing – which seems to really kick in between 11pm and 3am. Having to deal with feeling poorly – and having to deal with poorly children – takes a huge amount of resilience; it can be difficult looking after ill children at home, knowing when to keep them off school, and tricky again when they need to be brave and return to school, even if they're not fully themselves. Resilience is on Newburgh's Learning Improvement Plan and as governors we are kept up-to-date with all that the staff are doing to encourage our children to keep trying, to be prepared to go back to a problem and think again, and to not fall at the first knock. Resilience is such an important life skill. If I'm honest, it's been a little lacking in our house recently (my husband's discovered that shouting 'Stop coughing!' at children doesn't generally work), which goes to show that adults can find it hard too, but the more we can embed this into our pupils, the better they will cope in the future.

Anna Meredith (Co-opted Governor)



WORLD BOOK DAY:

On Thursday 1st March it is World Book Day and the children will enjoy a range of exciting activities in Upper and Lower School based upon a different themes. The children will receive home their £1 voucher which can be used in any bookshop to purchase specially produced books or can be used towards the cost of a book. It will be attached to the Scholastic World Book Day leaflet that you may also use your voucher towards.

We are inviting you to take part in a World Book Day share a story activity. Anywhere and Everywhere from Breakfast to bedtime you can share a story. Take a photo to show us the most exciting, adventurous places you have chosen. If you send the photos via email to the office or with an actual photograph we will be making these into a display in the library.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs K. Turner, Literacy Co-ordinator



EASTER CREATIONS:

I hope that everyone has received a letter over the last week or so about changes we have made to the opportunities we are giving children at Easter this year. In previous years we have invited children to make Easter bonnets, gardens scenes etc. We will be changing this for Easter 2018 to something which we feel will have more of an impact for the whole school and the school site in particular. Activities which we are inviting children to complete this year are as follows:

Reception children are invited to decorate a wellington boot and plant some flowers in them.

Year 1 children are invited to find some flat stones and paint them brightly to make some garden bugs.

Year 2 children are invited to create some simple birdseed ornaments which can be hung from the trees on our school field.

Year 3 & 4 children are invited to decorate a plant pot in whatever way they see fit and to plant some flowers or bulbs in the pots so these can be enjoyed around the school site.

Year 5 & 6 children are invited to create a home for an animal. This may be a birdhouse or hedgehog house which we can then use around the site to encourage wildlife to live there.

There will be no judging of entries this year as we feel that this is something where everyone will be a 'winner' because the school site will look amazing as a result.

We would ask that any creations should be made **AT HOME** please (they will not be made in school) and brought into school during the final week of this term – the week commencing Monday 26th March 2018. This may seem like a long way off, but hopefully by sending this information out early it will give you chance to prepare some fantastic creations!

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.

YEAR 5 VISIT:

A reminder that Year 5 will be heading off on their exciting visit to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Wednesday 28th February, in our first week back after half term. This is going to support their learning about the Earth's biomes.

Please ensure that children have a snack and lunch (including a drink of water) in a named bag with them. School uniform should be worn for this visit please, but please take account of the weather on the day as well and dress appropriately.

Mr. O'Dwyer & Miss Reid

PTA NEWS:

The PTA are currently raising money to buy some more bike sheds to accommodate for the ever growing number of bikes that are ridden to school each day. With all the wonderful events we have lined up for the rest of the year we hope it will be possible to raise the £5000 needed. You should have all received a bag to fill over the half term with any unwanted clothes. This is always a great opportunity to have a spring clean and help raise money by donating unwanted clothes and bringing it to school on Thursday 1st March.

Alongside this, if you have any unwanted, and good condition second hand uniform, this can be handed in to the office at any time. The PTA have a lovely new cupboard in the office reception full of uniform which you may help yourself to, we just ask for a small donation if you can, which goes straight into PTA funds.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman.