



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 6th March	Tuesday 7th March	Wednesday 8th March	Thursday 9th March	Friday 10th 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) Lego Festival	Guitar (am/pm)	Fire service visiting Y5	Y5DO'D swimming Y3 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	NO KS2 Football club Film club 3.15-4.50pm Y4,5,6 Gardening club Change Makers 3.30-5pm YR Tennis Y1,3,5 Forest School club Y6 SATs meeting 6pm	Orchestra Y6 Art club 3.15-4.30pm Girls Football	Fencing Y2 Cricket club Y1 Athletics club

Dear parents,

Our central value in school is 'consideration'.

This means so much to so many different people and we expect all people connected to the school to be considerate too. Most of the time this works well although we do have to remind our young people from time to time about how they could be more considerate in a given situation.

We do not, however, accept our young people being aggressive with each other. This isn't considerate behaviour and not one we would condone. Equally, we do not expect aggressive behaviour by parents towards members of staff which is completely unacceptable and inappropriate. If adults are behaving in this way towards other adults, how can we expect their children to act any differently. Any parent who is verbally or physically aggressive towards a member of staff risks being banned from the school site with immediate effect.

As we are a school where parents can access teachers and support staff as readily as possible, we do rely on parents taking a responsible approach to this as well. Please think before you decide to act.

Have a good week,
Many thanks, Mr. Smith

ROTARY DONATION:

The Rotary Club have very generously donated £200.00 towards developing a vegetable garden and wildlife area in the Reception outdoor space. We are looking forward to using this money this half term to buy raised planters, bird feeders as well as vegetable seeds and wild flower seeds. The children will be learning how to grow different vegetables and herbs and they will be using the vegetables that they have grown to develop their cooking skills. We will keep you updated on how the vegetables are growing and the other projects that we have started in our outdoor area.
The Reception Team

NEWSLETTERS & eSCHOOLS UPDATE:

In line with our move to online communication the weekly newsletter will now be sent via eSchools every week and will no longer be sent from the school email account.

The email will arrive in your email inbox addressed from Newburgh Primary School. If you have downloaded the app to your mobile device you will also receive a pop up notification.

If you would prefer a paper version of the newsletter please help yourself to a copy from the leaflet holder outside the school office. Alternatively the newsletter can also be located on the school website under 'letters'.

If you have not yet logged onto eSchools or downloaded the app and need any help, please contact the office.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Please note that we have vacancies for the following after-school activities: **Year 3 cricket (Monday); Year 2 Rounders (Monday)**. If you are interested in either of these clubs, please speak to the main office as soon as possible.





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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.

YEAR 5 'BIG BANG' VISIT ~ HELPERS NEEDED:

Year 5 are going to the 'Big Bang' Science exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham on Thursday 16th March. They are looking to take 6 parent volunteers with them to this event. If you can help out, please let the office know. The visit will leave and return at normal school times.

GOVERNORS' CORNER: MEASURE...

The word **MEASURE** can be used in all sorts of ways:

To **measure** a height or quantity

To **measure** out a punishment

To get the **measure** of someone – do they **measure** up to our expectations?

We might do something extra for good **measure**

We take **measures** to ensure a particular outcome...

Of course, our children are measured from the moment they are born: their weight, their height, their fine motor skills, their emotional intelligence... the list goes on. And at school it's no different. In fact, schools are very keen on measuring as they are constantly called to account by Ofsted to prove the progress of their students, and teachers spend an extraordinary amount of time having to prove that what they are doing within the classroom has measurable impact. So for governors, as one of our jobs is to monitor student progress, when told about particular initiatives or strategies that are working, we need to ask: how do you know? Where's the evidence? For example, as one of the link governors for the SEND department I might ask: how do we know that intervention is working? During a governors meeting I might ask Mr Smith: how do we measure up against other local schools and where's the evidence? Or at a link meeting with Mrs Turner I might ask: how do you know that writing is improving within the school? There are always lots of questions and one of the good things about Newburgh is that the answers are generally always on hand (often before we've had a chance to ask the questions!). One important question does need to be kept in mind, however: is all progress always measurable and able to be proven by data?

Anna Meredith (parent governor)



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Please note that a full programme of extra-curricular activities re-commences next week. The full list is available overleaf. Please note that there will be **NO** KS2 football club on Wednesday 8th 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.

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.

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.

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.



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**.

