



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 11th March	Tuesday 12th March	Wednesday 13th March	Thursday 14th March	Friday 15th March
Before school					
Activities during the school day	Violin tuition Book Day dress up	Stay and Play group Brass tuition Woodwind tuition Violin tuition	Guitar tuition	Forest School Reception (Group 2)	Year 5 Celebration Assembly Red Nose Day
Lunchtime		Home Learning club Playbox Drama club			Home Learning Club
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y1 & 2 TAG Rugby club Reception Multisports club	Boys Choir	Orchestra Cooking Club Y6 Y1 Tennis Club Y5 & 6 Netball Club	KS2 Football Club (Y5 & 6) Newburgh PTA meeting @ 6.30pm (in school)	Y3 & 4 TAG Rugby club Y1 & 2 Dance club

Dear Parents/Guardians

In my whole school assembly this week I introduced the children to our 'Lent Challenge'. The idea being that during the period of Lent, as a whole school, we give something back instead of giving something up. This project does not have a religious focus. In assembly, we discussed the story from the bible where Jesus goes to the desert for forty days and nights to fast and pray and why Lent is observed in the Christian calendar today.

With the forty challenge cards - a challenge for each day of Lent, the children are encouraged to reach out generously to others at school, at home and in the community. This week I focussed on the challenges to show 'Gratitude'. It has been lovely to see evidence of this already in school and I hope that you are seeing this at home too. Do let me know!

Mrs Simpkins
Headteacher

1	Write or draw a list of 10 things you are grateful for	Gratitude
9	Write a thank you note to the lunchtime or reception staff	Gratitude
17	Say thank you to your teacher for teaching you	Gratitude
30	Say thank you to someone in your class	Gratitude
38	Talk to people in your class about their favourite thing about school	Gratitude

RED NOSE DAY IS COMING

To raise money for this amazing charity we would like everyone to wear red for the day on Friday 15th March. If you come to school wearing red, we would be very grateful to receive a £1 donation for this charity.

Thank you
Newburgh School Council



CROSS COUNTRY

On Saturday 2nd March 11 girls and 9 boys from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Cross Country regional qualifiers at Moreton Morrell. All our competitors really performed well and on the web-site you can see some of the photos I managed to take of the children. Special mention goes to the three children who have succeeded in qualifying to represent the Central Area in the County Championships later in the month, Katy Halford who came 12th, James Day who came 2nd and Sam Robbins who came 8th. The boys team came joint 2nd with 62 points.



Adopted charity for the year.





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Our school day begins at 8.55am and the register is taken in class before lessons begin promptly at 9am. Please ensure that children are in school for 8.55am so they can begin their day calmly and with their peers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND DRESS POLICY REMINDER

Non-uniform days: From time to time there will be non uniform days when children and staff may come to school in their everyday clothes; these days will be fund raising events and members of the school community may be asked to contribute a sum of money for the privilege of not wearing uniform. On non uniform days the following items of clothing are NOT permitted:

- High-heeled shoes or open-toed sandals
- Strappy tops which expose the shoulders
- Cropped tops which expose the midriff
- Very short skirts
- Jewellery of any kind
- Long skirts that touch the ground
- T-shirts or other garments with inappropriate slogans

During non-uniform days children will be in a school where work will be taking place. Therefore 'party attire' would not be in-keeping with a place of work.

ANNUAL BOOK DRESS UP AND BOOK FAIR

Our annual book week starts on Monday 11th March; the children can dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Throughout this week the children will take part in a range of activities that promote a love of reading and books.

Also may we welcome as many of you as possible to our book fair. The book fair will start on Monday 11th March and finish on Friday 15th March in the morning. It will be held in the main hall each morning from 8.30 - 8.55am and each afternoon from 3.10 - 3.50pm (Monday to Thursday). Books make great presents and we really value your support as the more you buy the more books we earn for school.

I look forward to seeing you.

Mrs K Turner, Deputy Headteacher



INTERNET SAFETY

We are highlighting popular apps amongst children and young people, along with the associated risks which are present within each platform that parents, carers and trusted adults should be aware of.

Instagram – Online Safety Guide for Parents & Carers – Updated March 2019

Instagram is a hugely popular social networking app with over 1 billion snap happy users worldwide. The app, which is accessible on iOS and Android devices, allows users to upload images and videos to their feed, like an online gallery. Images and videos can be transformed with an array of filters to edit the shot before sharing.

In the news: On 1st March 2019, the NSPCC said that police in England and Wales recorded 1,944 incidents of sexual communication with children in the six months to September 2018, and Instagram was used in 32% of the 1,317 cases where a method was recorded. (Source: BBC)

Revised Guide for Parents & Carers here: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/instagram-parents-guide/>

DID YOU KNOW? - AGE RESTRICTION FOR INSTAGRAM IS 13+



GOVERNORS' CORNER - Sally Nowak, Parent Governor

Last Friday was National offers day for secondary school applications and it was a slight headache just trying to access Warwickshire online portal and remembering my password. It only seems like yesterday my oldest started at primary school and now the year 6 children just have 4 months left at Newburgh. Someone recently said to me that they are going from being big fish in a small pond to small fish in a large pond but hopefully they will all be prepared and cope with the huge change ahead.

I have had a quiet month so far with my governing role although it is going to get busier. As you are all aware Mrs Simpkins is currently acting Headteacher and the post is currently being advertised. The governing body will be meeting to draw up a shortlist of candidates and inviting them in for a 2 day interview next month. There is a very rigorous and robust interview process and I am looking forward to help find the right person for the school.

If you have any comment or query for governors, you can now contact us at governors2325@welearn365.com.



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