



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 4th February	Tuesday 5th February	Wednesday 6th February	Thursday 7th February	Friday 8th February
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Violin tuition	Stay and Play group Brass tuition Woodwind tuition Violin tuition Y3 Class Assembly @ 10.20am & 2.40pm	Guitar tuition	Forest School Group 1 (Reception)	Y6 Celebration assembly 9am
Lunchtime		Home Learning club Playbox Drama club			Home Learning Club
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y3 & 4 Netball Reception Multi sports PTA meeting 7.30pm (Racehorse Pub)	Boys Choir	KS2 Tennis club Orchestra Cooking Club Y6 Parents Evening 3.30 - 7.30pm	Parents Evening 3.30 - 7.30pm	Y5 & 6 Netball Y3,4,5,6 Dance

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been a pleasure to show several visitors and prospective parents around our school this week. They have been particularly impressed with the 'Romeo and Juliet' topic being studied by the whole school at the moment. We are fortunate to be living so close to Stratford, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, and to be able to provide our pupils with first hand experiences to supplement their learning.

I look forward to seeing you all next week for our Spring Term parents evenings. This is an important time for communication with your child's class teacher about their attainment and progress and a time for your child to show you their books and celebrate their work in school.

*Mrs Simpkins
Headteacher*

'WE WILL ROCK YOU' AT THE BRIDGE HOUSE THEATRE



Last week we took a group of excited Year 5 & 6 pupils to the theatre to see a musical show that was performed by the children of Aylesford School - 'We Will Rock You.'

It was wonderful to see some of our former pupils taking the lead roles and performing with such confidence and panache. I was especially pleased to hear some of the past members of our boys' choir singing and dancing like professionals. This was a wonderful uplifting experience for our current pupils, who all enjoyed the show immensely and could dream that they might be doing something similar when they move on to Secondary school.

I will look forward to seeing some of our current pupils (boys and girls) up on the same stage in the future!

Sarah Franklin

PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Parents evening appointments for all classes EXCEPT 4EP will take place on Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th February.

Please note that the eSchools booking window will close on Tuesday 5th February at 9am. Please make an appointment if you have not already done so.

Parents evening appointments for class 4EP will take place after February half term. A separate communication will be sent to the parents of children in this class.

PLAYGROUNDS

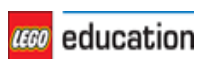
Please vacate the playgrounds as swiftly as possible at the end of the day, as both playgrounds are used by the after school club and sports clubs immediately after school. Your children are welcome to play on the play sculpture at the front of the school but this must be under parental supervision please.

COLOURING BOOKS

We would be very grateful to receive any unused/unwanted colouring books for children to enjoy during lunchtime breaks. Thank you.



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.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES:

A decision to close the school is never taken lightly and will only be made in the most severe of circumstances, where it is felt that the safety of both pupils and staff could be at significant risk.

As we approach a period of possible snowfall we would like to bring your attention to the methods in which we advise parents of a school emergency closure. Wherever possible the decision to close will be made by 7am and we would ask parents to check the school website: (www.newburghprimaryschool.co.uk) in the first instance.

You may also choose to visit

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Here you can sign up for text alerts and link to a Twitter feed from the local authority for school closures.

We will also send an eSchools message to all families as soon as a decision is made.



CARE4CALAIS

Care4Calais are currently running a Coats4Calais campaign. As you can imagine conditions in Calais and Northern France are awful and there is not enough winter clothing to keep the refugees warm when so many are sleeping rough.

The link to Care4Calais and the campaign is <https://care4calais.org>

If you feel able to donate any winter coats then please place them in the box located in the school reception area before Tuesday 5th February. One of our Newburgh parents has kindly offered to then take them to a collection point ready for transportation.



PE CLOTHING

Children at Newburgh have the opportunity to take part in indoor and outdoor PE lessons throughout the year. Please ensure that your child has an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school at all times.

Indoor PE kit should include black shorts, white t-shirt, socks and pumps.

Outdoor PE kit should include jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, jumper/sweatshirt, socks and trainers.

A plastic bag inside the PE bag is really useful for muddy trainers. There is spare kit available in the PTA drawers in the school office reception area, for a voluntary contribution to the PTA.

WATER BOTTLES

There are three water coolers around the school for children to access and we would encourage everyone to do so. Every child is welcome to have a water bottle in class with them during the day. It is also really helpful if water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.

PTA EVENTS

Wednesday 6th February - Cake Sale at Parents' Evening. We will be needing cake makers, cake buyers and cake eaters! Volunteers would also be really appreciated to run the stall.

More info needed?

Email newburghpta@gmail.com.

GOVERNORS' CORNER

At Newburgh we are so fortunate to have forged strong links with the RSC and this relationship enriches our curriculum and the children's learning. A couple of weeks ago an actor had a question and answer session with the lower school children. The children having been learning about Romeo and Juliet and came prepared with some interesting questions. She was engaging, informative and held the attention of all the children present. I have also enjoyed reading some very descriptive writing about characters and settings from Romeo and Juliet, with artwork and photos on display in the corridor from Year 1 and Year 2. It has been good to hear how much the children across school are enjoying working on this Shakespeare play and the high quality work that is being produced. Confidence and resilience also stem from performing and working with RSC members.

This week the Director Mentor from the RSC has been in to work with our Year 5 pupils on their Romeo and Juliet performance. Due to us being the lead school Miss Reid has organised for our associate schools to come to Newburgh on 13th February. All the hard work and rehearsing will come together in the performance of the play. I heard that some of the Year 5 children were rather jealous of Year 3 who visited Shakespeare's birth place this week. Learning about Shakespeare and his works show how history and literature can really be brought to life, sparking an interest in children to want to find out more.

Rebecca Poole Co-opted Governor

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



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