



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 15th October	Tuesday 16th October	Wednesday 17th October	Thursday 18th October	Friday 19th October
Before school 8am-8.55am			Y5,6 Indoor Athletics		
Activities during the school day	Violin (am) Y3/4 football tournament (@ Kingsley) 9.30am Quantum Theatre (Y6) 1.15pm	Brass (am) Woodwind (pm) Violin (pm) Stay & Play 9.30-11am	Guitar (am/pm) Comedy of Errors (Y3,4,5) ~ 1.30pm	Yr3 Forest School (gp1) Y6 Indoor Rowing @ Campion 10-12	Y2 Celebration Assembly Y6 swimming Y5 RSC performance @ Swan Theatre, Stratford (20 children)
Lunchtime		Home learning Y5,6 Drama		Y2,3 Reading club	Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Y1 Hockey Y3,4 Dodgeball Girls choir Football V Lillington (h)	Boys choir	Y1,2 Tennis KS2 Football (Mr Smith & Mr Brandrick) Y4,5,6 Gardening Reception Tea Party 3.20pm Comedy of Errors 6.30pm	Orchestra	Y2 Hockey Y5,6 Dodgeball



THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone who donated food to our harvest collection last week. The display was absolutely beautiful and I know that the recipients of the donated produce (The Leamington and Warwick Foodbank) really appreciated everyone's generosity as well. It was also fantastic to see so many adults present at our harvest festivals last week. As you would have seen, the children were very excited to perform in front of such a large audience. Harvest is always one of our best supported events at Newburgh. We always have large numbers of adults who want to come and support their children whilst they are celebrating this traditional festival. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Elsworth who took a huge amount of their own time to create such a fantastic display for us all to enjoy last week. We really were most grateful for your hard work and efforts with this.



WELL DONE:

Congratulations to both the girls' and boys' 7-a-side football teams. Both teams have recently won local tournaments convincingly meaning that they will advance to the Central Warwickshire area finals in November.

The girls won all the matches in their tournament, scoring 9 goals and conceding only 1.

The boys won three and drew one match in their tournament, scoring 4 goals and conceding only 1 again.

This is the first time that both girls' and boys' teams have qualified for the finals in the same year. Well done to all involved.

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.



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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.

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:

FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER 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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FIREWORK SAFETY COMPETITION:

The Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service are holding a competition for local children to enter to highlight the dangers associated with bonfire night. There are two categories:

* **Reception / Year 1 / Year 2: Design a Firework Safety Poster**

* **Y3,4,5,6: Write a firework safety poem or rhyme & decorate it.**

Children are invited to enter this competition as an activity at home ~ we will not be carrying this out as an activity at school. Posters or poems should be created on **A4** paper / card and have children's **NAME, AGE & SCHOOL** on the back of their work. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 7th November 2018. All entries can be handed in to class teachers or the main office. Good luck!

GOVERNORS CORNER:

What would autumn be without the horse chestnut tree, and its famous seed, the conker?



The article last week about the autumn festivals and coming up to half term holidays made me think about the game of Conkers, which I had never heard of before I moved to England. Very soon this game became one of our family favourite as it cost us nothing and gave us hours of fun. Ever since I have been fascinated by this game. Here are some facts about Conkers:

The first recorded game of Conkers using horse chestnuts was on the Isle of Wight in 1848. The name may come from the dialect word conker, meaning "knock out". Originally it was played using snail shells, hence the name Conch as the horse chestnut trees was only introduced into England from the Balkans in the late 1500's.

The National Woodland Inventory of Woodland Trees estimates there are 470,000 Horse Chestnut trees in Great Britain.

Conkers are also known regionally as obbyconkers, cheggies* or cheesers. A "cheeser" is also a conker with one or more flat sides.

In 1965 the World Conker Championships were set up in Ashton Northamptonshire, England, and still take place on the second Sunday of October every year.

In the autumn of 1917, a call went out for children to collect horse chestnuts (conkers) and acorns. Hundreds of tons were collected from playgrounds, gardens and local parks, as children responded to a notice pinned to their classroom walls.

Hope you get some time over half term to go and find some conkers and have a safe play under adult supervision. Enjoy the autumn break!

Raman Gurnani, Co-opted Governor

STAY AND PLAY:

Stay and Play runs on a Tuesday morning in the old hall. The session, from 9.30 – 11.00am, offers a wide range of activities for children from 0 – 4 years.

Our theme-based sessions include dinosaurs, bugs, building, zoo animals and lots more! These sessions are carefully planned according to the children's learning needs. The session also includes snack time and singing.

We look forward to welcoming you to our fun-filled morning.

CROSS-COUNTRY:

The second cross-country race of the winter season will take place on Saturday 20th October at Hatton Country World. For the first time there will be races for Year 5 children as well as Year 6 during the morning, as follows: Year 5 girls @ 9.50am; Year 5 boys @ 10.10am; Year 6 girls @ 10.30am; Year 6 boys @ 11am. Obviously with the addition of two extra races there will be more people in attendance, so please leave yourself enough time to park and get to the start line. If you are interested in representing Newburgh in these races, please contact Mr. Smith for a letter if you haven't already done so as soon as possible. We do not pick a team for cross-country, so if you volunteer to run I will see you there.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS:

Unless you have already done, please complete and return all reply slips for the Year 5 & 6 residential visits. Please reply even if your child does not wish to attend. Deposit payments are due by no later than Friday 2nd November.

YEAR GROUP ASSEMBLIES:

Year 6's assembly will take place on Tuesday 13th November. Assemblies take place at both 10.20am and are repeated at 2.45pm. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.