



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 12th February	Tuesday 13th February	Wednesday 14th February	Thursday 15th February	Friday 16th February
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Violin (am)	Brass (am) Violin (pm) Woodwind (pm) Y5 assembly 10.20am & 2.50pm	Guitar (am/pm)	Reception Forest School: Group 1 - 18/1 - 15/2; Reception Group 2 - 1/3 - 29/3	Y5 swimming Y1 celebration assembly @ 9am
Lunchtime		Home learning Y5/6 Drama workshop			Home learning
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls choir Y3 Tag Rugby Reception football	Boys choir Football V Bishop's Itchington (h) Netball V Priors Field (h)	Y1 Tennis KS2 Football	Orchestra	Y1 Football Y2 Hockey

Dear parents,

The Internet is a wonderful and diverse place, filled with incredible information resources. Yet for many parents and carers who often have less knowledge and experience of the Net, it can be a place of concern. We worry about what or whom our children may encounter online, and how we can protect them with our own (sometimes limited) knowledge.

Whilst we may use the Net for booking holidays, ordering shopping or answering mail, children are setting up social networking pages, instant messaging with webcams, blogging, playing online games and emailing 'friends'. That is on top of potentially researching work for school projects.

Most children use the Internet safely and responsibly and we shouldn't lose sight of the Net's positive aspects. It is important to balance our concerns about Internet safety with empowering young people to explore and make the most of this wonderfully rich resource, safe in the knowledge that they can talk to us about anything they may run into.

Parents' checklist: what can you do?

- Limit approved websites and hours spent online.
- Set high security settings with browsers and social networking sites.
- Install and maintain security software and parental controls.
- Use parental controls to limit the websites children can visit.
- Monitor children's computer use and sit with them when they are online whenever possible.
- Talk about protecting private information (name, phone number etc) and never share passwords with 'friends'.

## Internet Safety



Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February 2018 with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you" and it provided a fantastic opportunity to engage with children about their digital lives. To help you get involved, there is a pack for parents and carers, including conversation starters, a factsheet, family pledge card and more!

Please find further information at the following link (cut and paste into your browser): <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/sid2018-education-packs/education-pack-parents-and-carers>

Have a good week,

Many thanks, Mr. Smith



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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:

Looking back to our school days we often remember Shakespearean literature as difficult. Last Wednesday, as part of our partnership with the RSC years 3, 4 and 5 watched a superb performance of Julius Caesar. The children were immersed in the dramatic events of the play, watching their awe, shock and horror as the actors transported them to another world was amazing. Many of the children were mouthing the lines as the actors performed in front of them. During their English lessons they have learnt the plot of the play, how to interpret Shakespeare's language and how to act and deliver many of the actual lines from the play. Before the performance, English Co-ordinators from other local primary schools had come to see how Newburgh teaches Shakespeare to different age groups. All went away inspired by the quality of our children's work and the passion with which our children talked about the plays they are learning.

Karen Turner, Staff Governor

## NUMBER DAY:

Last Friday, we celebrated the NPSCC's National Number Day. Thank you to all of you who dressed up wearing a number and for your kind donations. We raised a total of £330.12. All children took part in various number activities including a number hunt, making Numicon art and problem solving games. Many of these activities involved children mixing across year groups and it was wonderful to hear the mathematical language and discussions which took place. We look forward to putting some of this number work on display around the school to showcase our mathematical learning! Miss Maisey and Mrs Preston

## PTA NEWS:

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us at the Beetle drive last weekend. We all had a great time with a wonderful atmosphere and a perfect way to spend a rainy, Saturday afternoon. We raised over £300 and gave away lots of lovely prizes for the winners and losers. We had an increase in families attending this year, proving that the Beetle drive is becoming a fun and popular annual event. You may be aware that one of the PTA's favourite events is our summer camping weekend.

This has been thoroughly enjoyed for the last 4 years and we would love to do it again this year, but we need some help! We're looking for anyone who may have connections to the use of a field for a weekend over June or early July, preferably with water connectivity, that the PTA may be able to use? Last year we had about 25-30 caravans and tents with over 100 people coming along to the event and it's a wonderful chance for children and families to get to know each other, while enjoying the great outdoors. If you think you may be able to help in any way, please contact me on newburghpta@gmail.com. Thank you!!

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chairman.

## WATER BOTTLES:

We still have some children who are not taking the opportunity to keep themselves hydrated via one of our three new water coolers. Children only need to bring a bottle into school so that they can refill this once their water has been drunk during the day. There are three new 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.

## WORLD BOOK DAY:

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.***