



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 20th May	Tuesday 21st May	Wednesday 22nd May	Thursday 23rd May	Friday 24th May
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Violin	Stay and Play group Woodwind Brass Violin Reception Class Assembly 10.20 & 2.50	Guitar	Y5 visit to Flash Bang @ Warwick School	Y6 Celebration Assembly 9 am
Lunchtime		Home Learning club		Orchestra	
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Athletics Club Infants Girls Choir	Boys Choir	Tennis Club Y2&3 KS2 Athletics Club Y5&6 Gardening Club Reception Garden viewing	Football Club (Y5 & 6)	Dance Club Y1 & 2

Dear Parents/Guardians

The staff and I would like to congratulate our Y6 pupils on their excellent attitude and effort with their tests this week. They have had a tiring week but have tried their very best right up to and including the last test on Thursday. The tests have now been safely packed away and sent for marking. The rest of the school should also be congratulated for their consideration - they have worked so quietly and made adaptations to ensure that the Y6 pupils have had the right conditions to be most successful with their tests.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

*Kind regards
Mrs Simpkins*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Celebration Assemblies:

Friday 24th May - Year 6 @ 9 am
Friday 7th June - Year 1 @ 9 am
Friday 14th June - Year 2 @ 9 am
Friday 21st June - Year 4 @ 9-9.30 am
Friday 21st June - Year 3 @ 9.30-10 am
Friday 28th June - Year 6 @ 9-9.30 am
Friday 28th June - Year 2 @ 9.30-10 am
Friday 5th July - Year 5 @ 9-9.30 am
Friday 5th July - Year 1 @ 9.30-10 am

Reception Pebble Assemblies

Friday 21st June @ 2.30 pm

Class Assemblies:

Reception - Tuesday 21st May @ 10.20 am & 2.50 pm (change)
Year 2 - Tuesday 25th June @ 10.20 am & 2.50 pm



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK!

How do you stay healthy? You might think about the things you do every day to look after your body, like eating food, being active and making sure you get enough sleep. But did you know that it's important to look after your mind too?

And did you know that some of the things you do to look after your body can help your mind?

Here are three tips about being 'Healthy: Inside and Out':

1. Pick something you already do to look after yourself and try to notice how it makes you feel. For example, eating fruit, playing football in the playground, reading a relaxing story at bedtime. Why do you think you feel like that?
2. Ask your family, friends and teachers about what they do to look after themselves. Do they have any good ideas? Why do they do it? How do they make sure they keep doing it?
3. Decide one new thing you can do to look after your body and your mind. It doesn't have to be big or tricky – and you could find a friend to do it with you! For example, you could try to do five star jumps every playtime or do something relaxing to help you sleep better.

Keep a diary about how it makes you feel. If it doesn't work, it's OK to try something else! Find something that makes you feel Healthy: Inside and Out.

Miss Masani.



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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.

HOLIDAYS

Regular school attendance is essential if pupils are to maximise their educational opportunities in order to achieve their full potential. The Governors have a responsibility to ensure that our school provides all pupils with the best possible education, but we can only do this if pupils attend school regularly and on time. Taking any time out of school for holidays is disruptive to a child's learning and well-being – and it can be difficult for them to catch up.

The Department for Education (DfE) issued guidance that states: "The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. Parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school." Therefore the Headteacher may only consider giving permission for a pupil to be absent from school during term time in 'exceptional circumstances' and proof will be requested by the Headteacher. If you choose to disregard this guidance the Local Authority may take legal action under section 444 of the Education Act 1996, which states that you have a legal obligation to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Newburgh Primary School is committed to raising the profile of attendance and its link to pupil achievement and well-being. It is important therefore that you support us by ensuring that your child attends school on time, every day and by not taking your son/daughter out of school for holidays during term time. If you feel that there are exceptional circumstances that justify a request please complete a 'Request for Exceptional Term Time Leave' in advance and before any arrangements are confirmed or monies committed.

PTA - IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 3rd June - PTA meeting, 7.30pm at school

7th - 9th June - PTA camping weekend, Kineton

Fri 21st June - PTA quiz night, 7.30pm at school

Thur 27th June - PTA meeting, 7.30pm at school

Fri 5th July - PTA Summer Fair

More information regarding the camping event will be sent closer to the time but any questions in the meantime can be sent to newburghpta@gmail.com

BOOK SOME TIME

Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival

Ruby had always been happy, *perfectly* happy...

Until one day... she discovered a Worry.

A Reassuring and sensitive book – the perfect springboard for talking to children about sharing their hidden worries no matter how big or small they may be.

"A sweet a truly uplifting story that celebrates diversity... and inspires children to dare to be different and to have the courage to stand out".
BookTrust



WAYS TO HELP THE PTA RAISE FUNDS

Foreign coins - if you have left over coins from a holiday that you don't know what to do with, we'll have them! Just put them in the bucket in the school office.

Online shopping - if you shop online, why not do it through easyfundraising.org.uk? If you sign up and put in Newburgh PTA, we get a percentage of everything you spend and it doesn't cost you a penny.



GOVERNORS' CORNER - Anna Meredith (Co-opted governor)

As a secondary school English teacher, this week I saw my Year 11 students sit their first English Literature exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes to write an essay on a Shakespeare play and another on a pre-twentieth century text, in this case *A Christmas Carol* by Dickens. In my room before the exam they had laid out in front of them revision books, prompt cards, mind maps, essay plans, quotation slips and a whole range of coloured highlighters to help them organise their thoughts and ideas. There was a mixed feeling of trepidation and nerves in the room, with one or two of them realising that, with an hour to go, it was simply too late to cram any more in. It turns out the exam questions weren't too bad, but there's no time for them to relax as next week they have another Literature exam, this time lasting 2 hours and 15 minutes; and after half term it's their Language exams: two papers each lasting an hour and a half. Oh, and of course they have all of their other subjects too. I then look at my son in Year 6, at the very beginning of his exam journey as this, of course, has been SATs week. I know what's coming his way, but it's of some comfort that he's spoken to me cheerfully about the pancakes for breakfast (he wasn't so keen on the crumpets!) and that he clearly felt well-prepared for the tests and familiar with how to manage them. There's a long road of exams and tests ahead of our children; the best thing we can do is to look after them as well as we can and keep it all in perspective.

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



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