



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 21st October	Tuesday 22nd October	Wednesday 23rd October	Thursday 24th October	Friday 25th October
Before school 8am-8.55am			Indoor Athletics' Club Y5&6 INVITE ONLY		
Activities during the school day	Violin lessons	Stay and Play group Violin/Woodwind/ Brass lessons School Tour for parents with children due to start school in Sept 20 @ 9.30am  Y2 Class Assembly @ 10.20 am & 2.50 pm	Guitar lessons	Forest School Y3 (Group 1)  School Tour for parents with children due to start school in Sept 20 @ 1.30pm  Reception reading afternoon 1.30 - 3pm  Y1 Traditional Tales Tea Party 2 - 3pm	Y1 Celebration Assembly 9 - 9.30 am
Lunchtime	Card swap club	Home Learning club		Orchestra Club	Home Learning club
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y1&2 Football (Fitt4Kids) Y2,3 & 4 Netball (Fitt4Kids) Rec & Y1 Phonics meeting @ 5.30pm	Boys Choir	Gardening Club Y5&6 KS2 Football Club Y1&2 Tennis (Coolsportz) Wellbeing Club	FINAL Netball Club Y5&6	

Dear Parents/Guardians,

*In assembly this week, I spoke about being 'Unique'. Our School mission is 'To realise the potential of ALL children within a nurturing and stimulating environment, inspiring everyone to become confident and secure achievers and life-long learners.'*

*We considered how we should value the uniqueness of ourselves and each other and how we should understand and celebrate our differences.*

Kind regards,  
Mrs Simpkins



## PARENTS EVENING BOOKINGS

The parents evening booking window is now open. Please make all your appointments for your child/ren via the eSchools app.

If you need help in resetting passwords then please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs Chamba, SENCo will also have separate appointments available on both evenings but please call the school office if you would like an appointment.

## GARDENING CLUB & HARVEST FESTIVAL

Over the last few years we have been developing our garden plots around school. The gardening club runs on a Wednesday after school. The pupils who attended last year planted a wide range of vegetables, which resulted in a bumper harvest!

This term our new gardening club have harvested: marrows, beetroot, potatoes, tomatoes, leeks, onions, green beans, spinach and a range of herbs. We have donated our produce to the school kitchen.

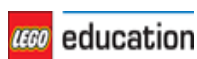
The kitchen staff were very excited to receive a huge trolley of fresh vegetables which they are using in our school meals.

What a great way to show our children how to plant, grow, harvest and eat our organic school grown vegetables.

Miss Nicol and The Gardening Club



Adopted charity  
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## BOOK SOME TIME - Precious and the Monkeys

Previous Ramotwe's very first case  
Alexander McCal Smith

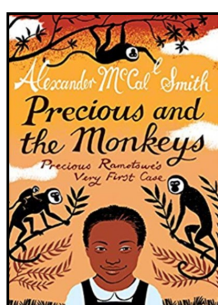
What would you do if someone was stealing things from your friends? Would you try to find out who the thief was?

Once upon a time in Botswana in Africa there was a girl called Precious. She would grow up to be famous as Precious Ramotwe of the **No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency**, but she had to solve her first mystery when she was still at school. Who has been taking things that don't belong to them, and how can Precious make sure the wrong person doesn't get the blame? Here in this delightful, enchanting tale for children, Precious Ramotwe, aged 8, takes on her very first case.

Think of what it would be like to discover, when you are still quite young, that you are a born detective...

"A delight" The Times

This is a great book that would be enjoyed by all primary school aged children, either to read independently or enjoy with an adult.



## PTA CORNER - Quiz night

Our ever-popular quiz makes a return on Friday 8th November, so put it in your diaries. With a bar, fish and chip supper and some excellent prizes a good time is guaranteed! We hope to see you there - more information nearer the time.



Also, prior notice that the PTA Xmas fair will take place on Saturday 7th December.

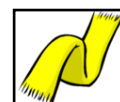


## YOUNG MINDS #HELLOYELLOW

Thursday 10th October was World Mental Health day where Newburgh took part in #HelloYellow by wearing a yellow coloured accessory. We were very lucky to collaborate with Mind's Big Umbrella project. On the day children were able to explore what mental health, emotional well being and resilience is and Mind provided the children with a range of coping mechanisms during our whole school assembly when reading The Huge Bag of Worries by Virginia Ironside.

As a school we raised £264.20 for our Charity of the year: Young Minds.

Thank You for everyone who donated and participated by wearing something yellow.



## BOOK WEEK

Our book fair will be open each morning before school (8.30 - 8.55am) and each afternoon after school (3.10 - 3.50 **but not Friday**). Please come and take a look at some of the fantastic books on sale. As part of book week children and staff are also invited to come to school on Monday dressed as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing everyone in their chosen costume.



## GOVERNORS CORNER - Rebecca Poole Coopted Governor

As I write this I am looking forward to attending an Early Years Foundation Stage training day at a local primary school. We have also been privileged this week to have members of the RSC in school training staff. Continued professional development is necessary for staff to gain greater knowledge and understanding, learn new skills and share good practice. As governors it's no different, we are continually striving to be well informed and up to date with training. As a governing body we periodically complete a Skills Matrix in order to highlight gaps in our shared knowledge and expertise. We can then access relevant training courses and also use the information when appointing co-opted governors.

New governors attend Induction Training which provides a rounded picture of the principles of governance and gives practical guidance on how all governors can actively contribute to the leadership of their school. It addresses how governors can support and challenge the school to achieve the best possible outcomes. Newburgh governors are also part of a consortium of local schools where we share in-house training. Our next session covers The New OFSTED Framework and how to monitor the wider curriculum. I hope this gives you further insight into our role as governors of Newburgh Primary School.

If you have a comment or query for governors, please contact us at [governors2325@welearn365.com](mailto:governors2325@welearn365.com)



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