



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 25th June	Tuesday 26th June	Wednesday 27th June	Thursday 28th June	Friday 29th June
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Violin (am)	Y3-6 trading card club (breaktime) Brass (am) Violin (pm) Woodwind (pm) <b>Year 2 assembly 10.20am &amp; 2.45pm</b>	Guitar (am/pm) <b>Y6 induction day</b>		<b>Y4 celebration assembly @ 9am</b> Y4 swimming
Lunchtime		Home learning Y5,6 Drama Workshop	Y4,5 PAIS club		
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Orchestra, Girls' choir and Boys' choir to watch Aylesford musicians @ Newburgh  Y2 Summer Sports Reception Summer Multi Sports	<b>NO</b> Boys choir	Y3,4,5,6 Tennis <b>NO</b> KS2 Athletics Y4,5,6 Gardening	<b>NO</b> Orchestra <b>NO</b> Art Club Y6 Rounders	Year 1 Summer Sports Year 3&4 Summer Sports <b>PTA camping weekend</b>

Dear parents,

*It is coming up to the time of the academic year when children and parents will look at which classes they will be moving to next year. This includes our current Year 6 children who will be heading to their new secondary schools this coming week for their induction day.*

*Our own 'change-over' morning will take place during the last week of the academic year and children will be moving to meet their new teachers in readiness for the new term in September.*

*However, before that, I am able to confirm that teachers will be teaching in the following classes in September:*

*Reception: Miss Bones & Miss Nicol*

*Year 1 Miss Maisey & Mrs Richardson / Mrs Jackson*

*Year 2: Mrs Connell & Mrs Preston*

*Year 3: Miss Barnett & Mrs Bull / Mrs Fitzpatrick*

*Year 4: Mr Porter & Miss Pearson*

*Year 5: Miss Reid & Miss Masani*

*Year 6: Mrs Snell & Mrs Turner*

*Mrs Simpkins' role as deputy headteacher is changing from September as she will no longer have a teaching commitment. This is something we have wanted to do for a while and it will enable Newburgh to push ahead with its planned improvements next year.*

*Have a good week, Mr. Smith*

## YEAR 3 READING:

It is very important that parents encourage children to read at home and ask them questions about their reading. Please remember that most children will no longer have a guided reading book but will have 2 library books. They should be aiming to read for about 20 min **at least** 3x per week so that they are reading a good chapter book every 2 weeks. Please help them achieve this as it makes a tremendous difference to all their learning. Thank you, the Year 3 team.

## YEAR 6 NOTICES:

May we please advise parents of the following important dates relating to Year 6. Further information regarding these events will be sent home nearer to the time.

### Year 6 end of term performance 'Darwin Rocks'

- **Friday 6th July** - dress rehearsal (parents with toddlers/babies) @ 9.30am;
- **Wednesday 11th July** - performances at **2.00 pm** and **6.00 pm**  
Year 6 leavers party - **Wednesday 18th July (4 - 6pm)**  
Year 6 leavers assembly - **Thursday 19th July (9 am)**  
We hope that parents are able to attend these end of year events.

## YEAR 5 RSC PERFORMANCE:

Year 5 children will be performing Macbeth at The Other Place in Stratford at 4.00 pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July. A reminder that tickets for this performance are available from the RSC Box Office for **£3 per person**. Contact details are **01789 403434** and you will need to inform the booking office that you would like to attend Newburgh Primary School's performance in the RSC Playmaking Festival using the above date and time.



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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:

### Career Focussed Education

I recently read an article about career focussed education, which made me think about what is it that we do in our school to prepare our children beyond the curriculum and getting them ready for work. Take a look at any job advert. It is not just about academic curriculum and knowledge, employers are interested in, there will almost always be a list of skills and abilities required such as:

- Communication and Thinking
- Team work
- Resilience
- Leadership
- Creativity
- Organisation and Responsibility

During my visits at the school I have seen examples of all this already happening, for example:

- Teachers encouraging group-working in the classroom by setting children tasks and ensuring they share the workload to reach their end goal.
- Creating opportunities for engaging group working and team activities are also openings that give pupils leadership responsibilities in a supportive and structured environment.
- Encouraging children to complete tasks within a set time, whilst receiving encouragement throughout and praise when tasks are completed.
- Asking children to examine what could have been done to improve as a group and in a constructive, positive manner will also help to improve organisation for next time.
- Offering cross curricular activities to promote character education and instil positive values and boost resilience in pupils.

Building transferable skills can be greatly facilitated by building character and developing strength of character helps to prepare them for the future, whatever they choose to do and wherever they choose to go. By integrating these skills into everyday learning, students start to understand how they translate into real-life situations, and will start to reap the benefits as early as possible.

Thank you to all the staff at Newburgh school for going the extra mile.

Raman Gurnani, Governor

## ART EXHIBITION:

The photograph on the right shows artwork created by children from Year 6 who have been attending Art Club this year. The exhibition that this work forms a part of can be viewed in St. Mary's Church from 15th June until 1st July and any families are welcome to go and visit. The exhibition contains work from a variety of local primary and secondary schools and is well worth going to have a look at. Children with work displayed from Newburgh in the exhibition are: Ayda, Milly, Kate, Ruby, Lauren, Martyna, Clemmie, Honey, Sophia, Ruby-Sue, Callum, Sonny, Holly and Danny.



## PTA NEWS:

At last weeks' meeting the PTA approved £3000 towards a large project of redesigning the school courtyard area, plus £1346 towards the cost of the coaches for the Christmas pantomime in December, bringing the cost for parents down by half.

The money for the Sponsored marathon is still coming in, but the current total stands at £2250, plus over £400 gift aid, bringing our **total to £2650**, which is absolutely amazing!! Such a fantastic event, for a relatively small amount of effort, bringing a huge amount of money to the school while giving fun and exercise to our children. Please keep bringing in any money you have, as we'll need every penny to fund new school projects.

Remember to get your forms in for camping on **Friday 29th June - Sunday 1st July**. This is always a brilliant weekend and we can't wait for it! The week after, **Friday 6th July**, is the PTA Summer Fair. It starts at 3.15pm and we have a wide range of games, prizes, food and a licenced bar, whilst the football tournament is played on the school field creating a great atmosphere. Please come along and join the fun.

Lisa Hernandez, PTA Chair

***PLEASE NOTE: YEAR 2s ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 26th JUNE AT 10.20am AND 2.45pm.***

## CHOIR / ORCHESTRA NOTICE:

We are approaching the end of another year where the members of the school choirs and orchestra (which now comprise of around 80 children!) have done a fantastic job of representing our school at numerous concerts and events. To say a big thank you to these children for their hard work and commitment, we have arranged for musicians from Aylesford to come and perform at Newburgh on Monday 25th June from 3:15-4:15 in our school hall. All members of both choirs and the orchestra are invited and they will need picking up from the school office at 4:15. This will serve as the last session of the year for both the choirs and the orchestra. We hope to see them all back ready for more music making in September!

## MAD SCIENCE:



During week ONE of the summer break (23rd-27th July 2018) Mad Science West Midlands will be running a Summer Camp at Newburgh. For further details and booking information, please help yourself to a leaflet from the entrance hall outside the main office. Alternatively visit [www.madscience.org/west\\_midlands](http://www.madscience.org/west_midlands) or email [enquiries@madsciencewm.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@madsciencewm.co.uk) Mad Science can also be reached on 01926 429875. All bookings should be made directly with Mad Science West Midlands.