



# Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 16th September	Tuesday 17th September	Wednesday 18th September	Thursday 19th September	Friday 20th September
Before school 8am-8.55am			Indoor Athletics' Club Y5&6		
Activities during the school day	Violin lessons	Stay and Play group Violin lessons Woodwind lessons Brass lessons  School Tour - families with children due to start school Sept 2020 @ 9.30 am  Y2 Warwick Castle visit	Guitar lessons	Forest School Y3 (Group 1)  School Tour - families with children due to start school Sept 2020 @ 1.30 pm	Celebration Assembly Year 4 @ 9 am
Lunchtime	Card swap club	Home Learning club		Orchestra Club	Home Learning club
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y5 Malvern Information Evening @ 6pm	Boys Choir	NO Gardening Club Y5&6 KS2 Football Club	Netball Club Y5&6	

Dear Parents/Guardians,

*In my assembly on our school values this week, I spoke about 'Nurturing'. As a school, one of our aims is 'To create and maintain a happy, positive learning environment for all children where every child matters.'*

*This week we were fortunate to host a rehearsal of the Royal Shakespeare Company's First Encounters production of 'The Merchant of Venice'. This involved actors sharing sections of the production-in-progress and then an amazing session where Y5 pupils were able to share their thoughts about the play and give feedback on what they had seen before the cast set off on tour.*

Kind regards,

Mrs Simpkins, Headteacher

## STICKER BOOKS AND CARDS

We ask children not to bring in cards and stickers to swap in school as this can very easily lead to upsets, however, Mr Porter will run a club in his classroom on Monday lunchtimes.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

We are proud of our uniform and what it represents. Help us to keep it special and smart all year round. Sweatshirts and cardigans must have the school emblem and not a plain alternative please.

Second hand uniform can easily be obtained from the school's reception area. Please help yourself from the drawers – a voluntary donation towards PTA funds can be placed in the PTA donation box on the wall. Trainers and boots are NOT part of our school uniform and should not be worn on a daily basis. Children should ONLY wear black shoes in school. Children are welcome to wear boots to and from school on rainy/ snowy days,

## PARENTPAY

Please can we ask that parents check their child/rens ParentPay accounts regularly ensuring that enough payment has been made to cover school lunches in advance. Class Catering do not offer credit. This will also save office staff time by not having to chase missing payments.



## CHILDREN AND MOBILE PHONES

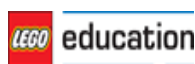
Children are not permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.



If a child needs to bring a mobile phone into school, for an exceptional reason then it must not be kept in a school bag, drawer or locker but be given to the office staff to store for safe keeping, and to be returned at the end of the school day.



Adopted charity for the year.





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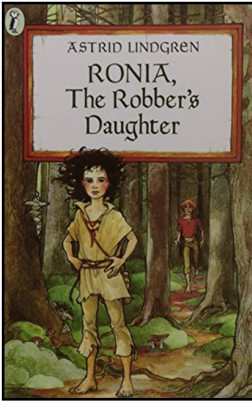
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[https://www.newburghprimaryschool.co.uk/website/home\\_learning/182733](https://www.newburghprimaryschool.co.uk/website/home_learning/182733)



## BOOK SOME TIME -

**Ronia, The Robber's Daughter by Astrid Lindgren**

*On the night Ronia was born, a thunderstorm raged over the mountain, but in Matt's castle and among his band of robbers there was only joy – for Matt now had a spirited little black-haired daughter. Soon Ronia learns to dance and yell with the robbers, but it is alone in the forest that she feels truly at home. Then one day Ronia meets Birk, the son of Matt's arch-enemy. Soon after Ronia and Birk become friends the worst quarrel*

*ever between the rival bands erupts, and Ronia and Birk are right in the middle.*

*"This highly original, timeless story mixes magical creatures, with an exciting plot and funny scenes, all set in a natural paradise. Astrid Lindgren's book will be profoundly loved by children" – Parent's Choice Magazine*

*A Booklist Children's Reviewers' Choice*

*A Parent's Choice Best Book*

*Winner of the Mildred L Batchelder Award*

*Perfect for children in upper school and for lower school, other books by Astrid Lindgren – "Pippi Longstocking", "Pippi Goes Abroad" and "Pippi in the South Seas".*

## PTA CORNER

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the school library. Please come along if you are interested in getting involved in the PTA, helping us plan events for the year or helping us decide where to spend the money we raise. If you'd like to know more please email [newburghpta@gmail.com](mailto:newburghpta@gmail.com) or just come along to the meeting.

## ALDI VOUCHERS

We are collecting the Aldi 'Get Set to eat fresh' vouchers.



With every £30 spent in any Aldi store, you will receive a special Team GB sticker. Schools collecting 300 stickers for their collection poster will receive an exclusive school sports kit and the opportunity to win one of twenty £20,000 prizes.

Please hand in any stickers to the school office.

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

*okay, but what do you DO?*

We have three main types of governors on our governing body: staff governors, parent governors and, the largest group of all, co-opted governors. The latter are individuals who are invited onto the governing body because they have a particular skill set or contribution to make that is valuable to the group, whether they have children at Newburgh or not. At the end of last term we acquired a vacancy for a co-opted governor and we found ourselves in the enviable position of actually having a choice of people who want to come and work alongside with us in supporting Newburgh School. Governors are the biggest volunteer group nationally and it seems that it's becoming an increasingly popular choice for people in different areas of work to get involved with their local community through schools' governing bodies. What was particularly interesting was that, when meeting prospective governors, we needed to explain what it is that we actually do, and that provided an interesting opportunity for reflection, not only on the time commitment that's necessary but also the enthusiasm and investment that comes with the role. And then last week we met for our annual business meeting where we decide the roles we'll undertake throughout the year. Not only will we oversee the progress of the school's Learning Improvement Plan (LIP), to be presented by Mrs Simpkins at October's meeting, but we are all attached to different areas of the school: attendance, health and safety, special educational needs, finance, pupil premium, training, safeguarding... On top of our scheduled governor meetings and time in school to discuss and observe in action the LIP, we also meet regularly with designated staff regarding our key areas. So when we're asked, 'Okay, but what do you do?' the answer is, quite a lot really!

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



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