Newburgh CE School & Nursery

Newsletter

10/02/2023



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

This Week At Newburgh:

I start this Newsletter with more thanks to our wonderful community. With your help we have raised an incredible £884.60 for the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal (£1769.20 with Government match funding). It was a fabulous way to end a successful half term and I'm extremely proud of our children who wanted to help others in need. We had lots more ideas for fundraising for this cause and I will be speaking to children again after half term to support their ideas however I can.

This week our children have been participating in activities for Safer Internet Day and have produced some really vibrant, thought provoking posters. We have also been participating in the RSPB Big Bird Watch and Team Crane wrote a lovely letter asking to have lunch with their Buddies which has been such a good experience we will do this again this year. Congratulations to Scarlet in Year 3 who won the hula hoop competition at dinner time.

Next Half Term At Newburgh:

We have lots of plans for next half term that we can't wait to share with you. In the first couple of weeks we have Team Rigby Forest School Day (Thursday 23rd February). On Wednesday 1st March Miss Helm and Mrs Breheny will be holding a Parents' meeting at 3.45pm about the statutory testing Years 1 and 2 participate in during the summer term. Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day and our plans are at the end of this newsletter.

Newburgh Nursery:

Newburgh Nursery is now on Instagram! Please follow us on: @newburghnursery

Wake Up Wednesday:

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet to support parents with gaming. All previous information sheets have been added to the <u>Online Safety</u> page of our website for you to refer back to.

Star of the Week Badges:

Our supply of Star of the Week badges has almost gone. Could everyone please check at home to see if there are missing badges there and return to school. Thank you.

Have a wonderful half term break. Warmest Regards





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Key Vocabulary – ask me about:

To challenge and deepen the understanding of key vocabulary learned this week ask your child about these words:

<u>Team Nursery</u>: Transformed. Reflection. <u>Team Crane</u>: Wood Pigeon. Ointment.

Team Halton: Miracle.

Team Lucas: Spluttered. Snarled.

Team Rigby: Silhouette.

Team Venables: Tectonic Plates.

Moment of Mindfulness

This week we have thought a lot about those people affected by the earthquake in Turkey & Syria. Many children were already aware of the disaster that has affected those countries. The children thought about what it must be like to have lost family, homes, safety and shelter. They considered how fortunate we are to have those things.

We considered how best to help those in need and decided that raising money would get help where it is needed most quickly. Lots of ideas were shared including a book or cake sale, or a sponsored run but a non-uniform day was the quickest and most popular suggestion.

We closed in prayer giving thanks for what we have and for the people trying to help those in Turkey & Syria. We were thankful for our efforts to raise money to help others.

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:14-16

Those children who have demonstrated both effort in school and the Gospel Value of Forgiveness are:-

Team Crane

Amari

Team Halton

Toby

Team Lucas

Hugo

Team Rigby

Hayden

Louis

Team Venables

Heidi

Patrick

Congratulations to the CHERRY

FAMILY for gaining the most points
this week.

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Rex

Year 4 – Sean

Year 5 – Albert

Year 6 – Summer

Church Family Service

The theme for the next Family Service on Sunday 19th February is 'Love'. Please see the attached flyer for more information if you wish to attend.

Thank you for all the wonderful hearts that have been decorated. They will be on display for this service.

Next Week at Newburgh:-

<u>Dinners</u> – Week 1

Mon – Return to school.

<u>Thurs</u> – Rigby Forest School Day.

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World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 2nd March this year and we would like to celebrate the importance and wellbeing benefits of reading at bedtime. Our School Council would like to invite all children to come to school in their PJs and there will be a sleep over in the school hall. Children are asked to bring their favourite teddy, blanket and a book to share in the hall between 3pm and 4pm when we hold our special school sleepover (children can either be collected at 3.30 or go to clubs at this time or stay until 4pm when they will be dismissed onto the playground/taken to afterschool club)

There will also be a special school lunch of chicken burger or pasta bake which will need ordering for children who wish to have this:

World Book Day Special Menu

We are also holding a World Book Day Quiz that will be made available to purchase via ParentPay after half term. You can complete the quiz at home as a family and return to school. On World Book Day a winner will be chosen at random from the correct entries to win a prize of book tokens for all the family. The money raised from the purchase of the quiz & other donations will pay for comic/magazine subscriptions for school. Our School Councillors are in the process of finding out what comics/magazines children would like to access. Once we know this we will have a fundraising target for the day and we will set up an item on ParentPay to make donations.

Did you know that studies have shown that reading for 30 minutes a day boosts blood flow and connectivity in the brain, reduces anxiety and depression and can even alleviate pain. Reading stories allows us to understand others better and is one of the most effective self care activities you can undertake as well as increasing vocabulary and empathic ability. We think reading is well worth celebrating!



