

Newburgh CE School & Nursery

Newsletter

10/03/2023



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

This Week At Newburgh:

We are proud of the curriculum on offer here at Newburgh and we try to enhance the learning experience of children in as many ways as possible. We are also committed to providing opportunities beyond the traditional curriculum. All children are working towards completing their '50 Things To Do At Newburgh' scrapbook. Pictured here we have 'sewing on a button', 'building a snowman' and 'learning the names of garden birds'. Next week children will learn sign language, visit a place of worship (Reception) and fly a kite! Please see our [Enrichment Page](#) for more information about the experiences and opportunities children have while here.

As well as having fun in the snow our Early Years children are studying the life cycle of frogs, Year 1 are continuing their topic on the Great Fire of London, Year 2 have been learning about fractions. Years 3 and 4 have been continuing their topic on the Romans and Years 5 and 6 have been writing science fiction stories.

Coming Up At Newburgh:

Next week we have lots of events for British Science week (please read on for more detail about this). Team Venables have Forest School activities on Monday so please ensure children have wellies & weather appropriate coats for this. Our children in Teams Crane, Halton and Lucas are practising hard for their Mothering Sunday events and next Friday is a non-uniform day in exchange for Easter Bingo prizes (Easter egg, chocolate, books or Easter crafts). Team Crane will be having a Forest School day at Beacon Country Park on Thursday 30th March. Please give permission for this on ParentPay.

Wake Up Wednesday:

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet to support parents with iPads. All previous information sheets have been added to the [Online Safety](#) page of our website for you to refer back to.

Snacks:

A polite reminder that as a healthy school we discourage unhealthy snacks where possible.

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:

Team Nursery: Symmetrical. Endangered.

Team Crane: Amphibian. Habitat.

Team Halton: Comparing. City. Village.

Team Lucas: Independent Retailer. Positive & Negative Impact.

Team Rigby: Revenge. Illuminated.

Team Venables: Perimeter. Perpendicular Height.

Moment of Mindfulness

This week we have been thinking about putting the past behind us.
We have considered Psalm 32.1:

*“Happy are those whose sins are **forgiven**, whose wrongs are pardoned.”*

If we hold onto hurt feelings they can damage our friendships. We call it bearing a grudge. Clench your fists as tightly as you can. Your fist is a picture of how people feel inside when they are bearing a grudge. It is difficult to offer the hand of friendship with a clenched fist and it is difficult to be a good friend if you are bearing a grudge. Now open your hands and hold them out in front of you.

*Dear Lord, Thank you that you **forgive** us completely. When people hurt us, please help us not to hold grudges, and instead, ask for your strength to **forgive**. Amen.*

World Book Day Quiz

Thank you to everyone who purchased a World Book Day Quiz. We raised an amazing £100 which is enough for two magazine subscriptions. Everyone who returned the quiz was entered into the draw to win book tokens for all the family and a free pass to Martin Mere. Congratulations to the winner:

Emily Quirk

The answers to the quiz are at the end of this newsletter.

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

Aria

Team Halton

Dexter

Team Lucas

Lily

Team Rigby

Grayson

Tilly

Team Venables

Rosy

Charlie. B.

Congratulations to the **SILVER BIRCH FAMILY** for gaining the most points this week.

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – James

Year 4 – Rory

Year 5 – Rosy

Year 6 – Laila

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 1

Mon – Venables Forest School

Weds – Crane Mothering Sunday service in church at 9.15am

Thurs – Halton & Lucas Mothering Sunday service in the school hall at 2.45pm

Fri – Non-uniform day in exchange for Easter Bingo prizes.



Science Week

The theme of this year is connections. Throughout the week our children will be learning about key scientists linked to their current unit of study, completing investigations as well as completing on of our '50 Things To Do At Newburgh' – 'flying a kite'.

On Tuesday after school, our Head Boy and Head Girl will be hosting a science pop up gadget shop in the hall at 3.30pm. Children are invited to purchase gadgets (items range from £1-£3) and with every purchase they will be entered into a raffle with the chance to win a science kit. All funds raised from this shop will go towards developing our pond area in our spiritual garden.

If your child is in an afterschool club on Tuesday, please send money to school in a named envelope and staff will take them to the shop.

Team Rigby Roman/Celt Day

Team Rigby will be having a whole class themed day focusing on the Romans and Celts on Thursday 30th March. There will be a range of activities provided by Portals of the Past.

To add to the fun and enhance the learning, we would like to invite the children to dress up for this.

This does not need to be costly – sheets can be wrapped around for a Roman tunic, rugs and blankets used for the Celts. A shield or sword can be made from card or sponge. We will need a range of different roles so here are some ideas to help:

- Roman slaves – a large t-shirt with a piece of string tied round the middle & sandals
- Roman soldier – large red t-shirt, strip of cloth for a scarf, cardboard armour, helmet, shield
- Roman citizen – large piece of cloth draped over the shoulder and fixed with a pin, jewellery etc.
- Celts – clashing checked clothing, spiky hair, blue face, arms, spears (only rich Celts had swords)
- Rich Celt – make a gold hoop to wear around the neck
- Chain mail can be made from onion bags from the supermarket sprayed silver.

The cost for the day is £10.50 – please see ParentPay for details.



Reading Quiz

1. What is the name of Matilda's caring teacher?

Miss Honey

2. What does BFG stand for?

Big Friendly Giant

3. What was the fruit that James had?

Peach

4. Who came to tea?

Tiger

5. What are the names of the 7 dwarfs?

Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Sneezy

6. In which book from the original Harry Potter series did Durmstrang Institute and Beauxbatons Academy of Magic visit Hogwarts?

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

7. Which popular series of books features a family of vampires and werewolves who attend high school along with humans?

Twilight

8. Who is the main character in the Hunger Games series?

Katniss Everdeen

9. Who wrote the Percy Jackson series?

Rick Riordan

10. Greg Heffley is the main character of which series of books?

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

11. In which book by Roald Dahl are the main characters' parents killed by a rhinoceros?

James and the Giant Peach

12. What is Billionaire Boy's name?

Joe Spud

13. Who was the first child to win a Golden Ticket?

Augustus Gloop

14. Who came from 'deepest darkest Peru'?

Paddington



15. What type of animal is Curious George?

Monkey

16. Who wrote The Worst Witch?

Jill Murphy

17. Goodnight Mr Tom is set during which war?

Second World War

18. What does Esio Trot stand for?

Tortoise

19. Who lives in the Isle of Struay?

Katie Morag

20. Who is the author of Captain Underpants?

Dav Pilkey