

Newburgh CE School & Nursery



Newsletter

10/11/2023

Dear Parents, Carers & Children

This Week

We have been full of the joys of Autumn this week, you can see our Early Years children making the most of the leaves in our wonderful grounds. Early Years have also been celebrating Diwali with lots of activities – from making lanterns to dancing and dressing in bright clothes. Thank you to Kieran's Mum for captivating Team Crane about this special festival.

Football

Our Year 5 & 6 boys football team participated in a football competition in which they played 10 games, won 4, drew 5 and only conceded 2 goals. They finished 5th out of 11 and we are extremely proud of them.

Rigby Canal Walk

Unfortunately it was so wet we had to postpone the canal walk to next Wednesday; children will need wellies and waterproofs again for this.

Venables RSE

Children in Team Venables have brought home a letter this week with regards to this part of the school curriculum for parents' information.

Winter (& Christmas)

Now the weather is getting colder we are planning for frost and ice. In this event a path will be gritted on the playground – please keep to this to avoid slipping. We are now taking orders for Christmas dinner & Christmas party menu days (15th and 20th December). Please complete the [Christmas Meals Form](#) by next **Friday** to ensure your child can have a school meal on those days.

Non uniform/crazy hair day

Next Friday we will be raising money for Alder Hey by inviting children to come to school in non-uniform and with crazy hair (please note hair may need to be tied back for PE and Forest School lessons in the afternoon). Please make a donation on ParentPay for this cause which is so close to our hearts.

Warmest Regards,

Headteacher





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>	Pattern. Diya.
<u>Team Crane:</u>	Diwali. Mehndi. Bhangra. Rangoli.
<u>Team Halton:</u>	War Memorial. Trenches.
<u>Team Lucas:</u>	Aerodrome. Makeshift.
<u>Team Rigby:</u>	Presumed. Signed Up.
<u>Team Venables:</u>	Sacrifice. Courage.

Moment of Mindfulness:

Remembrance

A whole school focus this week has been Remembrance. Each class has read stories and watched short films about why it is important to reflect at this time. All children have visited the War Memorial and watched the Remembrance Worship ably led by our Year 5 and 6 children. Our school wreath has been laid at the War Memorial.



At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

Our Media Team asked children what they thought of the assembly:

It told us about the poppies.

I liked the singing.

I liked everything.

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:14-16

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

Team Crane

Agnes

Team Halton

Amari

Team Lucas

Andrew

Team Rigby

Fred

Dan

Team Venables

Louis

Heidi

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Rhianna

Year 4 – George

Year 5 – Katie

Year 6 – Summer

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 3 New Menu

Weds – EYFS Nursery Rhyme Day; Rigby Canal Walk

Thurs – Rigby Swimming; Y5/6 Girls football at JMO

Fri – Non uniform/crazy hair day



Message from the Eco Council

After seeing our work in promoting walking to school, Douglas Valley Lions have donated 50 high visibility jackets for children at Team Newburgh which are now available to loan if you walk, cycle or scoot to and from school at any time during the week.

You may wish to borrow one for a week, for the rest of this term or for the whole of the school year. If you would like to loan one of these jackets (and receive a giant sticker!), please call in to the office to sign up.

Christ Church Christmas Posada

A treasured Newburgh festive tradition is the Posada. This is taken from an old Mexican tradition of going from house to house asking for a room for a night and telling about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. At Newburgh a set of nativity figures (pictured) are looked after by a 'host' for a night before being passed on to the next 'host'. Would you like to host the posada for a night?

This year the posada will begin travelling around Newburgh and surrounding areas from Sunday 3rd December and will be returned to Christ Church, Newburgh on Christmas Eve at the Crib Service.

If you would like to be a host you will receive the figures to have in your home for one night and then pass them on to the next family. Please email fst.newburgh@hotmail.com to arrange a suitable day. Spaces will be limited so please get in touch as soon as possible. Thank you.



Media Team in Action!

Our Media Team are developing their roles, getting out on the playground gathering pupil voices for us - an increasingly important part of school life at Newburgh.





Message from the PTA

Hi everyone,

Wow, what a night last Friday night was. Wine, cheese, music and dancing equals the best fun had by all. Myself and Gaby wanted this event to be a great success, not just to raise money but to bring the school community together.

It is not an easy task to create and organise these events and we do it with a very small network of support. We would love to see our hard work and efforts grow in the future! It was a pleasure to welcome new parents along with our regular Newburgh school supports who never fail to enjoy and let their hair down.

Special thanks to our compere Mr Dilworth for giving up his evening, you are the best.

The Cooke family for the most delicious bread, amazing.

Peter Mahoney for being the most patient quiz master in the world.

Gaby Mahoney for her hours of effort in advertising, wine selecting and running the event.

Last but not least, Philippa Howard, Charlene Smith, Helen Pletts, Mike Cheetham and Nicola Hayes for set up and clean up.

(Thanks Garry Howard for garnish)

Next event is the school disco 1st December, if you can help we need you!

Have a great weekend.

Catherine Williams (chair)

Upcoming PTA Events

Friday 24th November – Christmas Wreath Making Workshop. This incredibly popular event is £25 to make your own Christmas Wreath.

Friday 1st December – Children's Disco – Are you available to help? Please let your PTA class rep know if you can.

100 Club Christmas Draw – It's the 100 Club Christmas Draw. The 100 Club is a small lottery in which you buy a number for £1. If you hold the winning number you win £25. The Christmas draw is for £50. If you want to be in with a chance of winning the Christmas draw please arrange a Standing Order with your bank for the amount you wish to donate each month (each £1 equals one number). The details are:

Newburgh School PTA 100fund Business Current Account 16-27-25 10015614

Please use your child's name as your reference and you will be entered into the next draw.



**SUNDAY 19TH
NOVEMBER AT
10:30AM**

ALL OF EWE ARE WELCOME - COME AND FIND THE LOST SHEEP

IT'S A FAMILY SERVICE

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

RELAXED AND FUN SERVICE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN
WITH LOVELY CAKES