



Newburgh Primary School

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

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Dear parents and children,

It is exactly a year since I was officially appointed as the headteacher of Newburgh Primary School! What a year it has been! I really miss seeing you in school, the building feels rather empty without 425 pupils but you have adapted so well to our new way of working and have truly shown the values of our school. Thank you for your lovely comments and photographs of what you are doing at home, we are so impressed with how creative and resilient you are being. I am missing my time with you in whole school assemblies, but I have been to the courtyard everyday and I am delighted to tell you that the trees are now in blossom and the petals are beginning to fall like snow. I have made a film clip for you: https://www.newburghprimaryschool.co.uk/web/blossom_in_the_courtyard/468709
Mrs Simpkins, Headteacher



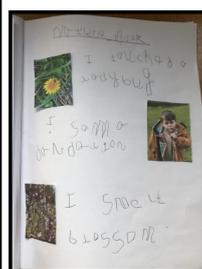
HOMEWORKING

As we all adjust to the new 'normal' that means children working from home can we take this opportunity to thank our children and their parents for their resilience and patience in getting to grips with the eSchools' homelearning platform. There have naturally been a few teething issues for some, which could not be helped considering the timescale forced upon us all, but in the main most children are adapting well and enjoying this new experience.

Please remember to contact us via admin2325@welearn365.com if you encounter any technical issues.

Children will be accessing lots of different exciting and engaging learning material from home. Please remember to take a look at our school website www.newburghprimaryschool.co.uk and click on the 'Home Resources' tab. We are constantly uploading new information and useful websites (most of them with free usage periods). You are sure to find something for any age child to access. **Please be vigilant and keep them safe on line!**

It has been a delight for teachers to receive such fabulous examples of great work being uploaded via children's eSchools pages. We would love to share a few with you here but please keep a look out on your child's year group page of the school website . Keep up the great work everyone!



Fable's nature diary



Ellena's rainbow



Courtney cooking the tea!



Paul's Stone Age necklace



Kian's Biome cake



Georgia sorting animals



Daniel's Stone Age art



Jack's African habitat



Ethan's jigsaw



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BOOK SOME TIME - Audible – an Amazon Company

Temporarily, we find ourselves in a strange new world where we do not have access to many of the things we have previously been used to. Our schools have closed and with them the school libraries. In addition all public libraries and book shops have also closed. There are limited stocks of books in supermarkets and of course there's the online option, but where is the free access to books and literature for our children?



The good news is it's easier to find than flour or pasta!

Stories.audible.com/start-listen is where you can download a range free audible stories to listen to.

For as long as schools are closed “audible” are open. Kids everywhere can instantly stream an incredible selection of stories that will help them to continue dreaming, learning and just being kids.

All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet. Let me know which ones you really enjoy!

Mrs. Fitzpatrick

GOVERNORS CORNER - RON BINNIE, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

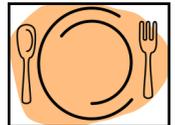
Well, well – we certainly live in extraordinary times. In all my years (more than I care to think) I have never known anything like it and hope to never again. I have to say I take my hat off to all you parents, many of you trying to work from home whilst keeping your children occupied as best you can. Some of you no doubt have toddlers in lockdown, and of course they're much too young to understand the reasons why. As the comedian Shappi Khorsandi says in today's *i* newspaper (I have to get my copy online now as I can't get out to a newsagent) “*My heart goes out to the parents of toddlers. I salute you all and will not judge the amount of hours Peppa Pig and her family spend in your home.*”

I also salute Mrs Simpkins and her team. As you know, they are daily looking after our more vulnerable children plus the children of key workers. They are providing activities online for your children, and even visiting homes to drop off food parcels and packs of learning resources for those children who cannot access online resources. I can't thank them enough for going so far beyond the call of duty.

Please be assured that your governors continue to govern. I am in regular contact with both Mrs Simpkins and Mrs Turner and am kept up to date on a daily basis. The governors' next meeting is on May 14th and thanks to the wizardry of modern technology, we will have a remote video meeting should we need to.

Please enjoy as best you can the extra time you have with your children, and above all, please stay safe.
If you gave a comment or query for governors, you can now contact us at governors2325@welearn365.com

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY - COULD YOUR CHILD QUALIFY?



If you are in receipt of certain benefits then your child in any year group, might be eligible for Free School Meals and recently introduced welfare vouchers during the current COVID-19 crisis. If your circumstances have changed recently and you think that your child/ren may be eligible then please apply.

Online applications are easy to make via <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals/2>

This service will be busy at this time so please do keep trying.

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON FOODBANK



May we remind you that Newburgh Primary School is a registered distributor of Foodbank vouchers so that should one of our families find themselves struggling to put food on the table due to low income, sudden crisis – redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill etc. we are able to help. Should this situation arise please email Mrs Simpkins on admin2325@welearn365.com

