



Newburgh Primary School

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

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What's on this week	Monday 1st April	Tuesday 2nd April	Wednesday 3rd April	Thursday 4th April	Friday 5th April
Before school 8am-8.55am					
Activities during the school day	Violin tuition	Stay and Play group Brass tuition Woodwind tuition Violin tuition 2.30pm Violin Assembly	NO Guitar tuition	Forest School Reception (Group 2)	Year 2 Celebration Assembly Reception Pebble Assembly 2.30 pm
Lunchtime		Home Learning club Playbox Drama club			Home Learning Club
After school (3.15-4.15pm unless otherwise stated)	Girls Choir Y1 & 2 TAG Rugby club Reception Multisports club	Boys Choir	Orchestra Cooking Club Y6 Y1 Tennis Club Y5 & 6 Netball Club Y3 & 4 Gardening Club	KS2 Football Club (Y5 & 6)	Y3 & 4 TAG Rugby club Y1 & 2 Dance club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Most of this week's Lent challenges will be very easy for our pupils to complete! Our Eco team are very vigilant at checking our recycling boxes to ensure that we are not wasting valuable resources and classes are rewarded for using their bins correctly! We have a rota of pupils who volunteer to do litter picking around the school grounds (...no not as a punishment ... they ask to do it) but that does not stop the rest of us bending down and picking up any rubbish we see, especially in the entrance areas of our school. One child has already told me that his mum parked a distance away from school so that they could walk the rest of the way to school together. Every little bit that we do and teach our children to protect the environment will have a positive influence on their well-being and their future.

Mrs Simpkins
Headteacher

Care for the environment

6	Start a scrap paper pile for drawing to save paper
10	Walk to school or park your car further away
13	Litter pick around the school
28	Save energy by turning off the lights when you leave a room
33	Try to avoid using any plastic that you throw in the bin, like straws

HEADTEACHER INTERVIEWS

This week we will be interviewing for our current Headteacher position. This very important and intensive process will take place over a 2 day period and we look forward to being able to share news of an appointment with you all very soon.

Mr Ron Binnie, Chair of Governors

DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 1 visit to Cotswold Farm Park - Friday 5th April
Year 4 class assembly - Tuesday 9th April 10.20 am & 2.50 pm
Inset Day - school not open to children - Friday 12th April
Summer Term - children return to school on Monday 29th April

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Saturday 23rd March these three competitors represented the Central Area in the County Championships.



The Central area team won both the boys and girls events. I was really proud of all three as they showed true grit and determination. James came 12th, Sam came 20th and Katy did exceptionally well, especially as she is Year 5.

FANTASIA PERFORMANCE - JAYKAYS DANCE COMPANY

Some of our children are taking part in a forthcoming Jaykays performance of Fantasia. This is taking place at the Royal Spa Centre this weekend. We wish everyone involved the very best of luck.

Please remember to bring in any certificates, medals or recounts of the show to share in celebration assembly.



Adopted charity for the year.





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Our school day begins at 8.55am and the register is taken in class before lessons begin promptly at 9am. Please ensure that children are in school for 8.55am so they can begin their day calmly and with their peers.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

We would like to invite the children to become involved in an Easter activity which will brighten up our school grounds as we move into Spring and Summer. This will replace any ‘traditional’ Easter activities as we constantly try to review and improve the children’s experiences.

Children are welcome to design a seed packet or summer bulb box which they would fill with a few seeds or summer bulbs. The children will then plant these around the school grounds in the Summer term. This will not be a competition however we will be creating a display of the children’s artwork and of course the seeds and bulbs will create its own beauty in our grounds for the community to enjoy.

May we ask that any seed packet or summer bulb box designs be made AT HOME, and brought into school during the final week of this term - the week commencing Monday 8th April.

Mrs Turner, Deputy Headteacher



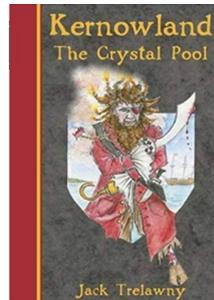
WARWICKSHIRE DISTRICT FOODBANK



If you feel able to support the Warwickshire foodbank then a collection box can be found in the school office Reception area for your donations.

BOOK SOME TIME! - Kernowland The Crystal Pool, by Jack Trelawny

Tizzie and Louis are on holiday in Cornwall. When they arrive at the beach, they go off exploring and discover a cave – rather a magical cave as it turns out, and they soon find themselves in Kernowland where they come across some very weird and not-so-wonderful characters. After being attacked by giant climbing crabs, they have the great misfortune to meet the nasty Melanchol Drym, the slimy Mr and Mrs Maggitt and a none-too-nice Brazilian brainboiler tree – to mention just a few...



This is the first of a series of 6 stories about Kernowland.

There is lots more information as well as clickable zooming maps of Kernowland on the Kernowland website

www.kernowland.com

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON FOODBANK



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 you should ask to meet with Mrs Simpkins.

GOVERNORS' CORNER - Mrs KarenTurner, Staff Governor

At many times in history and still in many parts of the world, a free education is seen as a luxury. Whilst watching Comic Relief, I saw a child living on the streets far from home so that he could obtain that education. As part of my role I have been analysing the absence figures for our school. A child with less than 90% attendance is seen as “persistently absent”. This is because the child will be absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half day every week. Over five years this is the equivalent of about one half of a school year. Research shows a very close link between attendance and achievement.

We are also expected to calculate the number of minutes a child is late as part of our registration procedures. If your child was five minutes late every day, this would add up to 3.4 school days a year! Children who arrive at school late find this really stressful. They walk into a room where everyone else is already engaged in an activity. They miss out on the pleasantries and social hub of the morning.

Of course where a pupil is absent due to illness or they are unable to attend school we fully accept your decisions, but where possible all staff, (and your children), appreciate the best their attendance can be.

If you have a comment or query for governors, you can now contact us at governors2325@welearn365.com



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