



Newchurch Primary School

News from Newchurch Primary School and across the Federation

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Value of the week: APPRECIATION

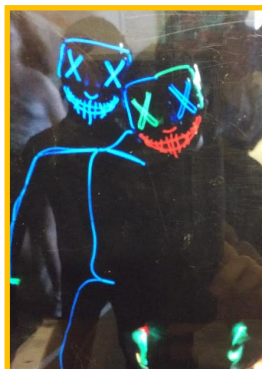
WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN AT THE SPOOKY SPECTACULARS!



Last night, our school hall transformed into a haunted dance floor, complete with giant spiderweb for the annual Spooky Spectaculars! Children arrived in an array of creative costumes, from spooky ghosts to enchanting fairies, zombies and skeletons making the night a visual treat. DJ Paul kept the energy high with a mix of classic Halloween hits and popular party tunes, ensuring everyone had a chance to show off their best dance moves.

Highlights of the evening included a Halloween theme photo booth and yummy refreshments including hot dogs and ice cream! A big thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for organizing such a fantastic event.

The Disco was a spooktacular success, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating next year's celebration!



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR HALF TERM BREAK STARTS TODAY!

SCHOOL WILL REOPEN TO PUPILS ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

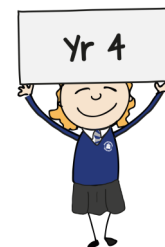
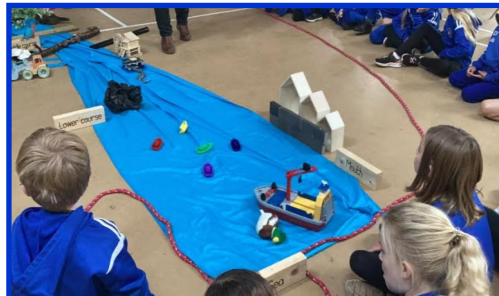
We look forward to seeing you then!



YEAR 4 MAKE IT HAPPEN ON THE RIVERBANK!

On Tuesday, Angelou Class took part in a workshop led by Ross from the Wessex River Trust. The children created a river in the hall and were able to label all the different features and answer Ross' questions on rivers and the water cycle. Ross also talked to the children about plans to improve our local river, the Eastern Yar—including the introduction of beavers!

Well done Year 4!



MAKING IT HAPPEN—AT FOREST SCHOOL!

We're excited to share the wonderful experiences of our five enthusiastic students who have been attending our weekly Forest School project! This term, they've embraced nature and learned valuable skills while having lots of fun. Here's a recap of their recent adventures:



Berry Picking and Tie-Dye T-Shirts The children have been exploring the forest to collect delicious blackberries. Armed with buckets, they scoured the bushes and returned with a bountiful harvest! Using the fresh blackberry juice, they created beautiful tie-dye t-shirts. It was amazing to see their creativity shine as they designed unique patterns, all while learning about the natural dyeing process.



Apple Picking and Baking Next, the group shifted their focus to apples. They gathered a variety of apples from the orchard and put their culinary skills to the test by making a scrumptious apple pie. The aroma of cinnamon and baked apples filled the air as they worked together, measuring ingredients and sharing stories. The end result was a delightful treat enjoyed by everyone!



Animal Health Checks In addition to their culinary adventures, the children have also taken on the responsibility of caring for the animals at the Farm. They conducted health checks, ensuring that each animal was happy and healthy. This hands-on experience taught them about animal care and the importance of compassion and responsibility in looking after living creatures.



Making Conker Soap To round off their busy term, the children learned to make conker soap! They discovered how to extract the natural saponins from conkers and used them to create eco-friendly soap. This fun project not only promoted creativity but also educated them about sustainable practices.

Overall, our Forest School project continues to be a tremendous success, fostering teamwork, creativity, and a love for nature among our children.

We look forward to hearing more about their exciting activities next term and thank you to Mrs Kelly, Mrs Martin and Miss Newland for 'making it happen!'



YEAR 2 MAKE IT HAPPEN AT THE GARLIC FARM!

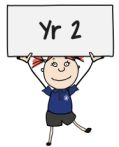
On Monday, our Year 2 students had an exciting and educational visit to the Garlic Farm. The day was filled with hands-on activities, learning, and a touch of Halloween magic!

The adventure began with the children planting their very own garlic plants. Guided by the farm staff, they learned about the best planting techniques and the importance of soil and sunlight for healthy growth. Each student got to plant a garlic clove, which they will be able to watch grow over the coming months. The children learnt how this is the perfect time of year to start planting the garlic as it needs frost to make sure it grows properly.

The group also embarked on a long nature walk through the farm's beautiful trails. Along the way, they encountered a variety of plants and wildlife, enhancing their understanding of the natural world. The highlight of the walk was discovering the Halloween decorations scattered throughout the forest. From spooky scarecrows to hidden pumpkins!



The educational aspect of the trip continued as the students completed a worksheet about the life cycle of plants, with a special focus on garlic. They learned how garlic grows from a clove into a full bulb, the stages of its development, and the conditions it needs to thrive. This hands-on learning experience helped reinforce their classroom lessons in a practical and engaging way. Thank you to the team at the Garlic Farm for making it happen!



WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK



Our last Monday assembly of this half term was one about the environment which is a subject the children are very interested in, judging by the large numbers of children asking to use our litter pickers still at lunch and break times!

The value of the week was appreciation and Mrs Parkin talked with the children about appreciating where you live. She re-read (they first encountered this book last year) 'Greta and the Giants' by Zoe Tucker and the children remembered the metaphorical aspects of the story from the last time the book was shared.



Together they also listened to 'The Beauty of the Earth' by John Rutter and were able to put another £20 in the Bank of Newchurch for excellent overall attendance last week. The children have now deposited £120 and the Young Governors have expressed their wishes to spend their earnings on developing the playground environment. We can't wait to hear more about their plans!

TEAM NEWCHURCH MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Last Friday, a team of staff along with family members took part in the Shine A Light walk in Southampton to raise money for Cancer Research.

By donning 'glow in the dark' accessories and walking the 10km route around the city the team raised a massive £2,000.00! Together with additional Gift Aid donations this total increased to a whopping £2433.75!



Sadly 1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Every single pound of the donations raised will help towards ground breaking work to try and prevent cancer related deaths.

We all look forward to the day when all cancers can be cured, and meanwhile the staff team are determined to make it their 'mission possible' to support charitable efforts this year to help cancer related charities.

What a fabulous and fun way to start!



WE CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES—FIXTURE NEWS

On Wednesday, Newchurch travelled over to Ryde School to play in the Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby competition. After a quick reminder of the rules and tactics, Newchurch played Haylands first. Both teams having opportunities to score tries but Newchurch unfortunately fell short losing 2-1. The second game was against Ryde School. Newchurch started much better getting early tries and eventually winning 5-0. After a debrief and a team talk Newchurch we're ready for their third game against Binstead.

This game was the toughest of them all. Newchurch displayed some amazing tagging skill and some brilliant passes but unfortunately it wasn't enough, losing 5-3. Straight after, Newchurch played Greenmount in the fourth game of the group. Newchurch displayed some brilliant resilience winning this game 3-2. Now it was time for the fifth and final group game against Newport. This game was very tricky with Newport unfortunately winning 4-1. With the group stages now finished. Newchurch finished 4th in the group. With one final friendly game left, Newchurch played St Mary's. This game Newchurch had to work hard, they displayed some amazing tagging skills once more and some great determination to stay within 1 try of the other team. But unfortunately St Mary's won 3-2.

Everyone should be so proud of themselves, playing six games in very quick succession. Everyone showed amazing resilience even when things were becoming tricky. Well done everyone.

Squad: Alfie J, Stanley D, Toby FS, Oscar H, Buddy J, Oliver S, Ted B, Sam B, Harvey W, Harry B.

On Thursday it was the turn of the girls and Newchurch travelled over to Queensgate to take part in the Year 5 and 6 Girls Tag Rugby competition. After a reminder on the rules, the girls were ready to go! Newchurch's first group game was against Lanesend. The girls started amazingly scoring and passing the ball really well and most importantly scoring 5 tries and winning the game 5-0! There was no time to rest as Newchurch were straight on against Binstead in the second group game. This game was very competitive and very end to end. Both teams having chances to score but unfortunately being tagged at the last moments. Despite Newchurch scoring 2 amazing tries, Binstead won the game 3-2. After a team talk and a snack, Newchurch played their third and final group game against Queensgate B. After 2 games to get into the rhythm of Tag Rugby Newchurch started to pass the ball really well, making it difficult for Queensgate to gain possession. Newchurch scored 3 brilliant tries, winning the game 3-0. This meant that Newchurch had qualified for the Quarter Final against Queensgate A. The Quarter final was very close, with both teams scoring tries. It was 2-1 to Queensgate until the dying minutes when Newchurch scored the equalising try to make it 2-2 at the final whistle. With the game tied at 2-2 the game went to Golden try. This meant the first team to score won the game. Unfortunately just after the starting whistle, Queensgate dipped, dodged and dived through the Newchurch defence scoring the winning try making it 3-2 to Queensgate A.

All the girls did amazingly well displaying some amazing teamwork, resilience and determination to overcome the challenges of Tag Rugby.

Squad: Isla G, Scarlett B, Liv B, Jessie H, Coco T, Mollie P, Grace S, Phoebe N, Amelia B, Maisie M



MAKING IT HAPPEN ON THE RUGBY PITCH!

On Monday afternoon a team of year 3 and 4 boys took part in a tag rugby festival at Queensgate. This was the first time these boys had taken part in a tag rugby game together so this was going to be tough. Newchurch were successful in the group stage winning both their games against Binstead and Queensgate, 1-0. This now meant that Newchurch went into a group with the other three group winners, Shalfleet, Haylands and Greenmount. Newchurch unfortunately lost to Shalfleet 4-0 and Haylands 2-1 meaning their last game against Greenmount was an added challenge to try and win a game. The last game was very entertaining, but ending as a draw 2-2. Resulting in Newchurch finishing 4th in the group.



The boys should be so proud of themselves overcoming different challenges and showing some amazing resilience and determination. Well done all!

Squad: Charlie B Kai G, Baxter B, Jaxon P, George R, Toby H, Stanley D, Elliot B, Alfie J, Max

MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE TO GET MOVING AT THE WEEKEND!

Junior Park Run is a **FREE** 2k run, that takes place at 9am every Sunday morning at Seaclose Park in Newport.

The Isle of Wight course is one of 385 junior park runs in the UK and almost 1500 children have taken part since it started in 2018.

The run is for children aged between 4-14 years, their friends, relatives and carers.

There is no time limit and no one finishes last!

To register an interest go to

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/medina-juniors/>

If your child takes part please share a photo with us on Seesaw as we would love to celebrate their efforts!

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN— KEY EVENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK BACK!

MONDAY 4TH

Clubs start

Farm

TUESDAY 5TH

WEDNESDAY 6TH

THURSDAY 7TH

Y3 Swimming

FRIDAY 8TH

KS2 Celebrations

POETRY CORNER

Mrs Parkin shared this poem with the children in assembly last week and they really enjoyed hearing the author perform it on the screen. Can they perform as well at home and share it on Seesaw over the half term break?

I Am Angry

by Michael Rosen

I am angry
really angry
angry, angry, angry
I'm so angry I'll jump up and down
I'll roll on the ground
Make a din
Make you spin
Pull out my hair
Throw you in the air
Pull down posts
Hunt for ghosts
Scare spiders
Scare tigers
Pull up trees
Bully bees
Rattle the radiators
Frighten alligators
Cut down flowers
Bring down towers
Bang all the bones
Wake up stones
Shake the tiles
Stop all smiles
Silence birds
Boil words
Mash up names
Grind up games
Crush tunes
Squash moons
Make giants run
Terrify the sun
Turn the sky red
And then go to bed.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to all parents who have engaged with mentoring meetings this week.

When schools and parents listen to each other and work together, they have a really positive impact on attainment and children's well-being.

This is why it is so important that staff work in partnership with their parents, from a child's first days at school right through to when they leave.



Please note that the next mentoring sessions will be held on the week commencing the **24th February 2025**.

WE CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

Please can we alert parents that we have had a few confirmed cases of hand, foot and mouth disease in school in recent days.

Whilst this sounds super nasty NHS and public health advice shares that children can return to school following diagnosis should they feel well enough to do so.

Over the half term break please be alert to symptoms including; sore throat, temperature and your child not wanting to eat as it could be that they have contracted the disease.

The second stage manifests as mouth ulcers and a raised rash that can appear on the hands and feet and also sometimes the groin or bottom area.

The NHS suggest drinking cool fluids and over the counter remedies to ease the symptoms. For more information please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

We are hoping that the natural break of half term will help to eradicate the disease and we can return super healthy for the new term ahead.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN - POETRY PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday this week, the children had their first ever Poetry Performance Assembly! In the light of one of our school improvement focuses this year being oracy and the ability to speak and communicate well, we set the children a challenge which was to learn a poem and to perform this in assembly.



This was a very enjoyable start to the day and staff were especially pleased to be able to rate the performances just to up the ante and create a little tension! Staff gave each class a mark out of ten and for top marks, we were looking for the enjoyment factor, articulation, projection and artistic flair!



The winning performances were from Donalson Class (YR) and Rosen Class (Y1) who got unanimous tens from the staff due to their confidence and, for YR, it was the first time they had ever performed in front of an audience. Y4 came third with their performance of 'Rapping Granny'. You can see the performances of your child's class on Seesaw.



A special mention should also go to Katie P in Y5 who wrote an amazing poem for the occasion and she performed this to the whole school. Her poem is featured below for you all to enjoy too!



Feast with the Beast

By Katie P

This is the beast that came to tea,
He was literally twice the size as me,
He was brown and strong
and his tail was very long
but a twist..not to be missed
He liked to sing songs.
He sang a song so proudly,
And phew...very loudly,
He was loving and kind
And smelt divine
(which is kind of weird
He sprayed perfume in his beard!)
Sadly, the beast didn't have a name....
Hands up, if you want to give him a name
Because again, it will be a shame.
If he didn't have a name.





KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

This week Miss Howarth has attended training to better support parents with keeping their children safe online.

For adults with busy lives and various responsibilities, it is not always feasible to maintain a grasp on advancing technologies. Particularly when those new technologies are specifically aimed at children and young people.

Recently in the older year groups we have seen an increase in online behaviours negatively impacting school life as issues started on devices slowly creep into the classroom. We would therefore like to invite parents of children in Y5 & 6 parents to a workshop on the **11th November at 2pm**. Please save the date and make every effort to attend.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT HALLOWEEN



Whilst celebrating Halloween can be really exciting and fun for many families, the concept of scary stuff, frightening images, costumes and masks can be really distressing for others.

Please see our trick or treating safety tips to help you enjoy the event safely.



- Trick or treaters should always have adult supervision.
- Only visit houses that are known to you and have lights on.
- Use torches, glow sticks or reflective tape to make it easier to be seen in the dark
- Pay attention when crossing driveways to ensure cars are not pulling in or out.
- Be aware of any flames e.g. lit candles in pumpkins, and keep at a safe distance.
- Ensure costumes fit properly to avoid trips and falls.
- Avoid any sharp costume accessories.
- Do not eat sweets or treats until adults give permission.
- Only cross roads at safe places.
- Walk—don't run!



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT FIREWORK EVENTS



As both Halloween and Bonfire Night fall close to half term it is likely that there will be firework themed events taking place during the school holiday.

As Bonfire Night approaches, it's important to remember that fireworks, while fun and exciting, can also be dangerous if not handled properly. Here

are some key points from the Firework Code to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.



Firework Code

1. Only adults should light and hold fireworks.
2. Stand well back when watching fireworks and bonfires.
3. Never approach a firework that has not gone off or is used.
4. Enjoy sparklers safely by wearing gloves and holding them at arms length.
5. When a sparkler goes out put it straight into a bucket of water.
6. Keep your pets safely indoors.
7. Have a great time!

SO HOW HAVE WE SETTLED IN?

REC



Donaldson Class have really enjoyed sharing spooky stories this week. We particularly enjoyed reading What's in the Witch's Kitchen? We have had so much fun opening the cupboard doors to see if something disgusting or delicious was hiding inside. We attended our first sessions of Drawing Club and really impressed Mrs Starkey with our keenness to attend and the ideas we 'magpied' over after watching her draw and talk about the character and the setting. We have drawn some brilliant witches and some amazing haunted houses. We have been practicing printing techniques to print pumpkins and bubbly cauldrons. We have learnt our first three tricky words 'I, is and the' and are bringing them home to help us remember them.

Rosen class has had a super last week. We have finished our Maths unit on addition and subtraction within 10. The children are excellent at recognising and using tools such as part whole models and tens frames to support their learning. In Literacy we did a brilliant rendition of 'Hands' by Julia Donaldson in the poetry performance assembly. They have also been writing sentences for some of the pictures we were introduced to through the poem. The children enjoyed RE day this half term and have been looking at celebrations, in particular how and why Christians celebrate Harvest. As part of this they planned their own celebration, creating decorations, invitations and decorating cupcakes. Well done on a super first term in Year 1 Rosen class!

Yr 1



Yr 2



We have been very busy this week in Zephaniah Class. On Monday, we had an amazing time visiting the Garlic Farm. We all planted garlic plants, went on a long nature walk and saw all the halloween decorations in the forest, and we completed a worksheet about the cycle of plants and garlic plants. We all really enjoyed ourselves! On Wednesday we had RE day and learnt all about the symbol of bread. We all designed our own bread (by drawing it) and then made our own bread trying to match what we had drawn in our picture! This week in Maths, we have been practicing addition using number lines and physical resources. We had our last Geography session of the term and we learnt all about South America and Brazil. We have all really enjoyed Geography this term!! This term has been filled with lots of fun and lots of learning and we are all very excited about next term!

This week in Wharton Class we very much enjoyed performing our poem 'Hector the Horrible Hedgehog' by Andy Wharton in assembly. We have also been working on our final piece of writing for our book The Big Book of the Blue. In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction across 10s and 100s. In Art we have completed our work looking at the artist Georges Seurat and pointillism. During RE Day we looked at what people mean by stories with messages, we looked at the value of these stories to believers and ourselves and how these stories might affect our lives. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children for their great start to Year 3. I wish you all a lovely half term break and as usual thank you for all your support.

Yr 3



Yr 4



Year 4 have had a busy week to wrap up our first half term! We have really enjoyed our performance assemblies this week. On Tuesday, we performed the poem 'Gran can you rap?' by Jack Ousby. We enjoyed adding a bit of drama to our performance and also got lots of tips from the other classes performances for next time. We performed Mamma Mia by Abba on Thursday and did an amazing job at singing and playing the glockenspiel. We finished our setting descriptions in English and did a fantastic job of using expanded noun phrases to describe what was happening in the picture. Our focus for RE day was temptation and we considered times we have been tempted as well as reading some stories from the bible to show how others deal with temptation. We enjoyed welcoming parents and carers into class on Friday to showcase our fantastic learning this half term.

This week Duffy Class have been editing and writing their final finished stories. We have made them into little books, ready to take home and share them with our families. In maths we have started our new topic of multiplication and division. We have been looking at multiples, common multiples and factors. We are really expanding our knowledge of multiplication facts, looking at methods of finding multiples and understanding the numbers we multiply together to find factors. Just need everyone to keep practising their multiplication facts over the holidays ready for more challenges next term. This week we have also had RE Day, looking at the concept of belonging in Islam. We looked at the special time after Ramadan, when all the family come together to celebrate and share a meal. The class were able to relate the festival to their own lives and evaluate what feelings it provokes, to feel you belong. We also performed in our first poetry recital in front of the whole school. The class was amazing and performed brilliantly!!

Yr 5



Yr 6



This week as part of RE day, the class have been learning about laws. After discussing what laws and rules are, as well as the difference between the two, they looked specifically at how Christian's believe that Jesus broke the law and whether he did this for the right reasons. The class had some fantastic discussions about their thoughts, ideas and how they perceive these stories. We have been looking at fractions in maths over the last couple of weeks, specifically how to find common denominators to help us add, subtract and simplify fractions. In art, they have been looking at abstract landscape artists and creating their own abstract art using different patterns and textures.

CONVERSATION STARTERS!

Want to know what your children have been learning this week? Here are some conversation starters that may help you talk to them about what they have been up to in class!

YEAR R

Talk to me about ... all things spooky!

Words to use ... disgusting, delicious, escape, courage, spooky, cackle, slimy, surprise

Top tips ... please remember to spend 10 minutes a day sharing your child's reading book and sound cards with them. It really does make a difference!

We have been reading ... What's in the Witch's Kitchen? by Nick Sharratt

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... 2 places I would like to visit in South America.

Words to use... Harvest, Christian, Christianity, wheat, bread

Tips for the week... Remember to water your Garlic plants.

We have been reading... The Little Red Hen by Lucinda McQueen

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... being under pressure

Words to use...unhealthy, unacceptable, risky, respect

Tip of the week...have a fabulous half term!

We are reading... Little People, Big Dreams - Rosa Parks by Lisbeth Kaiser

YEAR 6

Talk to me about ... common denominators

Words to use ... factor, multiple, common, denominator, multiply

Tips for the week... over the holidays try practicing some of the year 5/6 tricky words

We have been reading ...facts about extreme weather

YEAR 1

We have been learning about ... Harvest

Words to use ... Harvest, celebrations, Christians

Tips for the week ... Talk about how you celebrate different occasions

We have been reading ... The Tiger Who Came to Tea, by Judith Kerr

YEAR 3

Talk to me about... addition and subtraction

Words to use... more than, less than, all together, sum, difference, minus, addition, subtraction.

Tips for the week... talk to the children about real life situations when you use the skills of addition and subtraction. Why might we round up to the nearest pound when thinking about our shopping?

We have been reading... The Big Book of the Blue by Yuval Zommer

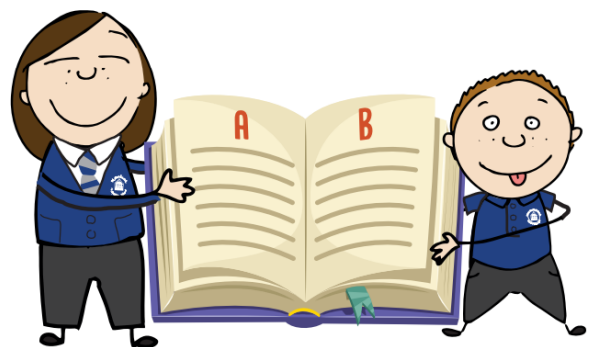
YEAR 5

Talk to me about..... belonging.

Words to useEdi ur Fitr, Eid ul Adah, clubs, church, mosque, family.

Tips for the week ... keep practising your spellings.

We have been reading.....The midnight Fair by Gideon Sterer and Mariachiara Di Giorgio



Key Stage 1 Celebration Assembly



Year R: Aurora C

Year 1: Lochlan M

Year 2: Lyle M

Sticker Cards:

Blue Sunny N (1)

WELL DONE!

We are so proud of all of our winners!

Noah P



Oakley D-P



Sonny KL



Mia W



Harlen HG



Lunchtime Menu – Chartwells for week beginning 4TH November 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger & Wedges	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger & Wedges	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza	Veggie Fingers & Chips
Dessert	Flapjack & Fruit	Apple Crumble & Custard	Rice Pudding	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie