



Newchurch Primary School

News from Newchurch Primary School and across the Federation

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VALUE: QUALITY/EXPECTATIONS

WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—RESPONSIBLE CAR PARKING

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our community for the respect and kindness shown at pick up and drop off during the first two weeks of the school year.

New families that have joined us may be unaware of the village protocols that our community try to adhere to in order to avoid upsetting any of our neighbours and residents. The car park opposite the school is a parish car park and therefore all school users are requested to exhibit patience, respect and co-operation whilst using the facility. The disabled bays **MUST** be left clear for disabled access only and should not be used—even for a quick drop off or pick up. We do have several blue badge holders within our community and they do always need to be able to access these spaces.

School Lane is a public highway and as such drivers should exercise caution when exiting the car park as traffic does travel up and down the road regularly so please check carefully and look both ways prior to pulling out. The area at the end of School Lane is also clearly demarcated with double yellow lines and under no circumstances should parents park in this area as it prevents access to the property at the end of the lane. Our lovely neighbours in the School House also require access to their property at all times and so please refrain from blocking their access.

Residents of the village have also requested that drivers demonstrate respect when parking so that their driveways and access routes are not compromised at peak times. Please double check this before leaving your vehicle.

The Pointer Inn have kindly enabled their car park to be used as an overflow parking area only and it is requested that parents do not park in the centre of the car park in any circumstances.

We do appreciate drivers exhibiting kindness and due care and attention at all times and embracing our 'mission possible' to be respectful and thank you to all who have shown this to date.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.



WE CAN BE RESILIENT



We are super proud of all of our new starters who have shown the most amazing resilience since starting at Newchurch Primary School.

The very large majority of Donaldson Class (Year R) are now able to access the classroom independently of their grown ups and Mrs Starkey and the team have been so impressed with the skills and abilities of the children to organise their own belongings, hang up their own coats and get ready for the day ahead. Although Mrs



Starkey has suggested that each child has a unique key ring attached to their rucksack that will help the children to better identify their bag at the end of the day—it can be tricky when all 30 bags look exactly the same!

Mrs Parkin is also really pleased with the resilience that has been shown by our very youngest children when they safely get out of the car in the morning to enter the school. This means that the grown ups can take advantage of the turning circle to ease congestion in the car park.

Well done Donaldson Class!

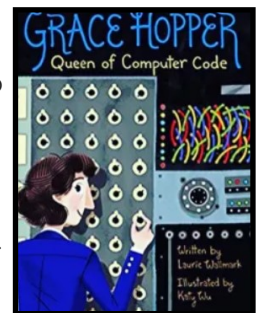


WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY - ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK



Mrs Parkin shared that the children came into assembly beautifully on Monday morning looking smart and ready to learn, with only two people needing reminders about tucking shirts in! The children were also very calm and came in silently while listening to some 'Chillstep' which apparently is the type of music listened to by Computer coders while they code!

Our Quality and Expectation value was exemplified this week by the story of Grace Hopper, one of the first computer coders whose motto in life was 'dare and do'. The children learnt that whatever opportunity came her way, Grace grabbed it with both hands and this meant that she was able to live a happy and fulfilling life as well as an important one - we can look to her for the fact that computers work for everyday people these days, not just for scientists and mathematicians as they did in Grace's day. The children were hopefully inspired by the tale of Grace's life to 'Make it Happen' in their own lives!



The children were also pleased to have earned their first £20 for the bank of Newchurch for 99% attendance last week. Just to remind everybody that £20 will be deposited into our bank for every week that the school manages to hit its attendance target of 96%. We know we need a little bit of luck to make this happen but what a fabulous start!

SICKNESS REMINDERS



As a parent you are the best person to know if your child is well enough to come to school and is able to learn. This week school attendance has been hit by a few nasty germs and tummy bugs doing the rounds and so we thought it sensible to remind our community of our school sickness advice.

Should your child wake up with a cough, cold or headache our advice is to give them whatever remedy you would ordinarily use (calpol etc) and send them into school. The only exception would be if your child has a temperature or fever above 38°.

We will always contact you if your child's condition worsens or if we believe it is contagious such as chicken pox, vomiting etc.

To prevent spread of infection if your child experiences diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not attend school for 24 hours after the last episode, and if your child suffers with both symptoms then we ask that your child remains at home for 48hrs.

The NHS have also published [advice](#) with top tips on how to judge if your child is too ill for school. Please click the link to access.



WE CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES—NATIONAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST WEEK



This week has been officially National Schools Breakfast Week.

At Newchurch Primary School we offer a daily Breakfast Club for all of our children to access. A selection of breakfast treats are on offer every day in our Clubhouse ranging from different cereals, toast and bagels which the children describe as particularly yummy!

The provision operates from 7.45am and enables the children who join in to enjoy their breakfast in a safe, social setting with their peers before school. We also recognise the wider benefits to our busy families who may not have time to think about breakfast before dashing out to work.

If you would like your child to access Breakfast Club please sign up on School Money noting the charge of £2.50 per session.

The British Nutrition Foundation have produced [free resources](#) including a factsheet for parents on 'why breakfast matters' and some healthy breakfast ideas to try at home.



YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—LEARNING TODAY FOR LIFE TOMORROW!

We have been asked to share the following information relating to adult learning opportunities within our community.



Adult Learning

Adult Community Learning are pleased to launch their new autumn programme of workshops and courses ranging from functional skills English and maths, ICT, Art, Craft, and Wellbeing, plus a wide range of FREE short online courses.

If you are interested in developing your skills further, perhaps to retrain or return to work, why not book a careers appointment with our information, advice, and guidance professional? She will tailor the appointment to your needs and can offer you help with CV writing, covering letters, application forms or support you with career changes, redundancy, education, and training.

Our ICT suite is also open every Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm (term time only), for anyone that needs help with their learning, assistance accessing a computer or advice with job applications.

For more information and to book, head over to our website www.iow.gov.uk/ACLCourses , call our office on 01983 817280 or pop into The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde.

WE CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES—SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK!

In PE this week, Year 5 and 6 have started their Flag Football units. This year is extra exciting because it's the first year the school's on the island are hosting a Flag Football competition, so this gives our Year 5 and 6s an opportunity to compete in a new and exciting sport!



Year 3 and 4 have started their Tag Rugby units, this week we worked on ball familiarity, passing and techniques to evade being tagged.



Years 1 and 2 this week have started their Gymnastics units of work. We recapped different types of jumps, rolls and how to safely jump off of equipment. Year 2 also started to put short sequences together using the rolls and jumps we have learnt.

In Reception PE this week we have been looking into enhancing their balance skills by playing lots of different skill games and gaining an understanding of personal space which require developing their listening to understand the set of instructions.

Well done everyone!



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN— KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK!

MONDAY 16TH

FARM

TUESDAY 17TH

Meet the Teacher Meeting
Y5 & Y6

WEDNESDAY 18TH

THURSDAY 19th

Year 3 Swimming

FRIDAY 20th

KS1 Celebration
Assembly



WE CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

The Nettlestone Rat Race is on Sunday 29th September!

Have you secured your place to take part in this popular event?

As well as the adult event there is a children's 600m event starting at 10am—it would be great to see some Newchurch faces at the event. £6 per entry to include a medal for all participants.

Refreshments will be available and grown ups are also encouraged to sign up to take part in the longer 5km / 5 mile routes.

Book now by scanning the QR code on the poster or sign up on the day at Nettlestone Primary School.



POETRY CORNER

Take a Poem by James Carter

Why not take a poem
wherever you go?
Pop it in your pocket
nobody will know.

Take it to your classroom
stick it on the wall
tell them all about it
read it in the hall.

Take it to the bathroom
tuck it up in bed
take the time to learn it
keep it in your head

Take it for a day trip
take it on the train
fold it as a hat
when it starts to rain.

Take it to a river
fold it as a boat
pop it in the water
hope that it will float.

Take it to a hilltop
fold it as a plane
throw it up skywards
time and time again

Take it to a postbox
send it anywhere
out into the world with
tender
loving
care.



We would love to see your
children reading and sharing
the poem on Seesaw.

SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

REC



Donaldson Class have been amazing at coming into school on their own and putting their belongings away. We are so proud of how independent they are! They are starting to learn where everything goes and are trying super hard to look after their classroom and help tidy it up. This week we have been learning Incy Wincy Spider and playing lots of listening games to help us with our sound discrimination and prepare us for our phonics learning. We have been clapping syllables, spotting rhymes and making up some silly alliterations. We have also been learning some fun facts about spiders. It's been super windy outside this week so we decided to make some kites to fly in our outside area. We also made some deliciously tasty concoctions in the mud kitchen. Worm pies and squashed tomato stew - yummy!

Yr 1



Rosen class has been very busy this week and have continued working on their numbers to ten. They have been counting forwards and back, as well as finding one more and one less. In Literacy we have been looking at We're Going on a Bear Hunt and the children have written some super sentences about where the children walked to find the bear. In Art we have been experimenting with mark making. We have made different patterns and designs by using a variety of colours and lines. In PSHE we have been discussing how we would feel in different situations and whether this would make us feel good or bad.

Yr 2



This week in Zephaniah Class we have continued to read the Three Billy Goats Gruff book in English. We have been using time words to order the events in the story and started to use adjectives and conjunctions in our sentences. We have also been extending all our knowledge in Maths with tens, ones and place value. In Art we began to look at an Artist called Yayoi Kusama who specialises in adding polka dots to all her work, especially to pumpkins. All the children in Zephaniah Class are already very excited to create sculptures of pumpkins at the end of the half term!!

Yr 3



This week in Wharton Class we have been looking at place value in Maths. One of the skills we have looked at is partitioning numbers into 100s, 10s and 1s. In English we have looked at why a contents page is important and have been thinking about prosody in our reading. In Science we have started to look at our topic of Rocks and Soils. In PSHE we have looking at special people in our lives, what makes them special, how we cope if we fall out with them and how we can make things right when they go wrong.

Yr 4



Year 4 have been studying one of Maya Angelou's poems this week called 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me.' We looked at the rhyming pattern in the poem and also noticed there was a repeating line. We then wrote our own poems in the same style. In maths, we have been mastering segmenting numbers into their place value headings. We looked at the different ways we can represent a four digit number and also made them using manipulatives. We learned about the different features of a river in geography and played a game where we had to identify the features from the pictures. In computing, we learned the difference between the internet and the world wide web. We also learned that the world wide web contains web pages and web sites and discovered the different features they contain.

Yr 5



Duffy Class have had a productive week, we have been writing and performing our own 'free verse' poems. The whole class are extremely talented at creating poetry and enjoyed being inspired by their class poet Carol Ann Duffy. We have also started looking at our new rich text 'The Midnight Fair' by Gideon Sterer and Mariachiara Di Giorgio. We are exploring the first part of the story, predicting what the book could be about, just from looking at the front cover. We have also been looking at sentence structures, and the appropriate times to use simple, compound and complex sentences within our writing. Next week we are looking at appropriate vocabulary to help write a description. We have started our new History topic 'Did the Beeching Act affect the Isle of Wight Railways?'. We looked at transport through time, organising transport into timelines, then working out what transport there was on the Island in 1889. We then looked at the advantages and disadvantages of each transportation available in 1889. A great start to the second week!

Yr 6



The class have been busy learning lots this week. In Geography, the children have been learning about extreme weathers and where these are likely to take place. Using maps and atlases, we located where the most recent extreme weathers have taken place and noticed that most of them were close to the meeting point of two tectonic plates. We have spent some time this week exploring some grammatical terms (modal verbs, pronouns and relative clauses), and have practiced using them within our writing. In PSHE, the class read a story about "Dan's difficult day". We talked about how sometimes having a positive mindset can have a great impact on your day and any negative things that may happen. We have tried to implement this into our everyday activities, to help overcome any negative thoughts.



COFFEE MORNINGS FOR PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN

As part of the RAISE project (Respecting Autistic Identity
in Schools and Education)

Are you a parent / carer of an autistic child or young
person?

Come along for a chat, share experiences, support one
another.

(No Diagnosis Required)
NO
SIGN UP
NECESSARY



Meet:

Parents Voice representative

Dora - Youth Trust practitioner

114 Pyle Street - Newport - PO30 1XA
23rd September 2024
10am - 11:30am



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Newchurch Primary School have been part of the RAISE project and the knowledge and training gained has transformed the way that we work with children in school. Please attend the coffee morning advertised if you feel you could use additional support meeting your child's needs within the home environment.

The team are very approachable, friendly and supportive and will be on hand to give strategies and advice.



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 ... spiders

Words to use ... spider web, silk, pest control, poisonous, venomous, predator

Top tips ... please make sure all of your child's items are named. This includes shoes and water bottles. We also recommend attaching an easily recognisable key-ring on their rucksacks to help them find them at the end of the day.

We have been reading ... The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... Yayoi Kusama.

Words to use... paper, wood, plastic, glass

Tips for the week... can your child remember their time words?

We have been reading... Our Class is a Family by Shannon Olsen

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... dissolving

Words to use... soluble, insoluble, saturated, solution.

Tip of the week... keep practising your times tables at home.

We are reading... Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou

YEAR 6

Talk to me about... where extreme weather's take place.

Words to use... world, continent, equator, poles, tectonic plates.

Tips for the week... monitor your heart rate while you're out and about this weekend.

We have been reading... Matilda by Roald Dahl

YEAR 1

Talk to me about... My numbers to ten

Words to use... forwards, backwards, one more, one less

Tips for the week... Can you count objects around the house and find one more?

We have been reading... Winnie and Wilbur, by Valerie Thomas

YEAR 3

Talk to me about... the special people in our lives

Words to use... caring, feelings, friendship, trust, family, relationships, emotional health, LGBT, emotions.

Tips for the week... suggest strategies for maintaining a positive relationship with their special people

We have been reading... Interview with a Tiger by Andy Seed

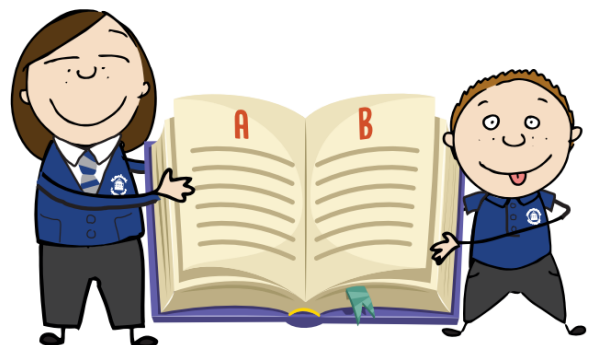
YEAR 5

Talk to me about..... poetry.

Words to usefree verse, stanza, rhyming couplets, lines, layout.

Tips for the week ... Ask your family members what their favourite poem is. Can they recite it to you?

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



Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly



Year 3: Charley Parkinson + Charlie Boswell

Year 4: Ellie Boswell

Year 5: Rocco Hayles

Year 6: Polly Cogley



Henleigh HG



Casper BM



Oliver S



Harvey W



Mia N

Sticker Cards:

BLUE: Grace S (5) Greyson G (2) Charlie R (2) GREEN: Harry B (7) Betys H (4) Olivia S (4) RED: Maya I (5)

WELL DONE!

We are so proud of all of our winners!

Lunchtime Menu – Chartwells for week beginning 16th September 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Butter Chicken Curry & Rice	Southern Fried Chicken & Chips
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Bolognese	Veggie Burrito	Quorn Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers & Chips
Dessert	Chocolate Cookie	Carrot, Orange & Sultana Slice	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread & Fruit	Orange Drizzle