



Newchurch Primary School

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VALUE: FRIENDSHIP

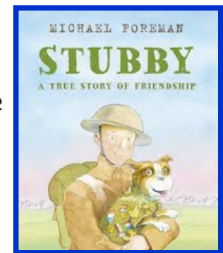


WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

The whole school assembly had the theme of 'Friendship' as well as addressing what has been a very busy week in school.

It was important to acknowledge the significance of Armistice Day, the 11th November and so the story focus was on Remembrance. Mrs Parkin shared it was lovely to see so many of the children wearing poppies and they were able to explain that we wear this as a symbol of remembering all of the people who have lost their lives in war throughout history. Together they read the story 'Stubby' by Michael Foreman which is a true story of friendship and camaraderie

between a soldier in WW1 and a stray dog named Stubby. Stubby was a brave soldier and a loyal friend, progressing from an army training camp to the trenches in France, the story told of how he served bravely in the First World War, sniffing out gas attacks, catching spies and winning the hearts of his fellow soldiers.



The story then enabled Mrs Parkin to talk about the Blue Cross and their work on the role of animals at wartime. Miss Wetherick had signed the school up to watch a live webinar by the Blue Cross which was an interactive and interesting presentation on the role of animals in WW2 which many classes took part in after the assembly.

This week is also Anti-Bullying Week and Mrs Parkin briefed the children on the activities that they will be completing this week with the theme of friendship in mind, culminating in Children in Need on Friday. The children were invited to bring in some coins to donate either to buy a Pudsey themed biscuit or to add to a long line of coins in the playground to try to beat the amount we donated to Children in Need last year!

HSBC ENCOURAGE HEALTHY FINANCIAL CHOICES!



In an exciting session this week, Year 5 had the opportunity to learn about making smart financial choices, thanks to a visit from HSBC. The focus of the talk was on budgeting and understanding the value of money.

The students were presented with a real-life scenario: Would they prefer to spend over £300 on a day out at a football stadium or throw a party at home for £100? This sparked a lively discussion among the class as they weighed the pros and cons of each option. Through this exercise, the children realised the importance of budgeting and making thoughtful decisions about their spending. They learned that while a day out at a football stadium might be thrilling, a home party could be just as fun and much more economical.



The Year 5 class is now better equipped to think critically about their spending choices, thanks to the input from colleagues at HSBC.



WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—ANTI BULLYING WEEK



You may have seen in the national media and local press that it has been National Anti Bullying Week this week. The theme for this year is 'Choose Respect' and we certainly did that in school this week!

The theme enable us to challenge the children to think about a world where respect and kindness thrives – and to remind them that it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make.

One of our mission possibles is 'I can be Respectful' and so the theme fitted in perfectly with our ethos at Newchurch Primary School

During the week and in an age appropriate way the children have been reminded what bullying is (**Several Times On Purpose**), what bullying isn't and when they see or experience bullying that they should **Start Telling Other People**.

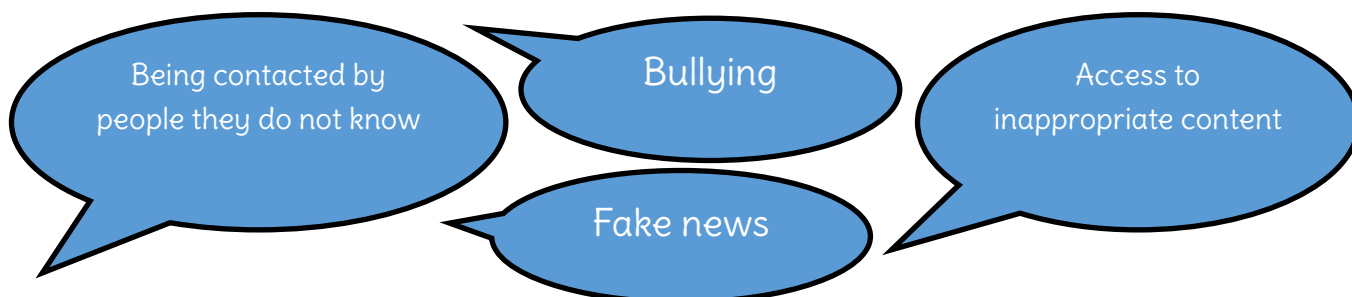


Classes have been challenged to create kindness pledges for a display in school which will look fabulous in our corridor which I'm sure you will see as and when you come into school next week!



PARENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH ONLINE SAFETY

As part of our focus on Anti Bullying Week parents of children in Year 5 & 6 were invited to a workshop to upskill themselves about matters relating to online safety. At the start of the session parents shared that they had concerns relating to the following areas amongst others:



During the session parents were introduced to brand new materials produced by LGfL designed to help parents navigate the online world with their children and signposted to specific resources and support tools.

Feedback suggested that the session was incredibly helpful with good resources shared although parents comment that they remain concerned about how quickly apps and games change. Please note we will be running a further session on **6th Feb 2025** where the content on Monday will be repeated for those that were unable to attend along with any new updates that occur at the start of the year. Please save the date should you wish to attend.



I CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES



MAKING IT HAPPEN ON THE FOOTBALL PITCH!

Before half term the Year 5/6 girls football team hosted Nettlestone in their first league fixture of the season. Newchurch started well creating lots of chances to attack, having plenty of shots. Newchurch opened the scoring, when Grace S found the back of the net with her close range effort. Newchurch continued to put the pressure on the Nettlestone defence scoring 2 more goals courtesy

of Isla G and Grace S. Half time 3-0!



The second half began and Newchurch stood strong denying Nettlestone from scoring with some brilliant defending. After a good attacking move, Newchurch found the back of the net again with Grace S completing her hat trick. 4-0! Just before the final whistle, Newchurch sealed the win scoring their 5th goal of the game, thanks to Isla G who scored her 2nd of the game! Full time 5-0!

Squad: Thea W, Elodie W, Leah H, Maisie M, Liv B, Scarlett B, Harriet F, Isla G, Grace S



Last Wednesday, Newchurch hosted Niton in the U11 boys football league. The game started very fast when Newchurch completed a very nice passing sequence which led to the opening goal by Jenson. About 5 minutes later Newchurch doubled their lead through Stan when his effort found the top corner. 2-0! Half time shortly followed. After a quick half time debrief, Newchurch continued with the way they left off. Some brilliant attacking moves and a flurry of shots towards goal, Newchurch eventually found their third of the game. Alfie finding his long range effort, hit the back of the net making the score 3-0. With the light now fading and time running out Newchurch got their fourth of the game when Jenson sealed the win for Newchurch scoring his second goal of the game. Full time 4-0 Newchurch!



A great show of teamwork and determination was showed from everyone. A very good way to start the league campaign. Well done everyone.

Squad: Alfie J, Oscar S, Oscar H, Bodhi M, Jenson W, Buddy J, Brook KW, Rocco H, Stanley D



On Monday afternoon this week, our U11 boys travelled to St Francis to participate in a league fixture. The boys started well with keeping possession of the ball however the first shot came from St Francis which was comfortably saved by Alfie in goal. Some great build up play by the midfield of Bodhi and Rocco led to a pass to an unmarked Jenson who comfortably placed the ball into the bottom corner 1-0. A long range shot from Bodhi looked to be creeping in but was deflected away by a St Francis defender. The constant pressure from the Newchurch forwards were allowing opportunities for Newchurch but were unable to get a shot on target. A switch of play from Oscar in defence to Jenson on the wing who crossed the ball into Stanley placing the ball into the goal, 2-0. Second half started with the same resilience as from the first half, the boys maintained possession and were playing some great football. A Buddy cross picked out Brook in the box who took a shot and just hit the post which was picked up by St Francis keeper. The boys were playing excellent with shots coming in their favour by the forwards which eventually led to a goal from Brook after a great through ball from Stanley, 3-0. A great display of football by Team Newchurch with plenty of shots throughout the game ends with a 3-0 win.

Squad: Buddy, Alfie, Brook, Stanley, Oscar H, Oscar S, Bodhi, Jenson, Rocco





MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES—SEPTEMBER WINNERS!

In assembly this week the winners of Steptember were announced! Steptember encouraged all of the children to complete their very own 'mission possible' by recording all of their physical activity during September! Lots of children took part and completed their own calendars of activities and winners of bronze, silver and gold awards have been given a very special badge by Miss Bartlett.

Extra special mention to Izzy who got a £15 voucher for Sports Direct and Harvey R who got a t-shirt and a scarf from Love Running.

We are really impressed with all of the community who made the healthy choice to get the steps in and who are already looking forward to the next challenge set by Miss Bartlett.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Today we have been supporting Children in Need, and it has been a huge success!

Events featured a delightful cookie sale and an exciting penny trail, bringing together pupils, teachers, and parents for this great cause.

The cookie sale was a highlight of the day, with bespoke Pudsey biscuits prepared by our talented chef, Sharon. A big thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and enjoyed the tasty treats!

The penny trail was another fun and engaging activity that captured the imagination of our children. Each class had the opportunity to contribute to a long, winding trail of coins throughout the school. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm and teamwork as each child added their contributions to the trail. The penny trail not only raised funds but also taught our students the value of small contributions adding up to make a big difference. Thank you to the school captains who had the tricky task of counting all of the money!



Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our school community, we raised an impressive total of £202.04 for Children in Need!

This money will go towards helping children and young people across the UK who are facing various challenges and we are incredibly proud that Newchurch

has made a difference!



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN— KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK!

MONDAY 18TH

TUESDAY 19TH

WEDNESDAY 20TH

THURSDAY 21ST

FRIDAY 22ND

Farm

Table Tennis

Year 3 Swimming

KS2 Celebrations

U11 Girls Football

Year 1 Showcase

Parent Forum



POETRY CORNER

The first World War ended on 11th November 1918—a date which is now known as Armistice Day. Over 16 million people died in a battle or were civilian casualties of the war.

The poem below written by John McCrae was published in 1915. It's reference to the red poppies of Flanders led to the symbolic wearing of poppies on Remembrance Day each year.

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY

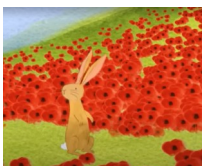


Last week, Year 6 asked if they could make some poppies for them to wear for Remembrance Day.

The class cut out felt templates for petals and leaves and sewed them together. They made sure the poppy leaf stood at 11 o'clock to mark the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.



WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—DONALDSON CLASS CREATE THEIR OWN POPPY FIELDS



On Monday, Donaldson class took a moment to remember.

Together they watched an age appropriate video clip on CBeebies (please click the image to watch) and talked about how the music made them feel, what they noticed about the rabbit and the colours in the sky and what they thought was happening.

The children discussed their own experiences of Remembrance Sunday and looked at Zachary's Poppy pin. They looked at a picture of the poppy wreaths being laid in London and discussed wearing the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. They then created some beautiful poppy art of their own.

Well done Donaldson Class!



SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

REC



Donaldson Class have absolutely loved reading Little Rabbit Foo Foo. We found the story hilariously funny and have been rehearsing saying the repeated phrases aloud. We liked drawing our own rabbit characters in drawing club and are even having a go at writing cvc words independently. In maths we have been looking at who has more, fewer and the same. We have been playing a Peter rabbit game to see who can collect the most carrots for their rabbit. We have also been focusing on our scissor skills and have been doing lots of cutting activities in the craft area and at the malleable table. It's super tricky but if we keep practicing we know we'll master it! Outside we have been busy making soup and hot chocolate in the mud kitchen and we even whipped up a pork pie. We also built tyre thrones for us all to sit on. It was hard, physical work but so good for developing our core and upper body strength and it encouraged us to work collaboratively.

Yr 1



Rosen class have been working hard this week. They have been continuing to use part whole models, but this time to solve subtraction word problems. They have been using Numicon to support their learning and find the difference. In Literacy we have been looking at our rich text; 'Beegu' and using this to try and write short captions. In Science the children have come up with some super describing words whilst naming the properties that different materials have. This week we have been looking in particular at whether things are waterproof and

Yr 2



have discussed the meaning of the words, waterproof and absorbent. The children then used a Venn diagram to sort a variety of materials into waterproof, smooth or both.

Year 2 has had a very busy week with lots of fun lessons and activities. In English this week, we have been looking at punctuation, specifically when we can use full stops, exclamation marks and question marks and also beginning to use adjectives in sentences to describe the queen. In History this week, we learnt all about Queen Victoria's childhood and spoke about if we thought she had a happy childhood or a sad childhood. We also looked at the meaning of Monarch and Melancholy and used it throughout our lesson. During Computing, we were looking at landscape and portrait when taking pictures and learning which pictures need to be taken landscape and which ones need to be taken portrait. The children had great fun taking pictures. We had some visitors from a financial workshop on Wednesday who were talking to us about the importance of Money and Money through the Ages. In Science we were using a range of new vocabulary such as, compare, describe and properties when looking at different objects and different materials. Well done Year 2 for a great week!

Yr 3



This week in Wharton Class we have been looking at written methods for subtraction learning how to exchange 10s for 1s and 100s for 10s. In English we have started our new book 'The Tin Forest,' our final outcome will be a narrative setting description we will be doing lots of work towards this including a walk in Martin's Wood. In

Yr 4



Science we have been testing magnets to see how strong they are. In PSHE we have been looking at all different types of relationships and families, understanding that others' families might not be the same as our experience.

This week in year 4, we have been focusing on fronted adverbials of time. We looked at some examples in our class text and thought about why the author chose to put the adverbial at the start of the sentence rather than in the middle. We then had a go at moving the adverbial around in different sentences to see what the effect was. We ended the week by writing our own diary entries in role as one of the characters. In maths, we have been using estimation and the inverse to check our answers. We completed our addition and subtraction unit by tackling some tricky word problems. We thought about what the important information was and what calculation we needed to do to solve the problem. On Wednesday, we welcomed two ladies from HSBC bank into class. They talked to us about different ways we can pay for things, including cash, debit cards, credit cards and gift cards. We were shocked to learn that millions of pounds are lost on gift cards each year due to people not using them before they expire!

Yr 5



Duffy class has been looking at cube numbers and looking at multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. The class were really confident when calculating number sentences and used the place value grid to check their answers. When dealing with lots of zeros in numbers, it is best to check! In English, we have created our new creatures and have been looking at different types of descriptions from other authors, looking at their style and writing for different audiences. We planned then wrote our own descriptions, trying to use different sentence states and specific language. In design and Technology we looked at various alarm systems, ready to create our own, in the coming weeks. In Geography we learnt about imports and exports, we then discussed how many goods and produce made in Newchurch, and the surrounding areas, are then exported around the UK and the world for others to eat and drink! We finished off the week by discussing Anti-bullying week and making our own pledges to help the fight against stopping bullying.

Yr 6



This week in History, Year 6 have been looking at Britain's allies and axis in World War II, and the roles the allied countries played. They have learnt about which countries made up the British Empire during this period of history. Linked to our new topic in History, we have set the class the challenge of finding out if any of your family relatives served in World War 2, and what their job was? In PSHE this week, we looked at the concept of 'stereotyped'. We came up with some examples of how we are similar and different to one another, including our gender, race, and religious views. The class discussed the importance of challenging stereotypes, homophobia and treating people badly because of their differences. The class have moved on with their fractions learning in maths this week: understanding how to multiply fractions by whole numbers (integers) and other fractions/ mixed numbers. We first started to visualise these concepts using resources and pictures to understand the maths, before recognising rules and spotting patterns. Goodfellow class have aced their learning this week and really have made it happen - they never fail to make us proud!

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 ... comparing amounts

Words to use ... more, fewer, the same, altogether

Top tips ... can you have a go at making some cvc words with the sound cards you are confident with?

We have been reading ... Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... Queen Victoria

Words to use... Portrait and Landscape

Tips for the week... Please read the Nativity script with your children as much as you can.

We have been reading... The Little Queen by Stewart Ross and Sue Shields

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... P.A.N.T.S.

Words to use... private, speak up, trusted adult, no means no.

Tip of the week... always talk to a trusted adult if something makes you feel uncomfortable

We are reading... Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

YEAR 6

Talk to me about... figurative language

Words to use... simile, metaphor, alliteration, personification, imagery, poetry

Tips for the week... practise your 6 times tables at home this week

We have been reading... "Dulce et Decorum est." by Wilfred Owen

YEAR 1

We have been learning... Subtraction

Words to use... take away, subtract, difference, part whole model

Tips for the week... can you explain how a Venn diagram works?

We have been reading... The Runaway Pea, by Kjartan Poskitt

YEAR 3

Talk to me about... different relationships and families

Words to use... diversity, friendship, respect, stereotypes, tolerance, family, relationships, LGBT, sexual orientation, adoption, fostering.

Tips for the week... talk about all the different types of families and why family situations might be different to our own. .

We have been reading... The Tin Forest by Helen Ward

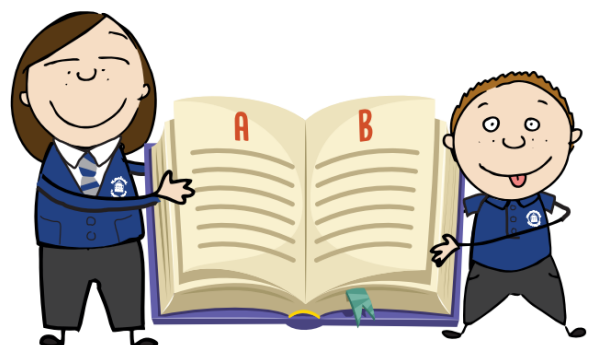
YEAR 5

Talk to me about..... multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000.

Words to useplace value, multiply, divide, increase, decrease.

Tips for the weeklook out for stories of Anti-Bullying week on the TV.

We have been reading.....The Land of Neverbelieve by Norman Messenger



Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly



Year R: William C

Year 1: Parker L

Year 2: Marcel B

Sticker Cards:

Sienna KW

WELL DONE!

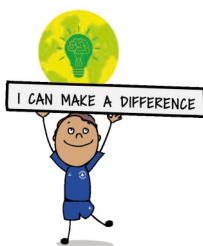
We are so proud of all of our winners!



Billy B



Jake M



Zac W



Holly N



Orson B

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS

Children are more likely to eat fruit & vegetables

They make food fun in the dining hall with friends

Improved behaviour & concentration

Experience exciting tasty theme days



**THEY ARE FREE IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
SIGN YOUR CHILD UP TODAY**

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Lunchtime Menu – Chartwells for week beginning 18TH November 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza and Wedges	Pork Sausages & Mash	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Vegetable Korma and Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian	BBQ Quorn Fillet & Rice	Quorn Sausage & Mash	Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice, Roast Potatoes &	Tomato & Sweetcorn Pasta	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette & Chips
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie & Orange	Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard	Oat Cookie & Fruit	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla Ice Cream