



Newchurch Primary School

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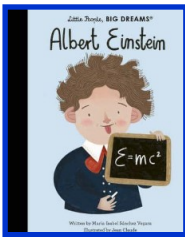
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VALUE OF THE WEEK: COURAGE

WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

The theme this week is courage and on their way into assembly, the children listened to a piece of music, Chopin's Nocturn in Bb Minor, played as part of the channel 4 TV show 'The Piano'. Mrs Parkin explained that the TV programme encouraged members of the public to show courage by playing the piano in front of an audience at St Pancras Station. The children were amazed to hear that the person playing the piano, in the music that they had listened to was the winner of the show who was 12 year old Lucy who is both blind and autistic! The whole assembly agreed that she is definitely a courageous inspiration to all of us! If you would like to see Lucy perform please follow the [link](#)—we are sure you will also be amazed!



Together the assembly then shared the story of another courageous and resilient individual—Albert Einstein.

The children were all amazed to learn that despite having a hard time at school because of his difficulties he went on to be possibly THE most influential mathematician of the modern world. Mrs Parkin shared that schools, back when Albert attended, were not like our lovely school where everyone, no matter their differences are welcomed and how appreciative we should all be to come to a lovely school like Newchurch.



THE FEDERATION 'MAKE IT HAPPEN' AT THE DANCE LIVE FINAL

Our Federation Dance Live team once again took to the Portsmouth Guildhall stage last night as one of the 7 Southern Area Finalists! Our team, consisting of approximately 100 pupils, were simply amazing, once again retelling the story of how technology has developed over time in their piece entitled 'A Snapshot in Time: Past, Present & Future' the children showed technical inventions from the typewriter to Tetris in their performance and they brought a real energy to the stage. The judges mentioned that the team had a very vibrant and cohesive performance and that all elements of the story connected on the stage brilliantly.



The team acted as fantastic ambassadors for the Federation showing respect, kindness and great sportsmanship to the other teams performing. Up against super tough competition from other schools unfortunately they did not place this time but all agreed that they had an amazing day! Thank you so much to all parents who made the effort to cross the water to support our team, your enthusiastic support really did lift the performance on the night and the staff felt that the team really did 'make it happen' with their best performance yet!

As a staff we have agreed to 'rest' our engagement with Dance Live for a while but please be reassured that we will be looking for our next 'mission possible' to give the children an equally exciting opportunity next year!



WE MAKE IT HAPPEN AT CLUBS!

This week there has been a buzz of excitement each night after school as clubs have started up for the summer term! At Newchurch Primary School we are really proud that there is a strong take-up by pupils of the extensive range of our after-school clubs. This term we have 155 children taking part in the wide range of activities we have on offer that include new clubs such as; Non-contact Boxing, Gardening, Microbit and Den Building to name but a few!



I like to try new things, like skateboarding.

Max

We are also very thankful to local clubs that have offered to work in partnership with us such as; Arreton Cricket Club and John Cattle Skateboarding who have answered the plea from the children, as the Young Governors have strongly influenced which clubs that they would like in school this term and together we have been able to make them happen!

The quotes illustrate how much the children have enjoyed their activities this week and please note that whilst a lot of clubs are full, we do have limited spaces still available on some clubs should your child wish to join in the fun!

I like being with my friends drawing and colouring - Aniela

I like doing different sports, my favourite is Capture the Flag— Edward

Multi sports is always fun with so many sports! - Micah



Junk modelling was fun because we got to make stuff! - Millie

It was nice because we got to find loads of bugs and it was interesting. -Lyle



WE MADE IT HAPPEN—THE BANK OF NEWCHURCH!

Following our relaunch of the Bank of Newchurch last week, we are super pleased to report that our whole school attendance was **97.13%** which is absolutely fantastic!

This meant that Mrs Parkin was able to make a £20 deposit into the Newchurch Bank as our attendance had exceeded our target of 96%

Interestingly, on Wednesday this week we would have recorded 100% attendance but for 1 child being on holiday. We are aware that families taking term time holidays is the biggest issue affecting our attendance and continue to plea to our families to make the healthy choice not to take children away from school.

Leave of Absence requests are only authorised in exceptional circumstances and these will be largely unforeseen circumstances and therefore pre planned holidays are not deemed to be exceptional.

We really need our community to support us with this aspect in order that we can maintain our very high attendance and the children can keep building up their savings! Can we make it happen?





YEAR 6 PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to all parents of children in Year 6 who attended Miss Evans' presentation all about the Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs) on Wednesday. Please be reminded that the test week is **w/c Monday 13th May** and it is super important that the children arrive at school in good time not just for the test but also to enjoy their yummy pre-SATs bacon sandwiches which have become quite the tradition here at Newchurch!

If you were unable to attend the meeting and have any questions about the forthcoming assessments please do not hesitate to contact Miss Evans via the school office and please take a look at the presentation that has been emailed directly to you.



RECORDER PLAYERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Last week children in Year 5 & 6 had the fabulous opportunity to take part in a recorder workshop with Indra from the Isle Music Hub.

This was an enrichment activity linked to their music curriculum. As part of the workshop the children played together in harmony. Tegan shared that she found it challenging 'but very fun' whilst Harvey said the recorder helps him to 'express how he feels' and commented that he likes learning new instruments and reading the music!

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN - NEWCHURCH COMMUNITY BOOK NOOK!

If you have been into the school office today you may have seen Mr Allen creating our new Newchurch Community Book Nook.

We are passionate about reading at Newchurch and are determined that every child will learn and love to read but we also know that our wider community love to read too! Therefore, please do help yourself to any of the books from our book nook if you see something that you think you would enjoy! We know that reading is beneficial to mental health and hopefully this resource will help our parents to 'take a moment' out of their busy lives to rest, recharge and relax.



All that we ask is, if possible, you replace the book you take with another title (in good condition) that someone else might like to read, that way we can keep a freshly updated selection of texts.

Happy Reading!

MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE TO JOIN THE NEWCHURCH NINE!

With only 3 weeks to go have you signed up yet for the Newchurch Nine?

This is the major fundraiser for Newchurch Primary School and we need your support to 'make it happen!' We currently have over 60 runners signed up to join in with either the 900m, 4.5km or the 9km run so if you were inspired by the London Marathon last weekend please join in with our mass participation event too!

Last year we raised almost £2500 for resources in school, can we top that this year?



The event is set to take place on **Sunday 19th May** and you can sign up via the link <https://www.eventrac.co.uk/e/the-newchurch-nine-2024-9403>. Please note **online entries close on 12th May** although registration will be available on the morning of the event too!

We look forward to seeing as many of our community as possible!



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—SMART WATCHES

We encourage the children to wear a watch to school to help them learn how to tell the time and to foster independence. We are aware that watches have many, many more functions these days and it seems timely (excuse the pun) to remind parents that smart watches with internet connectivity and messaging capabilities should not be

worn to school.

Also, please be aware that the children wear watches at their own risk and the school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to expensive items worn on site.



I CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY



WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY— SUSTAINABLE UNIFORM

Please be reminded that we have a host of pre-loved uniform in school that is just longing for a new home!

If your child is in need of a new jumper, cardigan, shorts or summer dress for this term please contact the school office who will be happy to take a look to see if there are items that may meet your requirements.

Can we also remind parents to label all items of clothing that come into school as our lost property bin is already overflowing! If items are named they will return to their owner!



YOUNG GOVERNORS WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our Young Governors met with Mrs Parkin on Wednesday to devise a plan for the newly decked area outside the Year 3 mobile classroom.

Part of our Federation Improvement Plan is to extend the calm and therapeutic principles that we have adopted in our classrooms into the outdoor areas and the Young Governors have really embraced and got excited about this particular 'mission possible.' They want to create a calm, tranquil area for those pupils who wish to 'take a moment' during their breaktimes rather than race around as they appreciate that this can help children's mental health.

By working together and thinking carefully the children have devised a plan that contains a lot of features they feel will enhance this quiet and calm part of the playground. They have shared that they would like some more table top games to play, a water feature and some plants to help soften and improve the area. They have also shared that they would like some bunting to decorate the area and have already approached Mrs Hoar in the office to help with this sewing task.



The plan shows their initial ideas and if you feel that you can help with any aspect of their plan the children would love to hear from you!

Can we make it happen and create our very own Zen Zone at Newchurch?



CULTURAL CORNER—A MISSION POSSIBLE FROM MISS BEALE



Celebrating 'El Cinco de Mayo'

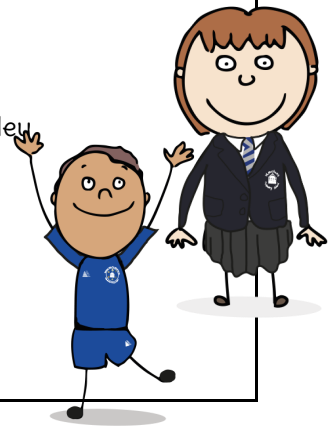
Miss Beale has been sharing in her Spanish lessons this week that this Sunday is 'El Cinco de Mayo' - a day of celebration for many Mexicans, as it commemorates an event which happened on 5th May 1862. At the time, Mexico was suffering from severe economic turmoil and the president defaulted on debt payments to Europe. In response, France, ruled by Napoleon III, invaded Mexico. A large number of French troops were sent to attack Puebla de Los Angeles, a small town in east-central Mexico, in what became the 'Battle of Puebla'. Against all odds, the vastly outnumbered and poorly supplied Mexicans emerged triumphant.

To this day, in the state of Puebla, where the famous battle took place, and other nearby regions, Cinco de Mayo is a day of local pride and patriotic celebration of a spectacular battle victory over one of the most powerful armies in the world. The celebrations in Puebla include re-enactments of the battle, traditional dances and lively parades.

The holiday is also widely celebrated in the United States. People attend parades with colourfully dressed dancers, listen to lively Mexican folk music called mariachi, and eat millions of avocados in traditional dishes such as guacamole. Washington, D.C. even holds the Running of the Chihuahuas, where Chihuahuas (a breed that originated in Mexico) race each other for fun.

If you would like to celebrate with a Mexican inspired meal, why not exemplify our Mission Possibles, 'I can make it happen' and 'I can make healthy choices', and help your child to make this easy Chicken Tacos recipe. This can be made vegetarian, or vegan by swapping Quorn for the chicken, and selecting the vegan options from the suggested toppings.

FOR THE TACOS	TOPPINGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil• 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1" strips• salt• freshly ground black pepper• 2 tsp. chili powder• 2 tsp. ground cumin• 1/2 tsp. garlic powder• 1/4 tsp. paprika• 1/4 tsp. cayenne 8 corn tortillas, warmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sour cream• thinly sliced red onion• diced tomatoes• grated cheese• diced avocados• fresh coriander or parsley• lime wedges



Method

1. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, over a medium heat. Season the chicken with salt and pepper and add to the pan. Cook until golden (approximately 6 minutes). Make sure your chicken is cooked all the way through.
2. Mix your spices, adding a little oil, to help them coat the chicken, and then add these to your pan.
3. Assemble your tacos by layering the chicken and desired toppings in the tortillas. Serve with lime wedges.

Enjoy!



If you try this tasty treat, please upload a photograph to your child's Seesaw account, as Miss Beale would love to see the outcomes and to be able to share them in next week's newsletter.



NEWCHURCH MAKE IT HAPPEN AT THE DRESSAGE!

On Thursday last week, our equestrians took on the challenge of the inter-school's dressage.

With an impressive turnout, we had two teams keen to compete in this year's event. Proving their commitment, the children and their ponies have been working hard behind the scenes, having attended two training sessions prior to the competition, making sure they were on

top form.

Upon arrival, Miss Bartlett was impressed to see how well turned out each child and pony combination were, topped off with our own personalised embroidered saddle pads, very kindly donated by Emily Thompson at Froghill Tack, a huge thanks to Emily and the team at Froghill. The team received lots of compliments on how smart they looked which started the day well. One by one, each combination completed their test with confidence, accurately completing each movement with smiles on their faces. Everyone cheered on their teammates when it was their turn to ride the test, the sportsmanship and teamwork was lovely to see.



We waited for the results with anticipation. First came the individual results, Ruby competed in the unled section which had some tough competition, with an impressive 72.3% Ruby finished in 5th place in her section. Then came the led section, an impressive score of 69.23% put Alfie into 2nd place and Daniel finished 5th with a fantastic 68.07%. If 3 rosettes wasn't enough, the team consisting of Izzie, Ruby and Daniel also finished overall 2nd in the team section.

Well done to everyone for the excellent effort and commitment put into the lead up and the day of the competition. We are so proud of each one of you and already can't wait for next year!



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK!

MONDAY 29th

TUESDAY 30th

WEDNESDAY 1st

THURSDAY 2nd

FRIDAY 3rd

Farm

Year 5 Sailing

KS1 Celebration
Assembly



SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?



This week we have been watching our class caterpillars grow. They are already 1cm bigger than last week and we were able to use our super maths knowledge to recognise that means they've doubled in size! They're also much more wiggly and are crawling all around their home. We've drawn some amazing story maps and written a sentence about The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. In maths, we've been using our super subitising skills and doubles skills to recognise larger groups of numbers. We've also been looking at symmetrical patterns and had a go at creating some of our own.

Miss Barnett has been teaching us to sign the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. Ask us to show you how to sign the days of the week, apple, pear, plum, strawberry, orange, caterpillar, butterfly, cocoon and ate.

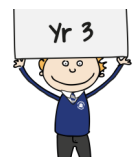
This week in year one we have been busy in English learning all the places Emma Jane has visited on her aeroplane and the friends she has made in each location. The children were then set a mission to create their own story maps of Emma Jane's adventures to help with their story recount writing next week, all the children showed brilliant determination and 'can do attitude' to make their maps as detailed as possible, well done! In Maths this week we have been looking at equal groups and what equal means, the children have all been brilliant mathematicians being able to reason and explain their thinking and problem solving skills to solve a variety of problems. This week in PSHE we looked at how we have changed since being a baby and how much we have already achieved, it was great fun to look back at the changes and milestones we have already crossed and all the future milestones to come.



Shilling class has had a busy week. We have continued to look at the Night Gardener and this week we have been concentrating on subordinate clauses and using apostrophes for possession. In Maths we have been learning about mass, capacity and weight. We have been reading a variety of scales, as well as comparing objects that are lighter or heavier. We have been using kitchen scales to weigh a variety of objects from around the classroom. In Science we have been looking at the difference between seeds and bulbs and thinking about reasons for this. In

Computing we have started to experiment with Chrome Music lab and have been using this to make different patterns and pitches within music. We have continued to look at the work of Henri Rousseau in Art and have looked at the styles and techniques he used. We then tried to emulate this with some of our own artwork.

This week Real Class have been working hard on measuring length and solving problems around this topic. In English we have been using what the witnesses saw in the book, Tuesday, writing it in speech bubbles then putting it into sentences using speech punctuation. In Science, we have been exploring what plants need to grow. In PSHE we have been looking at how to keep ourselves healthy through exercise, food, good hygiene and medicines. We have looked at how infectious illnesses are spread and how we can help to reduce this spreading.



Year 4 have been learning how to find equivalent fractions in maths this week. We used a fraction wall to help us and then noticed patterns and realised that we can multiply the numerator and denominator by the same number to find an equivalent fraction. We then went on to simplify fractions by dividing by a common factor. In Computing this week, we began our unit on photo editing and learned how to crop and rotate photos and how this can affect the composition of the image. We learned about the different types of pollination in science and how many insects pollinate plants purely by accident! In English, we focused on dialogue and took the roles of Vashti and her teacher

to practice the conversation they might have had before writing a piece of dialogue between them. We looked at different joining techniques in art and had a go at some junk modelling to try them out.

Krone Class have been looking at areas this week in maths. We have been calculating areas of rectangles and composite shapes, working out how to split shapes into rectangles and squares, then adding both areas together to calculate the whole shape. We have also been concentrating on problem solving, looking at problems, planning what we need to do and then deciding what strategies to use to solve it. The final steps are to calculate the problem then check that we have the right answer, by doing the inverse. In English we have been looking at different types of sentence structures and how we can change the position of clauses around, to give our writing a different tone.

In History, we learnt about Anglo-Saxon and Viking laws and punishments. The Anglo-Saxon punishments were cruel and harsh, compared to the Vikings punishments and some of the ordeals they put defendants under were mind-boggling!



This week, Year 6 have spent a lot of time focusing on their reasoning and problem solving in maths: picking apart each question; working out what we know; and making a plan. The class have benefited from working in groups this week, and it's had such a positive impact on their confidence. In History, the class were told The Story of Eweka. In small groups, they studied a particular part of this story, unpicking the relationships and the impact this had on the Benin period. In PE, the class have enjoyed the start of cricket and athletic season. We've had some great class discussion this week around 'risk', what risks are, how to judge risks and what factors we can put into

place in order to minimise risks we may find ourselves in.

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 ... the days of the week

Words to use ... before, after, week, today, tomorrow, yesterday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Top tips ... Can you learn the days of the week? Can you remember them in any order?

We have been reading ... The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... Mass and weight

Words to use... grams, kilograms

Tips for the week... Can you weigh different foods in the kitchen?

We have been reading... The Night Gardener, by the Fan Brothers

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... making choices

Words to use... respect, beliefs, loyalty, kindness, trust

Tip of the week... practice your times tables using the MTC section on timestables.co.uk

We are reading... The Dot by Peter H Reynolds & Hercules: Diary of a (sort of) Hero by Tom Vaughan.

YEAR 6

Talk to me about... how to identify different tenses

Words to use... simple, perfect, progressive, past, present, future

Tips for the week... practise your times tables at home, all the way up to 12 x 12

We have been reading... our own book choices

YEAR 1

Talk to me about... Typing on a keyboard.

Words to use... keyboard, typing, electronic, email, letter, speed, laptop and computer.

Tips for the week... look at some baby photos of you and your family, what has changed?

We have been reading... Martha Maps it out by Lee Hodgkinson

YEAR 3

Talk to me about being healthy

Words to use .. hygiene routines, infectious diseases, medical and non medical ways of treating an illness

Tips for the week ... talk about different campaigns such as hand washing, Change for Life etc

We have been reading ... Tuesday by David Weisner.

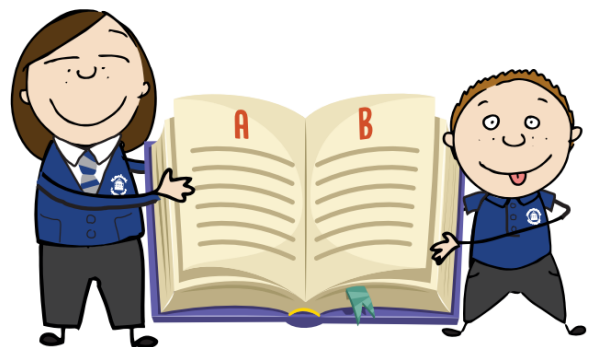
YEAR 5

Talk to me about..... Problem solving and reasoning.

Words to use... understand, plan, trial and error, pictures and diagrams, pattern spotting, working backwards, working systematically, generalising, review, solve.

Tips for the week..... Remember to read problems out loud and read them twice, to make sure you fully understand what it is asking you to do.

We have been reading... The Wonder Garden Kristjana S Williams



Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly



Year 3: Max K
 Year 4: Katie P
 Year 5: Phoebe N
 Year 6: Ellie G

Sticker Cards:

Yellow:

Taitum R, Freddie H, Annie M, Margot C

Blue:

Willow T, Scarlett B, Oscar H

Red:

James B, Alivia R

Green:

Laurence B, Grace A, Alfie J, Natalie dB

WELL DONE!

We are so proud of all our winners!

Dressage Team

Ruby PB, Isabelle M,
 Alfie J, Scarlett B

Sam Y

Willow T

Harley C

Henleigh HG



Lunchtime Menu – Chartwells for week beginning 29th April

	Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Pork Sausages with mash and beans	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cottage Pie served with gravy	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta	Vegetarian Sausages with mash and beans	Cheese and Onion Pasty, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatless Balls in tomato sauce, served with rainbow rice	Quorn Nuggets & Chips
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake	Lemon Sicilian Slice	Chocolate Ice Cream