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# Newchurch Primary School

## News from Newchurch Primary School and across the Federation

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VALUE OF THE WEEK: RESILIENCE

### AN END OF TERM MESSAGE FROM MISS HOWARTH

This is the last newsletter of this academic year and so on behalf of all of the staff and Governors of the Federation of Nettlestone & Newchurch Primary School can I please take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school over this academic year.

This year has seemed to pass by in an absolute flash! Reflecting back over what we have achieved it is evident that we have remained steadfast in our mission to 'make it happen' whether that be educational visits, enrichment opportunities, clubs, music, sport, art or drama. We had our visit from His Majesty's inspectors at the start of this month and we look forward to sharing the outcomes with you when the report is finally published hopefully in September.

Our staff have once again been outstanding this year giving a lot of their time to ensure that the opportunities that to support your child's wider development have happened including; The Jungle Book, Dance Live, residential visits, educational trips and fixtures to name but a few. Thank you also for accepting our invitations to support your children's learning, attend assemblies, participate in workshops or simply join in the fun!

We have said some emotional goodbyes in assembly this week—particularly to our Year 6 as they move onto their chosen secondary schools—we will miss you all and wish you many happy days ahead. Please do pop back at see us, we love to hear how you are progressing.

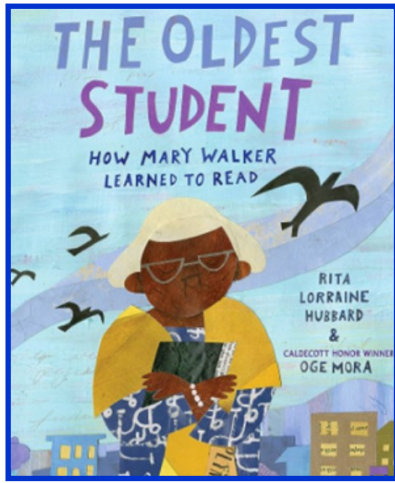
The end of term is always emotional but it should also be viewed as exciting, in the same way as finishing the chapter of your favourite book leaves you eager to turn the page and see what is next. We are very excited for our next page at Newchurch with lots of fresh ideas and exciting opportunities already being planned. We will be focusing on our new oracy curriculum next year and have already planned in a lot of performance opportunities so that will be exciting!

Please do take time to enjoy the summer safely and Mrs Parkin and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 3rd September**. You will be alerted to the organisational details of your child's new class nearer to the return date.

Staff will be taking a well deserved break this summer too and therefore there will be limited communication from school over the holiday period. We promise to only interrupt your fun should there be an essential reason to do so and we trust that you will extend the same courtesy and kindness to the school staff team as they will be spending well-deserved time with their own families.

Happy holidays!





## WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

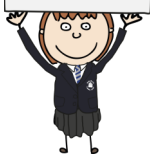
This week, our final Monday assembly theme was resilience.

Mrs Parkin read the story of 'The Oldest Student - How Mary Walker Learned to Read.' Mary lived to the ripe old age of 121 and only learned to read when she was 109! It's a true story of perseverance and resilience and one that the children and staff really enjoyed. The main message of the book is that you are never too old to learn and as we enter into the last week of the year, we reflected on the wonderful year of learning that we've had and the wonderful one yet to come.



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## WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—WHAT A WONDERFUL MUSIC ASSEMBLY



We had a lovely assembly on Wednesday morning with each class having a chance to perform to an audience with all of the staff members judging their performances Britain's Got Talent style!

Y5 won with their rap - it was amazing!

We must give a shout out especially to Harriet F, Harvey W, Emily M, Leah H and Grace S who had a solo rap in the performance as well.



## THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE YEAR 6

We have had a lovely week celebrating 'all things Year 6' to mark their final few days at our school.

They have been the most amazing bunch of young people and we all will be really sad to see them leave but we wish them lots of good luck for their secondary school and wish them lots of happy days ahead!

Year 6 your primary school 'mission possible' is officially complete!



## WE MADE IT HAPPEN AT OUR AMAZING AWARDS EVENING

On Monday evening we held our Annual Awards Evening and we had a lovely time celebrating the achievements of approximately 25% of the school population who have excelled over the year.

The evening opened with a violin solo by Imogen T before each teacher spoke in turn about the qualities and attributes shown of their nominated award winners.

During the evening, Miss Baldwin supported our Co-Chair of Governors, Mr Watterson in handing out over 35 awards. Part of the schedule also saw Miss Barnett and Miss Sturrock get surprised with a special mention as both are leaving Newchurch this summer to pursue a career in teaching. We are super proud of both of them!



Thank you also to Bec Cook for her wonderful photography of the event—her pictures are fantastic and capture the spirit of the evening beautifully.



## WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—UNIFORM REMINDERS



If your child is leaving KS1 and joining KS2 in Year 3 please be reminded that there is a slight change in uniform from polo shirts to plain white shirts and a school tie.

Also, in Year 5 and 6 children have the option to wear a school blazer should they wish.



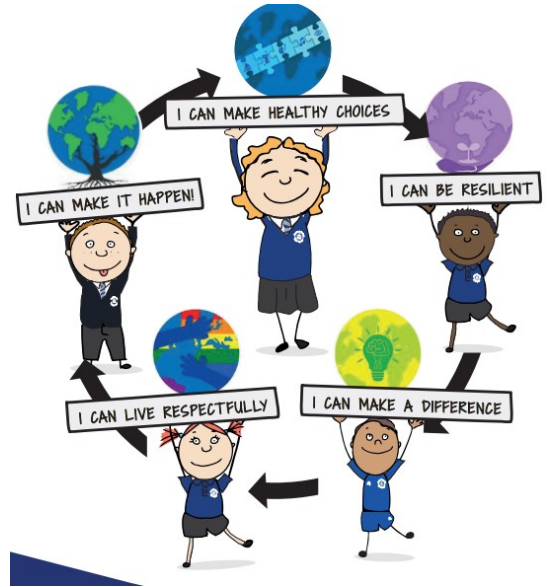


## MISSION COMPLETE FOR 2023/24



Our 5 'Mission Possibles' define everything we do here at Newchurch Primary School and we love celebrating events and activities that showcase our 'missions' in action.

It would be lovely to hear about any summer activities that you get up to that you feel embrace any of our missions, please do communicate with us on Seesaw as it would be lovely to start a new display board in September to illustrate many and varied examples of 'Summer Missions in Action!' with our families joining in too!



## MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE TO HAVE BREAKFAST AT HOME



We are aware that many of you send your children to our Breakfast Club. With school now closing for the summer holiday you may need some suggestions for breakfast at home. The team at the National School Breakfast Club Programme have put together some resources full of ideas and tips to support parents during the holidays. Please take a look at the links to see if they can help you.

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/food/breakfast-support/breakfast-at-home/>

## MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE - KIDS EAT FREE THIS SUMMER!

Whether you are staying on the Isle of Wight this summer or travelling on the mainland, this list of places where children can either eat free (or for £1) may prove helpful.

LatestDeals.co.uk

# KIDS EAT FREE!

OR FOR LESS, SUMMER 2024

	KIDS CAN EAT A 95p MEAL EVERY DAY AFTER 11AM (EXCEPT FRIDAYS)		KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY EVERY THURSDAY AND FOR £1, 4-6pm SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY
	KIDS EAT FOR £1 WHEN YOU DOWNLOAD THE HARVESTER APP		UP TO 2 KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY WHEN THE ADULT PURCHASES FULL PRICED MEAL
	KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY WITH EVERY £10 ADULT MINIMUM SPEND		FREE KIDS MEAL WITH EVERY ADULT MEAL PURCHASED
	KIDS GET 3 COURSES FREE WITH EVERY FULL PRICED MEAL PURCHASED		UNDER 12's EAT FREE KIDS PIZZA WITH EVERY ADULT PIZZA PURCHASED
	KIDS EAT FREE IN THE CAFE WITH EVERY ADULT £4 SPEND		KIDS EAT FOR JUST £1 ALL DAY AT ASDA CAFES, NO ADULT SPEND NEEDED
	UP TO 2 KIDS EAT BREAKFAST FREE WHEN 1x ADULT BUYS A FULL BREAKFAST		KIDS EAT FOR JUST £1 AFTER 11:30am IN THE CAFES WITH AN ADULT MEAL
	UP TO 2 UNDER 15's EAT FREE BREAKFAST WITH 1x ADULT BREAKFAST PURCHASE		KIDS EAT FREE IN THE CAFE WITH EVERY ADULT MEAL PURCHASED
	UP TO 2 UNDER 16's EAT FREE BREAKFAST WITH 1x ADULT BREAKFAST PURCHASE		KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY WITH THE PURCHASE OF ONE ADULT MEAL OVER £5

Mrs Martin has also collated a list of other venues that can be accessed over the summer holiday to support lower cost meals. This information will be emailed along with the newsletter.





## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—CHANGING SCHOOLS

As we finish the school year we know that whilst the thought of starting a new school is super exciting for some for others it can be a source of significant anxiety. This is perfectly natural as a response to a new environment, and a new society into which to fit.

With this in mind, Childline has published a page dedicated to helping children deal with their feelings before their formal transition. To find out more, please click the link below:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/moving-schools/>

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—TIPS FOR A SAFER DIGITAL SUMMER

As summer approaches, now is the time we begin to make plans for family fun, amazing adventures and making memories. Of course, it will also be time to think up ways to combat “Mum, Dad – I’m bored!”. Given the current cost of living crisis, for many families, this summer will be about finding easy entertainment options that are budget-friendly...preferably free!



So, it's no surprise that a recent Barnardo's survey found children are expected to spend more time online during the summer break, compared to term time. But while digital devices and online activities are a cheap and cheerful solution to school break boredom, the article below highlights the top three tips to make sure it's a safer digital summer for children and young people. Please take the time to have a read and consider the top tips that are shared. <https://inege.com/2023/06/28/tips-for-a-safer-digital-summer/>

We have also been asked to advertise two FREE online webinars for parents/carers, both are provided by South East Cyber Resilience Centre (SECRC), a division of National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), they are as follows:

- Cyber Protect: Online Safety for Parents by Police - **with a focus on protecting children from online threats.** [FREE Cyber Protect Webinars - South East Grid for Learning South East Grid for Learning \(segfl.org.uk\)](#)
- Cyber Choices: Cyber Choices by Police - **how we can help to safeguard young people from committing computer misuse offences, and why this needs to happen** [FREE Cyber Choices Webinars for Parents/Carers - South East Grid for Learning South East Grid for Learning \(segfl.org.uk\)](#)



## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—SLEEPING WELL THIS SUMMER

Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. During the summer holidays routines and regular sleep patterns can become disrupted and this can cause some children to become dysregulated and agitated.

A decent night's sleep will not only help children to do better at school but also have a more developed memory, learn more effectively and solve problems, make them less susceptible to colds and other minor ailments, less irritable and better behaved.

It is proven that sleep deprivation can cause increased hyperactivity and other behavioural problems. Poor sleep habits from an early age can lead to long term sleep problems.

Further information and support can be found at the [Sleep Charity](#) giving useful information on children sleep problems, bedtime routines, relaxation tips, night terrors/nightmares, diet and sleep.

Please check their website for more details

 the  
**national sleep**  
helpline

CALL US

**03303 530 541**

## MAKE THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE HAPPEN!

We know that many of our children love to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge organised in conjunction with our local libraries.

The theme this year is 'Marvellous Makers' and is focused around all things creative!

Children are encouraged to set reading goals and log the books read over the summer with the aim of unlocking special prizes! For more information see <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in>

We would love to see as many Newchurch pupils getting involved as possible and look forward to celebrating their success when we come back to school in September.

Can you make it happen and be a Marvellous Maker?



## WE MAKE IT HAPPEN WITH OUR SPORTING OFFER!

For an amazing 7th year in a row Newchurch Primary School has been awarded the School Games Platinum Mark in recognition of our commitment to competition within school and across the community as measured by national benchmarks.

Thank you to all of the children who have participated so brilliantly in all aspects of school sport this year and for the staff and parents who have helped to make all of our competitions happen!

We are super proud!

## MAKING IT HAPPEN AT YEAR 3 AND 4 SPORTS DAY

The weather was so much better on Tuesday for the Year 3 and 4 Sports Day. The children were grouped in their house colours and each group had a Year 6 sports leader to lead their group.

The children had 8 stations to rotate around, all practising different skills. Everyone showed fantastic determination and resilience at each station and the Year 6s did a great job at running the event.

When the results came in they were very close! Red House took the win!

Well done everyone and thank you for a fantastic afternoon.



## SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

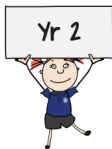


This week, Penny class have loved singing along to the catchy Pantosaurus song! We learnt the NSPCC pant rules with Pantosaurus and I'm sharing the link here so that you can talk about this at home too.

We used the proper names for our private parts: penis and vulva. Throughout the school, children will be taught the correct scientific names for all of their body parts.

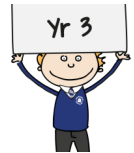
We know how much Penny class have enjoyed having an older buddy and really feel that this is something they will still benefit from in Year 1. Therefore, we have been giving them the opportunity to get to know the current Year 4 class at playtimes and on Thursday they came over to Penny class for a final bonding play. Staff have been observing the children and have looked out for supportive matches. We will share photos of the children with their new buddies with you via Seesaw but I'm certain lots of them will be able to tell you as they had an absolutely lovely time together!

What a fantastic last week in year one! This week all the children have shown the staff how year two ready they are, and we couldn't be more proud of them! In Maths, we looked at o'clock and half past and solved a range of word problems relating to time. In Science this week we revisited all our learning from the year, and recalled key vocabulary and made meaningful links throughout our other learning, we then completed our Science hot task all about habitats and it was great to see all the children answering the Science 'big question'. In DT we have evaluated our fruit kebabs and reflected on what we might want to change next time we make one, lots of the children said they wanted to try an even bigger variety of fruit next time! We hope you all have a wonderful summer relaxing and making lots of memories!



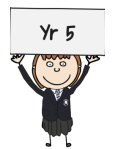
Shilling class have had a lovely last week. We have been watching some short clips to inspire some writing, using the skills we have previously learnt through out the year. In Maths we have been playing and making Maths games. They have really enjoyed the music performance assembly and saying goodbye to Year 6 on Thursday. They also had a super class party on Friday. Thanks so much for a brilliant year Shilling class. Have a lovely and hopefully sunny summer holiday!

In our final week in Real Class we have finished our work on angles and properties of shape. In English we have created our own books about a dragon, planning the story then making it into a book. In Science we have looked at how shadows are different depending on the distance and angle of the light. We have had a lovely final week. The children have been fabulous right through to the end of what has been a very long term. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all for your support throughout the year from myself, Miss Sturrock and Miss Shaw. We wish you and the children a fabulous summer holiday and look forward to catching up with them all next year. Thank you again.



Year 4 have had a fabulous last week in LKS2! We learned about symbols in RE and found out how stones are used as symbols in religion. We focused on Buddhism and how followers use the symbol of the Buddha to practise meditation. In science, we learned about the gestation and life expectancy of different mammals and different ways of presenting the data. We realised there was a correlation between the two and the bigger the animal, the longer the gestation period and life expectancy. We had a wonderful morning with Penny class on Thursday and were asked by Mrs Starkey to support the children next year when their buddies have moved onto high school. The children rose to the challenge and are already being great role models and making a difference to the younger children. We ended the week with some fun activities including the pirate game, a film and an award ceremony to round off our year in Euro class.

Krone Class have enjoyed their last week of term, finishing off their T-shirt designs, to make some sustainable T-shirts. Some designs were really complex and others learnt that keeping it simple really works. The class has been so resilient, learning new sewing techniques to attach designs to T-shirts and have kept going, even when things don't go to plan. In maths, we have been looking and making 3D shapes this week, learning their names and classifying their properties. We loved playing games such as bingo and Guess who, to help us remember the key facts. We finished our Geography topic on 'the journey of a T-shirt' and were able to explain the making process and supply chain, explain fair trade and sustainability and name the top cotton producing countries in the world. Finally, we looked at coordinates to be able to finish off the week playing the pirate game, one of our favourite games, stealing points and banking lots of money. A great way to end a fabulous year with this fantastic class.



What a lovely final week for our Year sixes, filled with laughter, smiles and wonderful memories. During Thursday's Leavers' assembly, the class performed two songs they have been working on in music



lessons this half term. Over the year, Yen class have been such fantastic role models to all of the younger pupils in school and this has continued this week. The buddies have also been supporting Penny class build their independence this week in readiness for next year. They've been helping them in PE lessons, creating some games for them and practicing key skills. Wishing you all the best on your next venture!

## 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 NSPCC PANTS rules

**Words to use ...** private, no, trusted adult

**Top tips ...** here's a link to the NSPCC 'Let's talk pants' page for you to share at home <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

**We have been reading ...** All of our favourite books from this year!

### YEAR 2

**We have been learning...** Times tables

**Words to use...** Lots of, x 2, x 5, x 10

**Tips for the week...** Have a lovely summer!

**We have been reading...** Oi Duck Billed Platypus, by Kes Grey

### YEAR 4

**Talk to me about...**Buddah

**Words to use...**meditation, enlightenment, peace, suffering

**Tip of the week...** have the most wonderful summer!

**We are reading...**So You Think You've Got it Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Greece by Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea

### YEAR 6

**Talk to me about...** Leaver's assembly

**Words to use...** celebration, awards, memories, singing, performing

**Tips for the week...** Have an amazing summer and good luck all of you!

**We have been reading...** a selection of stories and texts we've written over the year.

### YEAR 1

**Talk to me about...**year 2!

**Words to use...** Miss Harris, new classroom, my personal mission in year 2, excited, nervous and age.

**Tips for the summer...**can you keep a daily tally of the weather during the holidays?

**We have been reading...**Rubys Worry by Tom Percival

### YEAR 3

**Talk to me about .....** angles

**Words to use ..** 90°, right angle, acute, obtuse, quarter turn

**Tips for the week ...** look when you are out and about for angles, can you say whether they are right angles, acute or obtuse

**We have been reading ...** The Dragon Slayer by M P Robertson

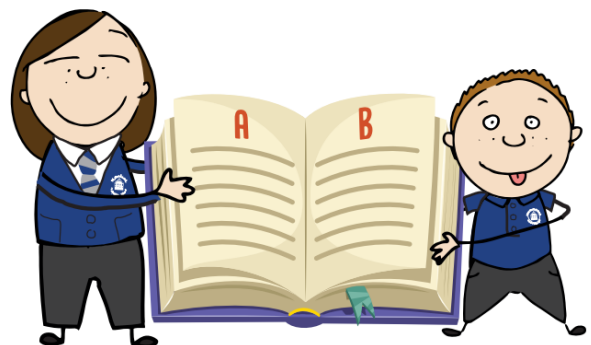
### YEAR 5

**Talk to me about.....**coordinates.

**Words to use.....**y axis, x axis, along the corridor and up the stairs, negative, positive, plot, systematic approach.

**Tips for the week....**see if you can make up your own games using coordinates.

**We have been reading...** Wild Animals from the North by Dieter Braun





# Whole School Celebration Assembly



YR R: Henry P, Hafthor D

YR 1: Daniel T, Darcie J

YR 2: Daisy T

YR 3: Emily C, Ophelia D

YR 4: Alfie J, Luke B, Brooke KW, Buddy J

YR 5: Grace S, Abbie R

YR 6: Mason DC

**WELL DONE!**

Sticker Cards:

Jack-James O, Avalyn S, Ronnie B, Izzie M,

**We are so proud of all of our winners!**

## Welcome to our new Pupil Leadership Team for 2024/2025!

