


Learning today for life tomorrow... 



Newchurch Primary School

News from Newchurch Primary School and across the Federation

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Value of the week: LOVE

EXPRESS YOURSELF— CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week has been national Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was 'Express Yourself'. Organisers, Place2Be, shared that this was *'not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself'*.

In school we always encourage the children to 'Speak Out to Stay Safe' and express their emotions, worries or fears with a trusted adult. During this period of lockdown many staff have accessed additional training to support this aspect of our work even further and on Wednesday some of us engaged in 'Emotion Coaching' with the support of trained psychologists.

We recognise that this period of lockdown is particularly challenging whether children are learning at home or missing learning with all of their friends in school. We appreciate that the emotional attachments within our community are really important and will be looking to provide increased opportunities for social interaction and strengthening our community during these strange times.

Well done to everyone who has already engaged in some of the community challenges we have set, we love to see how you have engaged with the tasks and the fun you have had trying! Please keep the pictures coming!

MEET MURPHY!

He has already appeared in a few assembly videos but a very special guest joined Mrs Parkin in school on Tuesday for a couple of hours - Murphy the pup! He enjoyed his time in school in the office and mostly spent it snoozing next to Mrs Parkin although he did seem to stir a little every time he could hear the children enjoying their learning!

He had one trip out to the field for a little run around to the absolute delight of the small group of children having PE on the playground and another small group having play time on the astro-turf as he went past.

Murphy is certainly looking forward to another little visit next week!



MR TUCK'S CHALLENGE!



Our Newchurch community excelled yet again in last weekend's challenge, taking on the wind and the rain to run 2km as a tribute to Ray. I was certainly proud of the effort that all of our children and their families put in, and I'm sure that Ray would have been delighted to see that many people running.

For this weekend I have a fun challenge which could be undertaken on foot walking or running, cycling or scooting - it's very flexible. Can you spell out **Newchurch** or express yourself with another word of your choice? Be creative - use street signs, shop window displays, cafe signs, art work. As long as you're outside and being physically active, you are winning!

Send us your artwork, or pop it on our Facebook post over the weekend. Come on Newchurch let's get creative!



Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 9th February 2021



The theme for next week's internet safety day is '**An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world**'. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction?

All teachers will be delivering lessons to embrace this theme next week as a key component of our School Improvement Plan is to ensure that we keep our children as safe in the online world as they are in the real world.

Mr Tuck has been liaising with our Cyber Ambassador friends at Hampshire Constabulary and has organised for children in Key Stage 2 to join in with an online Escape Room, which should be an interesting and fun way to find out more about how we can keep ourselves safe online. We look forward to hearing all about it!

YEAR 6—REACH FOR THE STARS!



If you have not already done so please take a look on our Facebook page at how Year 6 chose to 'Express Themselves' as they all come together to learn the appropriate sign language to the S Club 7 song 'Reach'. This supported their music curriculum and enabled them to perform to a real audience despite us all being socially distanced!

Their efforts have been shared and so far viewed over 480 times!

It was wonderful to see all of the children collaborating virtually and the smiles were evidence of how much they were enjoying themselves, although I think Mrs Illman had the biggest smile waving her rainbow coloured feather boa!!

We can't wait to see what the next collaboration will be!

WHEN WILL WE ALL BE BACK TO SCHOOL?

The Department for Education (DfE) has announced that schools and colleges in England will not return to full face-to-face education after the February half-term and that the current attendance restrictions will remain in place until 8th March 2021 at the earliest. We will update you as soon as we receive any further guidance.

Please note that the school **will not be** open during the half term 15th—19th February.



REMINDER—PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

If your child is continuing to attend school it is essential that you notify us at the earliest opportunity should your child develop symptoms, be identified as a close contact or obtain a positive test result. It may be that the school needs to take action as a result and if we are made aware as soon as possible it enables us to work with Public Health England and inform any members of the community who may need to self-isolate as a result.



Should you need to make contact at the weekend please do so via an email to office@newchurchprimaryschool.co.uk the subject header **URGENT COVID UPDATE** and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as it has been read.

If your child is accessing work from home it is also helpful if you can notify us of any change in circumstance as this may impact your child's ability to engage with our remote learning offer.

We will always do our best to help.

PARENT FORUM AND REMOTE LEARNING FEEDBACK

Mrs Parkin had a very productive remote meeting with the Parent Forum last Friday. Thank you to all of you, especially the class reps, who provided constructive feedback regarding our remote learning offer. We put this feedback together with our own monitoring systems and discussed all of this in our most recent staff meeting.

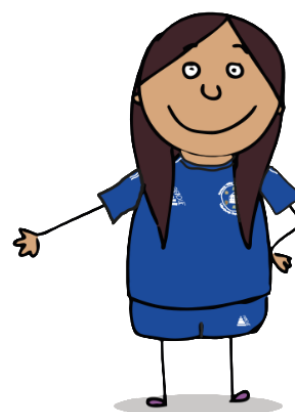
Things that we all feel are working well:

- Community engagement—94% last week!
- Videos from the teachers set the week/day up for the children and make them feel connected as well as ensuring that we still instil high expectations of the children.
- Stickers are working well as a motivator for children trying their best.
- Videos to introduce new learning to the children, whether that be videos recorded by the teachers or signposted or provided from other organisations are well received.
- Feedback on work from all adults is also motivating.
- A good variety of activities are provided to interest and motivate the children.
- Wellbeing Wednesday is a good opportunity to encourage children to spend time away from a screen and give adults at home a little break.
- Community challenges are providing a sense of community spirit and fun in difficult times.
- Welfare calls and little messages on Seesaw act as motivators and also let the children know we care as well as providing support for families.

Things we are currently working on to make our blended learning even better:

- How we can provide increasingly meaningful feedback to the children on their work without increasing teacher workload?
- How we can confidently assess how children are progressing through new learning?
- How we can develop the social and community aspect of school when some are in school and some are remote learning?

We are already thinking of lots of ideas to address the above points and look forward to putting them into place!



A little insight into the pupils' blended learning this week:

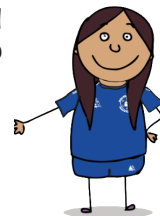


This week Team GB read the Three Little Pigs. We then spent the week retelling the story, learning fun facts about pigs, writing pig facts, building houses for the pigs ... and testing them! We also had a go at solving some farmyard addition problems using the part part whole model. Here are a few of our fun facts:

- "Pigs go in the mud to be cool." Max K
- "Pigs can climb." Kieran
- "Pigs are good at swimming." Woody
- "Pigs are smarter than dogs." Archie M

We are hoping to turn all of our piggy facts into a class book to share with you all and will pop it on Tapestry when it is ready.

This week in Iceland class we have started to concentrate on multiplication. The children have worked really hard, first working with practical objects, drawing pictures to help and then using arrays to help them solve problems. Some children have been really inventive and found Maths in everyday objects, including making cupcakes into arrays. They've used their new skills to solve a maths problem involving sheep and chickens! In writing the children have been planning their own story, using clips from 'The Night Zookeeper' to help them. They have developed some really exciting characters and settings for their stories. For COOL time the children have been looking at classifying different animals and they have been fantastic at deciding whether the animal was a mammal, bird, fish, amphibian, reptile or insects. Well done on another super week Iceland class, all of those in school and at home have been working so hard- keep it up!



As part of Children's mental health week, Year 2 have been doing lots of work around looking after ourselves and each other. We have talked about "expressing ourselves" and being active; created posters for each other with some top tips; read the book 'Odd Dog Out'; and talked about the importance of being different and being ourselves. This tied in well with this week's Wellness Wednesday where we saw lots of baking, walking, reading and playing with our friends (in school) and family.

Mr Tuck has challenged us all to some PE activities this week and Denmark definitely showed him how it's done. We have completed sit ups, mountain climbers and have made a start on our February Marathon challenge. Well done everyone! This week, Year 2 have WOWed Miss Evans and Miss Read with their writing. We have looked at some poems and created our very own Safari animals, focusing on one animal you would find on a Kenyan Safari. Poetry is new to lots of us in Year 2 so we explored two different types of poems: senses poems and acrostic poems. We have also made a super start with our new Maths topic - shape, looking at 2D and 3D shapes; symmetry and patterns. During the afternoons, we have continued to look at habitats and animals as well as creating some elephant drawings.

Well done to Year 3 for embracing this remote learning, you are doing really well. This week has been Children's Mental Health Week so the week kicked off with an assembly followed by different activities throughout the week of children trying to express themselves. In Maths they completed the unit on money followed by an end of unit assessment to check their understanding. In English they have been learning the skill of reading and retrieving and they have completed a series of reading comprehensions about animals. In addition to this, they have learnt about tsunamis and the bones of a human skeleton. So proud of you, keep doing your best.



This week Sweden Class have been working on telling the time using both analogue time and the 24 hour clock. We made some clocks to help us with the digits for the 24 hour clock. In English we have been revisiting the rules for speech punctuation. We had a really fun (but messy) time in school making fake snow, some of the recipes were more successful than others!

Switzerland Class have been busy looking at the properties of 2d shapes, investigating angles, lines of symmetry and parallel lines. This will lead onto finding angles of 2d shapes in the Summer Term. In English, we have been writing our own versions of traditional stories, changing the characters and outcomes of the endings. The class have really displayed their understanding of sentence structure and expanded noun phrases to complete some excellent stories. Well done. In Mental Health week, we have been looking at the series, Stormbreakers, looking at how important it is to look after our mental health and how to stay mentally healthy. It is such an important topic to be discussing at this time, as we are having to adapt to new situations all the time.



This week in Brazil Class we have been researching how palm oil is produced and the pros and cons of using palm oil. We were interested to learn how palm oil can be produced sustainably and just how many products contain palm oil, from chocolate to shampoo! In science, we found out how fossils are formed and how they are used as evidence for evolution. We continued with our unit on South America in geography and this week we learned about the human geographical features of the area. As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we played a game called 'Monkey Chatter' where we thought about different emotions and times we had felt those emotions. We also celebrated our own individuality and thought about all the things that make us unique. We made comic strips of our perfect day and thought about what makes us proud and what we are grateful for. Finally, we finished our 'Reach for the Stars' video! Everyone did an amazing job and expressed themselves brilliantly, well done year 6!

KEY STAGE 1 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Headteacher Awards

Yr R— Ethan H
Yr 1— Henleigh H
Yr 2 - Jacob S



Star Spellers of the Week

Yr R—Ruby PB
Yr 1— Harvey R
Yr 2— Jessie H

Star Readers of the Week

Yr R—Stanley D
Yr 1— Quinn H



Mathematician of the Week Awards

Yr 1— Olivia B
Yr 2— Phoebe N

Star Writers of the Week

Yr R - Rory B
Yr 1— Beau P
Yr 2— Harry B



PE Superstar of the Week

Yr R—Toby H
Yr 2—Elsie F



Sticker cards

Yr 2—Jessie H



We are super proud of all of our winners !

Lunchtime Menu — Caterlink for week beginning 8th February 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausages & Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry & Rice	Fish & Chips
Choice 2	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Desert	Fruit Crumble & Ice Cream	Vanilla Shortbread	Fruit & Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit Salad

Yoghurt & fresh fruit is available daily as a dessert choice

ALL HOT MEAL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 9.15AM

DON'T BE LATE THE COOK CAN'T WAIT!!!

