

The Value of the Month is Perseverance



Newberries Primary School

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Year 5 Cross Country

On Tuesday, Year 5 took part in a Cross Country competition at Hertswood School with other local primary schools. They completed a course around the school's football and rugby fields which included negotiating a steep hill! They competed as a Year 5 group, first girls and then boys. The whole class were a credit to Newberries, cheering on each other as well as competitors from other schools. They showed brilliant sportsmanship and perseverance to complete the course.



A special mention to Elias, Perez, Georgie and Coco for coming in the top three runners in their respective races!

Swimming Championships

We wish Max in Year 6 every success in his swimming gala tomorrow night. Once again he will be representing Newberries School in the Primary School South East Region Championships. He did incredibly well last year. We look forward, with anticipation, to this year's results!

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Road Safety

We have started the half term with parents raising concerns about the safety of some of our children on the roads outside our school. We are working hard with the local authority to raise awareness with parents and pupils about the risks on our roads. Our recent round of workshops have been very well received.

However, please can we ask parents to ensure that you take every opportunity to reinforce these messages yourself on your journeys to and from school. Parents have raised concerns regarding pupils crossing roads without looking carefully or cars driving too fast to see children crossing.

Please help to keep all of our children safe!

Anti-Idling



We have noticed that, now the weather is getting colder, many parents who wait outside the school at the start and end of the school day are leaving their engines idling while they wait. Not only is engine idling against the law, it puts more exhaust fumes containing harmful gases into the air. These fumes are damaging to the environment but also have an impact on the air quality at the school gates.



**We politely ask all parents to turn off their engines if they are waiting in stationary vehicles.
Thank you in advance!**

Anti-Bullying Week

As a school we always mark Anti-Bullying Week, as a way of raising awareness of bullying with all of our pupils, at an age appropriate level. The aim is always to remind children of the definition of bullying; the harm caused by these behaviours and how they can help themselves or others if ever concerned.



Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. We will be discussing this in classes and as a whole school.

Odd Socks Day

As part of this, Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Please remember to wear odd socks on Tuesday!!

Parent Governor Elections

Are you proud to be a member of the Newberries Community? Do you value the work of the school? Would you be keen to contribute to this further?

Newberries Governing Body is looking for a new parent governor to join our energetic board. If you would like to find out more about this volunteer role, we would be happy to arrange for you to speak with one of our existing Governors. Alternatively, Ms Peters or Mrs Traxon, would be happy to meet with you to explain more about the role. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

We are looking for a Parent Governor!

Year 2 - Class Blog

Welcome back Year 2! What a brilliant start after a well deserved half term. This week we were very creative. We have celebrated Bonfire night by doing a firework art display in the classroom.

We have also begun our new topic in Design and Technology called 'Remarkable Recipes'. In our lessons, the children have been looking at where our food comes from and what tools we should use to prepare and cook our food. The children enjoyed exploring the different utensils and seeing how they help us to prepare the food.

We also did some cooking; the children made an amazing Eton Mess! They helped to prepare and cut the strawberries, mash and crumble the meringue and pour the yoghurt over. They then got to take some home to share with their families.

Miss Patrick, Miss Lythgoe, Mrs Clark & Mrs Jones (Year 2 Team)



Class Blogs and School Curriculum

Each week your child's class teacher will upload a blog. This is intended to give a brief overview of the week or focus on one aspect of their learning. This can be used to encourage your child to talk about learning at home and also help you to understand more about what they have been doing in school. Please follow the link below to see all of our current and archived class blogs or blogs from other year groups.

[Class Pages - Blogs](#)

If you would like to know more about our curriculum throughout the year, please follow the link below to our website.

[Newberries Primary School - Curriculum Overviews](#)

Communication Sent Home This Week

No football notice on Thursday 7th November	Email	Participants
Dame Alice Owens Consortium Information	Email	Y5
HAPpY Camp Information	Email	PP
Pedestrian Skills	Email	Y4
Reference Requests for Year 6 Pupils	Email	To whom it concerns
Tupperware Boxes	Email	Y2
Information - Reception Staffing	Email	YR
Delayed School Start / Information (Two emails)	Email	All
School Photo Deadline	Email	All

Golden Certificates of the Week

"Always keep a positive mindset. It will improve your outlook on the world."
Roald Dahl

☀️ Congratulations to all of our children who have showcased our whole school 'Golden Rules' this week! ☀️

Reception	Mikael	Niko
Year 1	George	Lottie
Year 2	Soloman	Nathan
Year 3	Lilly	Sanna
Year 4	Eden Z	Nicholas
Year 5	Dylan	Aylssa
Year 6	Scarlett	Adam S

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

Thank you to everyone for coming along and supporting the Year 5 bake sale – I hope everyone enjoyed the yummy treats!

Winter Brochure Cover Competition - Deadline - Tuesday 12th November!

Please include the following information:

Newberries School Winter Fair 30th November 12-3pm

All entries should be portrait on A4 paper. Please write the children's name and class on the back.

Please hand all entries into the school office.

Christmas Designs – Order by the end of November!

The children should have come home with their Christmas designs.

You can now place your orders for Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs, tea towels – the choice is endless and how lovely for the family to receive a personalised Christmas gift!

Non-school Uniform Day – 22nd November 2024

Children can come into school in non-school uniforms. In exchange for this, we would greatly appreciate it if you can please bring in a box of chocolates and a bottle of wine as these will be given out as prizes for the Chocolate and Wine tombola which will take place at the Winter Fair.

We will be collecting these in the morning by the school office.

Please ensure that the items are in date

Winter Fair – 30th November 12-3pm

Please come along, bring friends and family with you for a fun day out!

Please volunteer if you have time (before, during or after the fair)

(Deborah, Cheryl, Rebecca, Lucy S, James, Katie, Claire O, Danielle and Claire R)

School Dates - Term Dates 2024-25

The term dates for next academic year are now available. Please find a copy of them below. They can also be found on our website by following the link.

Term Dates

Please follow the link below to access the term dates for this and next academic year.

<https://www.newberries.herts.sch.uk/term-dates/>

School Calendar

Dates can be found on our school website. Please subscribe to the calendar to ensure that your personal digital calendar is updated as soon as new dates are added. You can do this by following this link.

<https://www.newberries.herts.sch.uk/diary/grid/2022/09/>

Is my child too ill for school?

For advice on whether to keep your child away from school and for how long, please see the NHS guidelines

[NHS Live Well - Is my child too ill for school?](#)