The Value of the Month is Perseverance

Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together

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Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Anti-Bullying Week
National Anti-Bullying Week takes place each November and is planned to ensure that we are all reminded how harmful bullying behaviours can be and what actions can be taken if we or others are experiencing some form of bullying.

This year's theme 'Break the Silence', encourages young people and adults to use their power to speak out against bullying and support each other. We will be marking anti-bullying week by taking part in specific lessons in all year groups, wearing odd socks and taking part in a workshop. A big thank you to FoNs for funding our anti-bullying workshops by the West End Theatre Company, which will take place on Monday for Years 1-6.

Odd Sock Day
Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and is taking place on **Monday 16th November**. On this day we invite all of the children to come into school wearing odd socks. This is intended to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying week by encouraging children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality.

Hands of Trust
Although Anti Bullying Week is important, our work to support positive behaviour towards each other and the wellbeing of all pupils is ongoing and regularly reinforced. Please take this opportunity to discuss the 'Hand of Trust' activity we do with all pupils each term, which encourages them to talk directly to a member of staff if they are ever concerned in school.

It was lovely to see the children expressing their uniqueness today in non-school uniform. Thank you for the incredible number of tombola prizes and monetary donations that were made in exchange for this. Have a lovely weekend!

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Winter Uniform (reminder)

Now it is colder, we ask that the children wear their winter uniform. For our junior children this means that they are required to wear a school tie.

Winter Uniform

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- White Newberries' polo shirt (KS1 - available from Mapac - branded)
- White shirt (KS2)
- School tie (KS2 - available from Mapac - branded)
- Red Newberries School jumper or cardigan (available from Mapac - branded)

Remembrance Day

This week, the whole school took part in assemblies and classroom activities exploring the significance of Remembrance. In an age-appropriate way, all pupils learned about why we remember and took part in making a 3D poppy to contribute to our school display.

As always, we were very proud of the way our children respectfully observed the two-minute silence at 11am.

Thank you to all families who contributed to the British Legion collection.

Miss Diaz (History Subject Leader)

Governor News

Parent Governor

We will be advertising again soon for a new governor. We are looking for a dedicated Parent Governor to join our team. The board is responsible for providing strategic leadership, ensuring accountability, and overseeing both educational performance and financial management. This is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the school's long-term vision and success.

If you are interested, please keep an eye on Newberries over the coming weeks. You will be required to complete a short application form and supply some information about yourself. We look forward to hearing from you.

Headteachers

In other news, we would like to outline a change to the leadership structure. As part of a long term strategic succession plan Ms Peters will be reducing her time in school, with Mrs Traxon increasing hers. They will both continue to be in school together once a week and continue to work closely together for the best outcomes of our school community.

Josh Handle & Fran Pang
Co-Chairs of Governors

Sporting Festivals

This week, Year 4 and Year 6 competed at Sportshall Athletics events at Queens School and Yavneh respectively. Sportshall is now the largest competition within the School Games framework, and both year groups represented the school fantastically!

On Monday morning, the buzz of excitement in Queens School's sports hall was obvious as nine local schools were eager to get started. With each track event split into two heats, alongside the field events, there was plenty of support and cheering for those taking part. Year 4 showed great spirit in all events, finishing in 6th place overall.

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 travelled to Yavneh. Highly competitive, they did not hold anything back as they took to the competition floor. With grit and determination, the Year 6 boys finished in 3rd place, missing out on joint 1st by just two points. Meanwhile, the Year 6 girls edged out their competition to finish in second place and have been invited back to compete in the next stage of the competition later this year!

It was wonderful to see the pupils representing the school in such a positive way, celebrating their successes and supporting each other throughout.

Mr Walliker (PE Subject Leader)

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	Lexi	Hadassa
Year 1	Harriet	Nicole
Year 2	Floki	Xander
Year 3	Leila	River
Year 4	Aarya	Hugo
Year 5	Millie	Joshua
Year 6	Quinn	Leo

Communication Sent Home This Week

Crucial Crew Payment Reminder	**Email**	**To whom it concerns**
Confidential References Payment	**Email**	**To whom it concerns**
Top-Up Meal Accounts	**Email**	**To whom it concerns**
No Emails - Microsoft Outage	**In app message**	**All**
Non - Uniform Day Reminder	**Email**	**All**

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

Hello everyone!

We hope all the children enjoyed coming into school in non uniform today!

A huge thank you for the £1 donations and gifts received today. It is exciting to try a new tombola idea and we can't wait for you all to visit the stall at the fair.

If you forgot to bring a gift today you can hand it to a FoNS member next week, or hand it into the School Office.
To make your £1 donation, please click this link:
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewberriesschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=126339#

Our **Newberries School Winter Fair** is taking place on:

Friday 27th November 2026
From 3.30pm - 5:30pm

Join us straight after school for a festive afternoon of fun, games and Christmas cheer. We can't wait to see you there!

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are starting to be sent home with the children so please check bags. To purchase tickets, please put cash and the ticket stubs into the white letter box outside the School Office. (You can also transfer the money, if it is easier, to the FoNS account: Sort code: 20-74-09, Acc No.00663441). Please return any unsold raffle tickets to the School Office.

FoNS Fundraising Update

This week, FoNS has donated £500 towards the school pantomime visit and £6,500 to fund curriculum subscriptions that support our children's learning. These funds were raised through recent events, including the July circus event, Frozen Fridays, Tuck Shop and the Halloween disco.

We also still hold the £1,500 raised at the end of last year for air conditioning. The headteachers are currently getting quotes for both permanent and portable units. All money raised at the upcoming winter fair will go towards this air conditioning project and new audio equipment.

📱 **KEEP IN THE LOOP!**

If you're not already part of our FoNS Announcements WhatsApp group, you're missing out on all the latest news, reminders and event updates!

Please speak to your class rep to find out how to join.

That's all from us this week!

Festive things are happening… and we can't wait!

Your FoNS team ❤️

💛 From your FoNS team Rebecca, Cheryl, Claire O, Katie, Danielle, Claire R & Manisha 💛