



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

11th November 2016

KS2 GRAMMAR WORKSHOP

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the KS2 Grammar workshop on Tuesday this week - we hope you found it useful. If you missed it, don't worry as next week, we will be uploading all the presentations onto the school website. We plan to hold another workshop in the Spring Term. Here are just a few of the parent comments we received in our feedback:

'Enlightening!'

'So glad I came, very informative. My brain hurts!'

'Very helpful as it helps me to understand what is required of my child.'

'Interesting, fun, entertaining and mind blowing - how do people remember all these things? Great explanations'

'This was useful information. The group work was helpful and generated good results and helped me a lot. Examples were good and easy to understand.'

CROCUS PLANTING

On Wednesday a group of children went working with the Rotary Club to plant 1000 purple crocus bulbs on the green on Warrington Road. The flowers will appear in February or early March, they will represent the support for eradicating polo across the world. The children's behaviour was exceptional and they worked as a team to dig 1000 holes.

Ruby Hulme Reception: I liked putting the bulbs in.

Jamie Hughes Y6: I enjoyed doing it. We split into small groups then worked as a team to plant 1000 bulbs!

KS1 MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Key Stage One Arithmetic and Reasoning workshop this week. It is

great to see that so many parents are passionate about mathematics and the way their children learn. It was also really helpful to hear which things parents need to support them at home. As mentioned in the meeting, the school website has a range of useful resources under 'Curriculum - Mathematics'.

Here are just a few of the parent comments we received in our feedback:

'Very informative and helpful.'

'Given me lots of helpful tips to help my son along the way - thank you!'

'Very illuminating!'

'Great session.'

'Tools and references to online resources really helpful.'

'Made me feel confident about helping my child at home.'

'Fantastic workshop.'

NEWCHURCH ARE GOING FOR PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK AWARD!

The Primary Science Quality Mark is an award scheme to enable primary schools across the UK to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their science provision. This year, we want to raise the profile of science at Newchurch and celebrate and develop the science taking place throughout school.

We began the year by asking the staff and children how they wanted to improve science and we came up with some key principles - we decided that science at Newchurch should be engaging, fun, hands on, investigative, thought-provoking and relevant.

Already, the children have had taken part in some great science learning this year - **Year one** have been looking at types of leaves to make an Autumn Gruffalo; **Year two** have been investigating whether materials are waterproof or not waterproof; **Year three** have been experimenting with rocks, checking if rocks sink or float; **Year four** have been

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dying plants; **Year five** have been dissecting plants and **Year six** have been making circuits. All very practical and hands on!

As well as that, we have set up a '**Young Einsteins' science club**, which allows the children to become scientists and improve their investigative skills outside of classroom hours. In addition to this, we have many more science enrichment opportunities coming up throughout the year including visits, visitor and special days.

Rosie Rendell Y4: Each week we do something different. My favourite was when we went searching for bugs and inspecting them.

PTA BAGS2SCHOOL 9AM 24TH NOVEMBER 2016

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

15.11.16	KS2 Arithmetic and Reasoning Workshop (6pm)
16.11.16	Parent Board Meeting (6:15pm)
18.11.16	Sweet jars donations
21.11.16	Progress Week
21-25.11.16	Book Fair
24.11.16	Parents' Evening Year 3 Cake Sale BAGS2SCHOOL collection 9am
25.11.16	Hamper donations
28.11.16	Skipping Workshop
2.12.16	Christmas Fair and Cakes donations
6 & 7.12.16	KS1 Christmas Production (9:30am)
9.12.16	Christmas Tree Service for KS2 at Church
14.12.16	KS2 Christmas Production (1:30pm and 7pm)
16.12.16	End of Year Assembly 2.15pm
26.1.17	Year 4 Cake Sale
27.1.17	Family Quiz Night
10.2.17	Young Voices
13.2.17	Healthy Lifestyles Week
16.2.17	Valentine's Disco
17.3.17	Dress down day for Easter egg donations
23.3.17	Year 5 Cake Sale
24.3.17	Thank you service (9:15am)
31.3.17	Easter Bingo
27.4.17	Year 6 Cake Sale
8.5.17	SATs Week (KS2)
19.5.17	Summer Disco
22.6.17	Year 1 Cake Sale
14.7.17	Year 6 Prom
20.7.17	Reception Cake Sale

To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 6 will be going to Kingswood in Oct.

Tom Morton, Ben and Joseph's dad, has started his marathon bike ride for Save the Children. His group has raised over £110k for this worthwhile charity. Follow his story here.

https://www.facebook.com/vietnamtocambodia2016/?p_nref=story

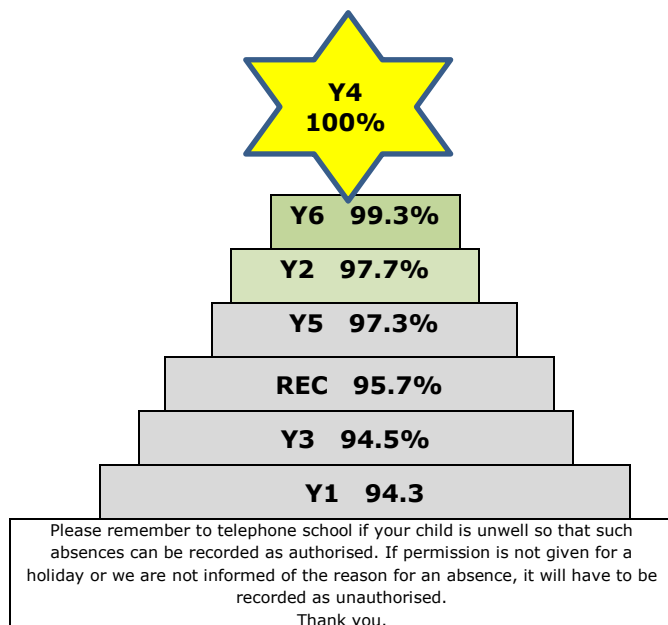
READING LADDER w/e 11TH NOVEMBER 2016

	Y2 97%	+
	Y4 87%	+
	Y5 83%	+
	REC 80%	+
	Y6 67%	=
	Y1 66%	+
	Y3 52%	+

Attendance

w/c 31st October 2016

Our whole target is 97.5%



Please look at our School Blogs on the front page of our website this weekend for the latest class news.

THIS WEEK IT IS THE TURN OF:

NEWCHURCH BLOG	Year 3
MATHEMATICS	Year 1
READING BLOG	Year 6

Have a lovely weekend
from all the staff