

#### A GREAT START TO THE YEAR!

What an absolutely fantastic start to the school year we have had! There are a plethora of things to celebrate and for Newchurch to be proud of:

- Gold Sports Award
- Music Mark
- Dyslexia Friendly School Award
- Tasty Tuck Award
- Mrs Rizer being accredited as a fully fledged Forest School Leader
- Committed to Inclusion Award
- Amazing experiences across the curriculum for the children including: working with Nck Aymes to create ebooks using iPad apps and green screen technologies, Roman invasions, seeing where their wellies take them in Year 1 as they went walking around Culcheth and even a teddy bear's picninc yesterday.
- Delightful new children becoming Newchurch Robins

We are such a lucky school having great parents, governors, staff and most of all children! Here's to a bright future! As always, thank you so much for all the support you give to the school.

### **REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY**

You may have heard that Twiss Green Primary School are having some issues with their school roof replacement which has resulted in the school being closed. As a community school, we have reached out to Twiss Green and offered them our ICT suite and hall for their Year 3 and Year 4 classes if they required them. Their Year 5 and Year 6 children are being housed at Culcheth Primary. Mrs McGann thanked us for their offer but has made the decision to keep the children off.

# **Y2 MOORE NATURE RESERVE**

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to Moore Nature Reserve on Wednesday where they did a variety of activities in a great natural environment. After a range of fun warm up games, they were split into teams to build dens for our wildlife friends. Using the natural materials around us and a tarpaulin, each group created a brilliant shelter, big enough to sit in.

After lunch a campfire was built and everyone had the chance to toast and eat a marshmallow. They also helped each other around a trail blindfolded and discovered and identified minibeasts that were living in the trees around them.

A fantastic time was had by all!

**Daniel**: My favourite activity was building the dens because I had some really good ideas. **Phoebe**: My favourite thing was toasting

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#### **CLASS TOPICS**

**Reception** have been learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated. The children have been making Diva lamps, Diwali cards and Rangoli patterns.

**Ffion:** I liked learning about Rama and Sita. **Freddie:** I loved making my lantern.

**Year 1** have had lots of fun this half term using their geography skills to explore the school and local area. They created maps of Culcheth Village and designed their own villages, including their favourite human and physical features.

Halle: I enjoyed walking around Culcheth.
Bronagh: I likes wearing my wellies and walking around school looking for clues.
Y2 have thoroughly enjoyed their topic on LS

Lowry and have developed a good understanding of how his paintings tell us about the changes in Britain during the Inductrial Revolution but also how they are record of what life was like when he was alive. The final part of the ir learning involved a Red Robin Challenge to create a 3D exhibition of a scene inspired by one of Lowry's paintings.

**George:** I found learning about the factories interesting.

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**Lewis:** I liked planning out the town before we made it.

**Y3:** This half term Year Three have been learning about the stone age in history and light in science. In history, the children have taken part in an archeological dig to examine artefacts, they have learnt how people lived during this time period as well as reaching Stonehenge. In science, the children have been answering questions such as what is light? They have explored how light reflects and have taken part in experiments investigating the size of shadows.

**Ruby:** I enjoyed using the iPads for researching Stone Henge and also Diwali in RE.

**Sienna:** I liked investigating reflecting light. Y4's topic this half term has been Hail Caesar! The children have been learning all about the Roman's, how they invaded Britain, what they brought to the country and reasons that they did it. They have learnt about Roman Gods and Goddesses and even investigated what the Roman's used as 'toilet paper' to find out which one was the most suitable. What a very messy, but fun lesson that was! As their Red Robin Challenge to finish the topic off, the class designed and made their own Roman shields. It has been a fantastic and informative 8 weeks; the children have learnt a lot and worked really hard.

**Meredith:** Making my Roman shoeld was amazing and finding out that they made roads and libraries.

**Y5:** Whilst studying their topic of North America, Year 5 have enjoyed learning about biomes and the formation of mountains and rivers. This culminated in a fun-filled day of model building and the production of an accompanying video documentary.

**Ethan:** My highlight was learning about the Mississippi.

**Katie:** I loved the practical work with the compasses.

**Y6**: It has been great to see the children immersed in their topic. They have shown such enthusiasm and produced lots of fantastic work.

**Sierra:** Learning about the historical events around the Gunpowder Plot was my highlight.

**Alfie:** I found it interesting finding out about what Crime and Punishment was like in Anglo-Saxon times.

**Izzy:** I was very interested in finding out about the stories of the Penndle Witches.

DINNER MONEY PRICE INCREASE. Dinner money will increase to £2.40 a meal from November.

# READING ARMY AND TIMES TABLES TROOPERS

Many thanks to our parent helpers who are willingly giving their time to support the children in their reading or times tables. We very much appreciate your support. We are always happy to extend our volunteers so please contact school if you find you have time to help.

## **PTA MONSTER BALL**

Thank you to our wonderful PTA and staff for holding the Monster Ball last night. The event raised just short of £500 which will go a long way to the development of our school library.

# **SAFEGUARDING CREW**

Mrs Ray, our Safeguarding Governor, came into school this morning to meet with our Junior Safety Officers and Safeguarding Crew. The team shared their actions so far and the things they intend to do in the future.

**Mrs Ray:** I met the Safeguarding Crew with the Junior Safety Officers today. I was impressed by their awareness of safety issues and their determination to help Newchurch pupils stay safe.

# SPREAD THE WORD...

If you know someone who has a child who is due to start school in September 2020, please let them know about our open days. Thanks.



**Newchurch Community Primary School** Invites All Pupils to a Special Themed Lunch on Tuesday 5th November 2019



#### **Bonfire Lunch Menu**



Bangers and mash with gravy and peas





Fish stars, chipped potatoes

and baked beans





Baked Jacket potato with choice of fillings

Fresh fruit





or Fruity parkin cake

Unlimited salad available Fresh milk and water



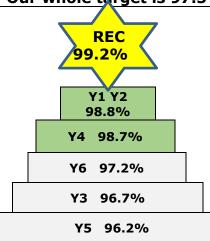


Please pay £2.30 via Parent Pay if you normally pay for your lunch. Reception, Years 1 & 2 do not need to make a payment. Thank You

#### **READING LADDER** w/e 25th October 2019

REC 99.2%	+
Y4 86%	+
Y5 86%	+
Y1 83%	+
Y6 67%	+
Y3 66%	-
Y2 59%	-

Attendance w/e 18th October 2019 Our whole target is 97.5%



Please remember to telephone school if your child is unwell so that such absences can be recorded as unauthorised. If permission is not given for a holiday or we are not informed of the reason for an absence, it will have to be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

SCHOOL DIARY DATES		
5.11.19	Bonfire Lunch	
5.11.19	Open Afternoon	
6.11.19	Shoe Box Assembly	
8.11.19	PTA – sweetie jars	
11.11.19	Anti-bullying Week	
14.11.19	Opening Evening	
15.11.19	PTA – Tombola prize donations	
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22.11.19	BOOK FAIR	
22.11.19	PTA – Hampers donations	
28.11.19	Parents' evening (change of date)	
29.11.19	PTA - Selection Box donations	
5.12.19	KS1 Christmas Play 9:30am	
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6.12.19	Christmas Fayre 6pm	
11.12.19	Flu immunisation PM	
12.12.19	Y3 keyboard concert 9.15am	
12.12.19	KS2 Christmas Tree Service at church 11am	
18.12.19	KS2 Christmas Play (1:30pm and 6:30pm)	
19.12.19	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper and Christmas Party Day	
20.12.19	Christmas Assembly (2pm)	
12.2.20	KS1 and KS2 SATs meeting (6:30pm)	
5.3.20	World Book Day – Reading Picnic	
20.3.20	Thank you Service	
27.3.20	Easter Bingo	
23.4.20	Parents' evening	
W/C 11.5.20	KS2 SATS	
W/C 18.5.20	KS1 SATS	
10.6.20	New Starter Meeting (7pm)	
19.6.20	Sleepover	
3.7.20	BBQ	
6.7.20	Sports' Day	
17.7.20	Leavers' Assembly	

To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 6 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July.

## **Well Done Corner**

Mariela (Reception) has achieved badge 8 after participating in a gymnastics competition last weekend gaining a certificate and medal. Well done Mariela.

> Have a lovely holiday. Mrs Jayne Narraway