
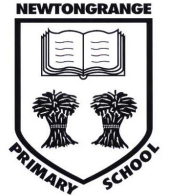




Newtongrange Primary School
Aspire, Believe, Achieve

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Primary Pages Wednesday 6th February 2019

Staffing Update

Mr Pearson is relocating to Switzerland and his last teaching day will be Friday 8th February. We wish him well with his new adventure and thank him for his commitment and contributions to Newtongrange Primary School. Mrs McGurn will teach P5b until the end of the school year. Miss Mullen will be with us fulltime after the February break. She will continue to teach P2b, Wednesday – Friday and at the beginning of the week she will provide NCCT for other classes and work with focused groups.

EMRC

In December we launched our First Minister's Reading Challenge for this year with the theme of ... FAMILY! We have 2 challenges we would like our families to take part in with the chance of winning some of great prizes!

Challenge 1: Record all of the books/magazines your family read in your family reading passport. This could be either independently or together.

Challenge 2: Take photos of your family reading in an unusual place and share them with the school via Twitter/email/print out.

Burns Assembly

We all had a brow time at our recent Burns assembly and Scots poetry competition where children across the school delighted us with their renditions of Scots poetry. Well done to our worthy winners Mark, P3, Daisy and Alana P5.

Puzzle Day

On Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th of February we have the Happy Puzzle Company coming to school. All classes will have a puzzle workshop where they will encounter a variety of challenges, most of which will be solved in a few minutes, but which require the use of their Growth Mindset and collaborative learning skills with careful strategic planning in order to find a solution. Taking part in a Puzzle Challenge Day Programme will help to develop learners:

- Thinking Skills
- Logical Reasoning Skills
- Team Skills
- Communication Skills
- Abilities to overcome difficulties with school work.

Profiling learning

We are introducing our Learner Snapshot Jotters in February 2019. Snapshot Jotters provide a snapshot of a learner's best achievements at a given point in time. It is one of the ways in which a learner's achievements can be recognised. We hope that you can come to school on Thursday 7th March from 9:00 – 9:30am and let your child share their learning with you and talk about what they have been learning in class. More information will follow after the February holiday.

Medical Consent Forms

The school requires a medical consent form to be completed for all medicine to be administered at school. This includes inhalers, hayfever tablets, travel sickness tablets, paracetamol, Calpol and creams etc. We can only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor or pharmacist. If your child requires medicine please bring it to the School Office to complete a medical form, it only takes a few minutes. This ensures the safety of your child and keeps staff well informed.

Adverse Weather

It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible. The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Director of Education, Communities and Economy. If after taking local advice it is decided to close the school, information will be available from Midlothian Council website at www.midlothian.gov.uk and local media, including the BBC, Forth Radio, Real Radio or Black Diamond FM.

At a school level we try to keep you up to date through:

Text

School App

School Twitter account @NewtongrangePS

Where the school is officially closed, all absence is registered as authorised absence. If children are prevented from coming to school due adverse weather conditions, there is a range of home learning experiences shared on our school website that learners can carry out.

It is important the school has your most current emergency contact details.

FSM entitlements

All Primary 1-3 pupils in Scotland receive free school meals. From Primary 4 onwards, under the Education Committee's policy, children in attendance at schools under the management of the Authority are entitled to free school meals and milk if their parents are in receipt of Income Support or an Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance and Child Tax Credit (subject to a maximum income).

It is important that children register for Free School Meals if their parent/guardian receives any of the eligible benefits. Registering for Free School Meals attracts additional funding for your school and may also qualify children for additional financial support for other activities eg: School Trips.

Parents need to make an official application to receive Free School Meals for their children. Further information and an application form can be obtained from the Lee Grieve, Home School Practitioner or the school office.

Class Photographs

Our School Photographer will be visiting on Thursday 21st February to take class photographs.

School App

To keep in touch with our events, news and receive important messages from us, download our school app. To download the app scan the QR code at the top of the newsletter or search 'PSA' or 'PSA primaryschoolapp' in the Apple or Google Play app stores. Once you've opened the app, just search for 'Newtongrange Primary School' to see our latest events, news and messages. Newsletters and updates will be communicated via the school app.

Dates for your diary

Friday 8 th February	Wider Curriculum
Friday 8 th February	PTA Bake Sale
Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th February	School closed - Mid-term break
Thursday 21 st February	Class Photographs
Monday 25 th February	Nursery Stay and Play
Wednesday 27 th February	PI Stay and Play
Wednesday 27 th February	Puzzle Day
Thursday 28 th February	Puzzle Day
Friday 1 st March	P4 Showcase Assembly
Thursday 7 th March	Sharing the Learning P1-P7
Friday 8 th March	Wider Curriculum
Friday 22 nd March	Nursery Stay and Play
Monday 25 th March – Friday 29 th March	Nursery Learner Progress Chats
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Consultation Meetings