



Autumn 2 Newsborough

'Life In All Its Fullness' – Living, Loving, Learning

What an incredibly busy Autumn Term we had - the children experienced everything which we had hoped and planned for! Thank you to everyone who supported the many events and activities we were able to offer: parent information meetings; class workshops; parent consultation meetings; Christmas performances. We would like to thank you for your continued support as it makes such a huge difference and is really appreciated. On behalf of everyone at Newsborough CE Primary School, may I wish you all the very best for 2023!

Diary Dates



Spring Term 1

Thursday 5 th January	Spring Term 1 Begins
Tuesday 17 th January	Year 5 Swimming Starts
Wednesday 18 th January	Young Voices Concert 02 Arena
Friday 10 th February	End of Spring 1
13 th – 17 th February	Half Term

Spring Term 2

Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
W/C 6 th March	Careers Week
W/C 13 th March	Year 5 Bikability
Wednesday 22 nd March	Year 3/4 Production
Friday 31 st March	End of Spring 2

Summer Term 1 – Monday 17th April 2023

School Improvement Priorities

This term we have been working hard on our implementation of the following:

- Little Wandle Phonics
- Rainbow Grammar

Staff have received training for Rainbow Grammar and are now using this approach for teaching grammar to the children.

Staff have had the opportunity to observe phonics teaching at another school and we have prioritised our adult support for 'Keep Up' and 'Catch Up' intervention work.

Attendance

Red	94.2%
Orange	90.4%
Yellow	90.8%
Green	94.2%
Blue	92.8%
Indigo	93.9%
Violet	94.0%
Whole School	92.9%

This half term we have been focussing on the value of

'PEACE'

'And the peace of God will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus' Philippians 4:7

Our school is a place where we should all feel safe. We understand that we are all different and we are taught to celebrate and respect these differences.

I can't believe that Red Class have been at school for a whole term! We are so proud of how hard they are working and their superb behaviour. The children showed great empathy when learning about Remembrance and respectfulness during the service was commented on by others. This term our topic has been 'A Ticket to Ride', we have been looking at lots of different journeys and ways of travelling including spaceships, aeroplanes, buses and many more. They have been reflecting on places they have been to and what they saw when they were there. Later in the term, we started thinking about the journey Mary and Joseph made and why Christmas is such a special time to us. The children wrote some lovely letters to Santa and enjoyed singing Jingle Bells while walking to the post box to send them to him. During our Nativity, the children worked hard to learn their lines and the many songs we had and we think they did a fantastic job! We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and can't wait to see you in the New Year.



We have had a super term in Orange class. The children have learnt to play hockey, been able to learn how to add and subtract numbers within 10 using resources to help them show their working out. In Art the children have enjoyed experimenting with pastels to create spirals. In Phonics the children have learnt to read words containing split vowel digraphs- Well done everyone.

In English, all the children have been able to write their own story about losing a toy and noisy firework poems.

A highlight from the term was our Christmas play; Ralph the Reindeer. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and performed confidently on stage; sharing some Christmas joy with everyone.



This last half term, Year 2 have been learning about the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London. We have enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and why he tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Yellow Class loved learning about how the Great Fire of London happened. We created our own houses and set them on fire to understand how the fire spread so fast. In Forest School, we developed our teamwork skills to build houses, saw wood and create mini Christmas trees. Yellow Class have worked really hard this half term to learn their lines, songs and actions for our Christmas Play – Ralph the Reindeer. They loved performing to the whole school and their families.



This term has flown by and the children have worked incredibly hard!

They have fully immersed themselves in a wide range of topics/subjects. We started learning about mountains and cradles of civilisation, exploring the region of Mesopotamia and Ancient Sumer. In maths, children have worked hard to develop their knowledge of addition, subtraction and expanding their times tables. In RE, we have been learning about the Trinity. In PE, children have been developing various skills in the context of gymnastics and hockey. The children have been enjoying their French lessons with Mrs Conway-Wallace and are growing in confidence every week. They have also been enjoying learning to play the recorder. The children had a fantastic time at the theatre watching The Snowman too – something I hope they will remember for years to come.

I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Conway-Wallace for her hard work with the children and wish her all the best for her future (although we will still see her around school!). We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Henderson to our Year 3 team.



Blue Class thought we would make you smile with some of our festive jokes!

Freddie-Where does a snowman keep his money? *A snowbank*

Tianna-What goes oh oh oh? *Santa walking backwards*

Harry-Knock, knock. Who's there? Arthur. Arthur who?

Arthur any mince pies left?

Thomas-What's the best present in the world?

A broken drum-you just can't beat it!

Isla-What's a snowman's favourite game?

Ice spy with my little eye!

Holly-What does a snowman wear on his head?

An ice cap!

Matthew- Which reindeer has bad manners?

Rude-olph



What a busy term it has been! Thank you to the children and parents of year 5 for welcoming me into the class. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your teacher. This term, we have been getting to grips with fractions in maths and hopefully realised that they are not that scary and also written informal and formal recounts in English – writing a diary of a day on the ISS and reporting on the Apollo moon landing. We have got to grips with 'tourism' in Geography and been wowed by the history of Christianity in three empires. We particularly enjoyed learning about the Ethiopian church, high in the mountains. Our topic of space in science has also linked to French and music and we have really impressed with enthusiastic singing and rapping when performing a space song! PE has been a highlight and I've been particularly impressed with their hockey skills. We are ending the term with DT, creating moving toys using cams. Well done Indigo class: You have worked really hard, here's to 2023!



What a busy time we have had in Year Six this term, learning about the impact of War on Newborough. We visited our War Memorial and noticed that there were many more soldiers from Newborough that lost their lives during World War 1 than in World War Two. We were lucky to have a visit from Mr Cooper who was able to talk to us about his research about some of the soldiers named on the memorial. He also shared some pictures of Newborough in the past, including Newborough School.



On Friday 9th December we visited the village of Stibbington. It was great fun and we were able to imagine what it would have been like to be a child during the Second World War. We were given new identities and were shown around the village by the Billeting Officer, including where we would be living with our new guardians. We found this interesting as the names we were given were the actual names of children who were evacuated to Stibbington from London! We also experienced some 1940's lessons, played with toys from the time and took shelter during an air raid. We were complimented on how well we got into character and our exemplary behavior!



Thrower	2662
Dawson	2785
Hadman	2488
Fitness	2991

The children in **Fitness House** are invited to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 6th January.

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