



# Spring 1 Newsborough

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

Time seems to be flying by - I can't believe how quickly this half term has gone! We have been to the London 02 for an Amazing Young Voices concert; had a brilliant time with a Rock Band Workshop; EYFS have had a visit from the Police (they were told that their behavior is excellent!); Year 2 had an enjoyable visit to the Jamia Masjid Ghousia Mosque and not to mention all of the learning and hard work which the children have been up to in their classes! One of my favourite things is looking at Class Dojo and seeing all of the pictures of the children's learning in action – the happiness, engagement and enthusiasm makes me feel so proud of them all. I hope that you have a lovely Half Term and look forward to seeing you all soon.

## Diary Dates



### Spring Term 2

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Spring 2
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 6 Class Assembly
W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Careers Week
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Bikability
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3/4 Production
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Open Art Exhibition
28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair
28 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Class Assembly
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Raffle
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Spring 2

### Summer Term 1 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

### School Improvement Priorities

This half term we have continued to work hard on the following:

- Little Wandle Phonics
- Rainbow Grammar
- Use of Assessment for Learning
- Pupil Leadership opportunities

Staff have had the opportunity to observe phonics teaching at another school and we have continued to prioritise our adult support for 'Keep Up' and 'Catch Up' intervention work to help the children with their phonics and reading.

# Attendance

Red	95.8%
Orange	91.3%
Yellow	91.0%
Green	93.1%
Blue	93.6%
Indigo	95.1%
Violet	93.7%
Whole School	93.2%

This half term we have been focussing on the value of

## 'FORGIVENESS'

***If you hold anything against anyone, forgive them' Mark 11:25***

Every day is a fresh start - if something went wrong yesterday, today is a chance to start again! We use our 'Good to be Green' system to help us do this. If someone upsets or hurts us, we try to follow Christian teachings and forgive them quickly. Because of this, we are honest when we have done something wrong and we take responsibility for our actions.

We have been very busy this half term! In class, we have finished learning all of our Phase 3 sounds and everyone is working so hard to apply their skills and improve their writing. Our topic has been People Who Help Us and we have taken on the role of many different people. We have had lots of poorly people in class but the doctors and nurses in Red Class are very skilled and can fix broken bones very quickly! They have had to design and make vehicles, write incident reports for the poorly pets at the vets and take notes of any crimes which have happened. We enjoyed sequencing the story, Burglar Bill, predicating what would happen next in the story and writing wanted posters to ensure everyone was on the lookout. The children were very pleased Bill did the right thing in the end and returned all of the stolen goods! A very exciting part of our half term was when we had a visit from the police, the children were extremely well behaved and learnt lots about their job and how they help to keep us safe. We have loved hearing about what the children aspire to be when they grow up, many wanting to follow in the footsteps of their parents!



Throughout this last half term, Year 2 have been investigating where our food comes from. We have enjoyed learning about how food is grown on the farm and caught from the sea, to how it arrives in our supermarkets. In our writing lessons, Y2 documented all the facts they had learnt and wrote some super non-chronological reports. In Computers, we have been learning how to be good photographers and how to edit photographs. We have also discussed Internet safety and how important it is to always ask permission when taking pictures on private property and of people. In RE we finished our topic on Islam by visiting our local mosque in Peterborough. The children loved the guided tour, learning about the different features of a Mosque and seeing the beautiful Islamic geometrical patterns. The children's behaviour was exemplary and a credit to the school. Well done!



In Year 4 in Guided Reading, we are reading *Oliver and the Seawigs* by Philip Reeve. We are enjoying this story which is about a boy called Oliver who grew up in a family of explorers and goes on a big adventure himself.

In Science, we have been learning about States of Matter. We enjoyed using ice cubes to investigate and find out about heating and cooling. We are also learning about the water cycle.

In DT, we looked at a variety of pop-up books. We found out how to make different ways for the pages pop out. We then drew and made our own design for a pop-up card. There were some great ideas!

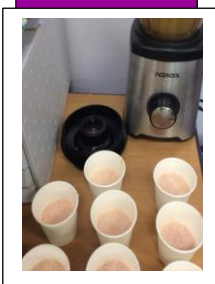
In History, we have been learning lots about the Roman Britain. We have found out about the Roman's invading Britain and how Roman towns were organised into a grid pattern and that towns even had heated baths. We have also found out about the Emperor Hadrian and the wall he decided to build when he visited Britannia.



Where has this half term gone? We must have had lots of fun as it has gone so fast! We have been busy with multiplication and division in maths and writing amazing mystery stories in English. In Geography we have learned all about earthquakes and we have loved all of the practical investigations in science; learning new vocabulary. Swimming has been a highlight and the children have been a credit to the school when being taken out. We've loved Forest School and have created some amazing tall towers, learned about fire and boiled some water in Kelly Kettles. During our art lessons, we've tried out lots of different skills like wax relief, charcoal and pastels to create some brilliant cityscapes! All in all, a busy and productive half term.



This term we have been learning about the human body and in particular the heart and the circulatory system. We learnt about the different components of blood and represented each part by making blood smoothies (red blood cells – Strawberries; white blood cells - white marshmallows; plasma – pineapple juice and platelets – sprinkles).



We have learnt lots of scientific vocabulary about the parts of the heart and even acted out how blood travels around the body to take oxygenated blood to our organs. We used this knowledge to write an explanation text in our English lessons.



In maths, we have learnt about ratio. We started with finding out the ratio of different colours in a box of smarties, and also made ratio fruit cocktails to practise our measuring skills. This has been a tasty unit!



<b>Thrower</b>	<b>1413</b>
<b>Dawson</b>	<b>1173</b>
<b>Hadman</b>	<b>1057</b>
<b>Fitness</b>	<b>1321</b>

The children in **Thrower House** are invited to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

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## UPDATES:

### Year 2

Miss Taylor will be teaching Year 2 on a Monday and Friday and Mrs Georgiou on a Tuesday – Thursday. The children will be having PE on a Thursday and Friday.

### Year 3

Miss Blyth will be going on her maternity leave at the end of next half term. For the Summer Term, Mr Henderson (who has been working with the class on a Tuesday) will be teaching the class.

### Year 4

Mrs Braid will be teaching Year 4 full time after half term.

### Year 5

Mr Henderson will be continuing to teach Year 5 on a Thursday.

### Year 6

Mr Henderson will be covering Miss Moat's release time on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.