



Summer 1 Newsborough

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

As we come to the end of another busy term, we have been blown away by the hard work and determination of our children. We have seen some wonderful class assemblies from Year 6, Year 5 and EYFS, where the children were able to speak with confidence. Year 3 and 4 gave an entertaining performance of 'Jonah' and we were left with many of their catchy songs stuck in our heads.

Miss Blyth now leaves us to go on maternity leave. She will be missed greatly by children and staff alike but we wish her well on this exciting journey and hope that she gets lots of sleep before baby arrives!

We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all at the start of the Summer Term!

Diary Dates



Summer Term 1

Monday 17 th April	Term Starts
Tuesday 18 th April	Year 3 Swimming starts
Wednesday 19 th April	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability
Thursday 20 th April	Roots to Food – EYFS and KS1
Thursday 27 th April	EYFS Open Classroom
Friday 28 th April	EYFS Open Classroom
Tuesday 2 nd May	Red Ball Tennis
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Picnic
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 11 th May	EYFS Open Classroom
Friday 12 th May	May Fayre (3.15-5.15)
Monday 15 th May	KS1 SATs Week
Wednesday 24 th May	EYFS Open Classroom
Friday 26 th May	End of Term

Summer Term 2 – Monday 5th June

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	95.1%
Orange	91.2%
Yellow	91.0%
Green	94.2%
Blue	93.2%
Indigo	94.6%
Violet	94.1%
Whole School	93.2%

This half term we have been focusing on the value of

'JOY'

In worship, we have listened to Bible stories that focus on joy, including the Prodigal Son and The Lost Coin. In class, we have discussed joy and the feelings associated with it. We have encouraged the children to share joy and include others. Singing and playing games together are great ways to bring joy to others. We take every opportunity to celebrate success and share our achievements with House Points, certificates and awards.

EYFS – This half term, we have been learning all about growing. The children reflected on how much they have grown and changed since starting school and I am sure many of you can agree the children are flourishing! We have been applying our knowledge and understanding of the world by investigating plants, recognizing and labelling the different parts of a plant and learning what they need in order to grow. Our book, The Tiny Seed, taught us all about the seasons and we spent time outside looking for the changes that are happening in our environment. We have learnt all about number bonds and the children are doing so well combining two groups together. They have been applying their new learning by adding beans, creating number bonds and matching numerals. We have been very lucky to have some forest school sessions with Mrs Houghton and the children are demonstrating great problem solving during the sessions. Thank you to everyone who came to our class assembly and we hope you enjoyed it. The children did such a great job sharing their learning and we are so proud of them! We are looking forward to inviting you into the classroom next half term and sharing more of our learning.

YR1 – This term in Orange class we have enjoyed reading lots of traditional tales and we are busy writing our own retelling of The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

In science we have completed challenges using what we know about the properties of materials the help The Three Little Pigs build a strong new house with a waterproof roof and comfy bed. We have learnt lots of new graphemes in phonics as have 'Grown the Code' and are continuing to apply our new knowledge within our reading. We enjoyed our First Forest School session and are looking forward to a couple more weeks of exploring outdoors after Easter.

Thank you for working so hard Orange class.

YR2 - Throughout this last half term, Year 2 have been finding out what seaside holidays were like when our grandparents were children. We have enjoyed looking at old photographs, postcards, souvenirs and hearing grandparents regale their holidays as a child. In our writing lessons, Y2 have written some super desert adventure stories based on our class reading book, Meerkat Mail. In computers, we have been learning how to be animators – creating short animation films. In groups, children created a storyboard and brought it to life by making their characters and setting out of Lego. They then filmed their scenes for their short film using an app called 'Stop Motion'. In PE the children have been developing their team building skills through invasion games. This has involved the children working together and learning different strategies for defending and attacking. In RE we have been reminding ourselves why we celebrate Easter and its importance to Christians. The children have shown great resilience this term and have worked really hard. Thank you for your continued support.

YR3 – This half term has been short and sweet but we have managed to fit in so, so much! I am sure that for the children, a highlight has definitely been Forest School Thursdays where they have braved the cold and continued to develop their outdoor skills! Mrs Houghton is always so impressed by them and their team work, independence and resilience. We have been loving our class text called 'The boy who grew dragons' which is incredibly funny! The children have also developed their descriptive writing linked to our World Book Week story 'Leon and the place between', before moving on to write non-chronological reports about various sports. In maths, children have worked hard to develop their knowledge around length, perimeter and we are now working on fractions. In RE, the children have been learning about the significance of Easter to Christians around the world. They also kicked off the half term with a visit to our local Gurdwara where they represented our school exceptionally and learned lots about Sikh faith. Another highlight was undoubtedly our Easter Production of Jonah! The children worked so, so hard and it was fabulous to have so many of you be able to come and watch the performances ☺ As you know, I will begin maternity leave at Easter so on a personal note, I just wanted to thank you for your continued support this term! I know the children have an exciting Summer Term ahead where they will be taught by Mr Henderson!

YR4 – This term we have been busy rehearsing for our performance of our Easter play called Jonah, a fishy tale. We auditioned for parts, learned our lines and performed them, reading aloud and showing an understanding of intonation, tone and volume. We also included actions, gestures and facial expressions. We learnt seven new songs and some of us sang in an assembly. Finally, we performed a dress rehearsal on stage in the hall to a whole school audience and an afternoon and evening performance to our parents and families. It was great fun!



YR5 – Another busy half term for Indigo class. The children were really successful with their Bikeability training, with lots of children achieving level 2. We have written amazing explanations of the human life cycle, got to grips with percentages, decimals and fractions and learned all about Deserts in Geography. The children have shown themselves to be computer whizzes and we have worked hard to begin to create our own mini websites. We loved performing our assembly to the school and parents, with some super confident performances and also really enjoyed creating impressive poems and magic carpet art during Book Week. In PE we have loved football and dance – even trying out rock and roll! Well done year 5!



This term has flown by! Year 6 children have been working extremely hard this term and enjoyed sharing some of our work from the year with you in our class assembly – we were really proud of how well they presented themselves to such a large audience! We have really enjoyed creating our dragon's eyes from clay as part of book week, and were really impressed with our pieces.



In science this term we have been learning about light. We have investigated how light travels in a straight line and have learnt that white light can be refracted into different colours of the spectrum - comprising of all the colours of the rainbow. As part of science week, we were really lucky to have a visit from some engineers from Perkins Engines. We developed our knowledge of friction and air resistance, investigating the impact of increasing the surface area of a parachute. Our rockets reached some incredible heights and we definitely have some potential Engineers in the making! If you haven't already, please watch the videos of our rocket launches on our class dojo page!



Thrower	1972
Dawson	1532
Hadman	1758
Fitness	1771

The children in **Thrower House** are invited to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 21st April

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UPDATES:

Year 2

Mrs Georgiou will be covering Miss Barnes-Ford's release time on a Wednesday.

Year 3

Mr Henderson will be teaching Year 3 full time after half term.

Year 4

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

Year 5

Mrs Georgiou will be covering Mrs Houghton's release time on a Thursday.

Year 6

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