



Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

We have received a lovely letter this week from Oliver Dowden our local MP, congratulating us on our results last year. The letter highlights how he has been contacted by the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP (The Minister of State for Schools), to specifically highlight the success of our school and others in the borough. Staff were delighted to receive this recognition which acknowledged the hard work of those working in schools.

Work with Meryl Charles from the School's Sports Partnership has begun again this term. Funded by our Sports Premium Grant, Meryl works with different classes each term to enhance our PE Curriculum. This term she is working with Year 2, 3 and 6 on Tuesdays.

We have had a very positive meeting with Nicole Parkinson, Chair of the PTA this week celebrating the amazing fund raising success of the PTA, as well as thinking ahead to future events and how the school might like to spend the money. We have just received feedback from several contractors who visited the school last term with a view to improving our outdoor play equipment. Having had a number pieces removed over recent years and other items nearing the end of their lives – we are keen to provide more for our pupils outside. This will not only give pupils additional opportunities at playtimes, but also enrich the physical development of children throughout the school. We look forward to sharing our plans with you once quotations have been finalised and the children have had some input into the final decisions. Once again we would like to take the opportunity to thank the PTA and all parents for supporting them so generously. These funds invaluable enrich our provision at Newberries. Please make sure you read the PTA section of Newsberries each week to keep up to date with their events. Any additional forms will be provided as attachments to our newsletter.

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Class 'WhatsApp' Groups

We are more than aware of how valuable class 'WhatsApp' groups can be in sharing information and 'filling in the gaps' for someone who is unsure about something. However it has come to our attention that, at times, misinformation is also being circulated within these groups which is causing some confusion.

If you are sharing information, please be sure that this is correct. We try to include as much information in Newsberries as possible, but if you are unsure the School Office is happy to answer any queries you may have.

If you have any questions or queries relating to something that is happening within school, we cannot stress strongly enough how important it is to contact the Class Teacher about this. A quick word at the door is always available. If you need more time, we would be grateful if you would make an appointment with the teacher, via the School Office. **Thank you!**

School Office

May we remind you that the School Office is open for parents from **8:50am to 9:30am** and again between **2:45pm and 3:45pm**.

We urge you to make visits to the office during these times, although understand that parents will be collecting children or returning from appointments throughout the day.

You may, of course, contact the office by telephone at any time if you have an urgent matter or request. Non urgent messages can be emailed to:

admin@newberries.herts.sch.uk

Diary Dates

24/01	Phonics Workshop for Parents – 9.00am	YR / Y1
01/02	Chinese New Year workshop – All day (PTA)	
01/02	Year 1 Class Assembly	Y1
08/02	Year 5 Class Assembly	Y5
13/02	PTA Quiz Night	
15/02	Last day of this half term	
18 - 22/02	Half Term	
25/02	Back to School	
5/3	Parent consultations	
7/3	World book day	
15/3	Red Nose Day	
22/3	PTA Mother's day sale	
29/3	PTA Easter cake bake	
5/4	End of term	

Letters / Emails Home

YR	Online Health Assessments from NHS	Y6	Science Lessons at Haberdashers School
All	Change 4 Life Booklets		

PTA

Quiz night

Make sure you get your tickets soon, so you don't miss out on our fantastic Valentine's quiz night! This popular night is hosted at school on **Wednesday 13 February at 7.30pm** for an 8pm start. Get together with your friends to enjoy pizza and our fun quiz! You can bring a bottle, but drinks will also be available to purchase on the night in aid of the PTA. Please complete the attached slip and return with payment (£15 per ticket including pizza) to the white PTA post box or a member of the PTA.

Class Blogs

Class Blogs are updated each week and give a flavour of the things that have been happening across the school. Please take a look when you can! It can give you a valuable insight into work across the school as well as offer a good talking point if you would like to find out more about your child's learning each week.

<https://newberries.herts.sch.uk/classes/>

Stars of the Week

"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

Professor Stephen Hawking



Congratulations to all our stars!



Reception	Canaan Tikare		
Y1	Hollie Savage	Y2	Ali Tanoli
Y3	Xander Hill	Y4	Samuel Dina
Y5	Max Jenman	Y6	Tayani Tikare