



Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

On Tuesday, Year 3 participated in the regional finals of the Sports Partnership's Gymnastics Festival. They all worked incredibly well together when competing in the event. We are very proud that they reached this stage of the competition.

On Wednesday, Mrs Hore and Miss Reilly attended a celebration event to mark the end of the Early Years Project, 'Communicate to Succeed', which we have been part of for the last year. We were lucky enough to gain a place on this project, funded by the DfE, which gave the school extensive opportunities to liaise with other settings as well as access regular support from the Early Years Team. Additional opportunities in the form of inspirational conferences and training events were held termly and the setting was visited and reviewed regularly by specialist teachers. We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing and celebrating the fantastic Early Years provision we have at Newberries with others. The project leaders have given highly positive feedback to our team throughout. To enrich our setting further, the focus of the project was to enhance communication and language by introducing signing to support all pupils with language development and understanding. This was introduced throughout the setting and is now used regularly by the pupils in Reception. The rest of the school are being taught the key signs so that they can also use them with our youngest pupils. We are currently introducing signs to support our school values! The aim of the project was to support language; strengthen inclusion and enhance learning in literacy and mathematics across the school. We are very proud of our Early Year's team and would like to thank Mrs Hore, Miss Reilly and Ms Hanns for all their hard work.

Ms Peters and Mrs Slade have been working alongside a play equipment company to draw up a design for our outdoor play areas. Over the years we have been slowly trying to extend our all-weather surfaces in order to provide a greater range of activities for pupils outdoors. We are now in the position to add some additional equipment next to the Junior Playground area and finally replace the trim trail in the infants that was removed a couple of years ago. We are currently finalising plans having shared them with a pupil voice group; staff; the PTA and Governors. Once the final designs have been approved we looked forward to sharing them further.

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

For Your Information

Diary Dates

Parking Outside School

Once again we have had concerns raised by parents and neighbours about the way in which parents are both driving and parking outside school. Please:

- Use the one-way system and remind others who collect or drop off your child to do the same
- Park and drive responsibly

We want all of our children to feel safe when travelling to and from school!

2/4	Y3 and Y4 Play (afternoon)	
3/4	Y3 and Y4 Play (evening)	
4/4	Science Workshop (PTA)	All
5/4	End of term finish at 2pm	
23/4	Back to school for the start of the Summer Term.	
30/4	Year 3 visit Hatfield House	
2/5	Inset day	
3/5	Occasional day	
6/5	May bank holiday	

Please note: Tuesday 23rd April is St Johns School INSET day and there will be no Topkidz afterschool club on that day.

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.

May we also take this opportunity to remind parents that strict guidelines surround the sharing of information relating to individual pupils. Such information should only be shared by the school with the relevant parties, unless the parents or carers themselves are choosing to share information.

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 it 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 Productions

As Year 3 and 4 parents are aware, there is a different limit to ticket allocation now for the end of term productions. This is due to Health and Safety legislation relating to hall capacity. We have checked this information and taken external advice, however there remains a strict limit on the number the hall can hold when seating is laid out for audiences.

Parents can now be allocated two tickets per family across the performances. If you are no longer able to use tickets that have been allocated to you, please return these to the school office so that we can offer these tickets to other parents. Additional tickets will be reallocated, if available.

We understand that parents may be disappointed by this unavoidable change; we will be looking into any possibilities which may help alleviate this in the future.

PTA

Easter Cake Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale today. We really appreciate all the yummy cake donations and thanks to all who bought a sweet treat!

Mother's Day

We wish everyone a happy Mother's Day and hope everyone enjoys opening their gifts! Thank you for your support. We raised over £200 from the sale!

Gift List Delivery

Lots of the wonderful items have arrived at school this week from the teachers' gift list. It's been so great to see them all and the children have been able to use them straight away! There are still lots of fabulous items to purchase so please do take a look:

<https://newberriespta.org.uk/shop/>

Thank you for your generosity!

Letters / Emails Home

Y3/4	Production arrangements		
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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/>

Pot of Gold Postcards

Congratulations to those children who have received a 'Pot of Gold' postcard home this week. If your child would like to have their postcard presented to them in Celebration Assembly then please send it back into school so that we can all congratulate them on their achievement!

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!
This Week



Reception

Ayden

Y1	Ozzie	Y2	Max
Y3	Jake	Y4	Zachary
Y5	Anna	Y6	Millie