



Value of the Month
Kindness

Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Parents Consultations. It is always a pleasure meeting with you and sharing your child's successes and next steps. We hope you found the appointment useful. Please may we remind you that we do operate an 'Open Door' policy. If you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child please contact your child's class teacher. This can be a brief catch up after school or through an appointment booked with the School Office.

During Parent Consultations, a parent questionnaire was available. We have sent a copy of this home with Newsberries this evening in case you did not have a chance to complete one. We would be grateful if you could return them by Friday 13th March. We thank you in advance for your time. Your views are extremely useful to us. If you have more than one child and your answers would differ depending on the individual, please feel free to complete additional questionnaires.

Thank you to Year 6 who ended the week for us with their fantastic assembly. Well done to you all!

Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon
Headteachers

World Book Day, 2020

Newberries celebrated reading this week by inviting author Robin Price in to talk to the children and run workshops with every Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 class. On World Book Day, every child enjoyed dressing up a potato as a well know book character and sharing a story with another child from a different class.

Mrs O'Sullivan
(English Subject Leader)



Values

Our school value this month is Kindness. We always introduce the new value with an assembly and further activities relating to the value are carried out in classes throughout the month.

We are in the process of gathering Newberries top Random Acts of Kindness from each class which will share with parents in due course. I think we all need to remember, no act of kindness is too small! Just smiling at someone could make their day!

Mrs Culverhouse (PSHE Subject Lead)

Sports News

This week we were lucky enough to get a visit from five coaches from our local rugby club, Tabards RFC. They delivered a tag rugby taster sessions to the classes throughout the school working on ball skills and the importance of teamwork.

Congratulations to the Newberries gymnastics teams this week who came 3rd out of all the local schools in a competition at Queens School this week.

Mr Mellor (PE Subject Lead)

Sports Relief

Next Friday Year Six will be teaching every class a PE lesson in aid of Sports Relief. All children are to come to school dressed in sporty clothing, we are suggesting a voluntary contribution of £1.

Mr Mellor & Mrs O'Sullivan
(PE Lead & Y6 Teacher)

Coronavirus

As you are aware this is a constantly changing situation. The school is following all advice from the Director of Public Health and the Local Authority. We are currently receiving regular updates.

As soon as additional information becomes available, the school will be acting as directed and informing parents if there are any changes. Please ensure that you remain vigilant regarding email communication from the school.

In the meantime if you require any further information please follow these links:

NHS Advice

<http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus>

Government Guidance on Coronavirus for the Public

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Government Advice for Returning Travellers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

We have been reinforcing the messages of good hand hygiene once again this week!

Attendance

As a school we are expected to have an attendance figure of at least 96%. Last year our attendance figure for the whole school improved from 95% to 96%. We have continued to work closely with our Attendance Improvement Officer to improve attendance across the school.

This year we will continue to monitor attendance on a half termly basis. If your child's attendance now falls below 95% we will be writing to you to make you aware of this. Please remember that a day of absence from school counts as two sessions (morning and afternoon). Obviously, we understand there are reasons for individual children to be absent and at this point in the year this could be influenced by seasonal illness and/or religious observance. However, in order to maintain and improve upon our good attendance we are keen to keep parents informed. We thank you for your on-going support with this.

Letters will be sent out next week to parents whose child's attendance is below 95%.

Diary Dates

13/03/20	PTA Mother's Day Sale	All
18/03/20	PTA - comedy night	All
19/03/20	Voice in a Million	Choir
20/03/20	Class Assembly	Y2
24/03/20	Purim/Passover workshop	All
26/03/20	Science workshop (PTA)	All

Letters

Milk Letter for Summer Term	All	Music Letters	Y2-Y6
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Friends of Newberries School

Mother's Day Secret Shop - Friday 13th March

We will be holding our **Mother's Day Secret Shop** on **Friday 13th March** during the school day. All gifts are just £4 each. Please send children into school with exact money for the number of gifts they would like to purchase (please put cash in in an envelope with the child's name and year on the front). The children enjoy choosing which gift to bring home as a surprise present.

Comedy Night – Wednesday 18th March

Less than two weeks to go until our **fantastic comedy evening** on **Wednesday 18th March!** The show will be compered by the award-winning Philip Simon and features three great acts. Book your tickets now (£10 each)! Bar selling wine, beer, prosecco and soft drinks (card or cash). No fixed tables, you can sit together in a group or come along to meet new people and have some fun!

FNS Diary Dates

13/03	Mother's Day Secret Shop
18/03	Comedy Night
02/04	Cake Sale

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/>

'Wow' Postcards

The 'Wow' postcard is intended to celebrate a pupil who has been a positive role model to others in their class or around the school.

Congratulations to those children who have received a 'Wow' 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	Elias		
Y1	Jordan	Y2	Mia
Y3	Max D	Y4	Jamie
Y5	Martha	Y6	Elliott