

Diary Dates:

13th—24th Cl 1 Swimming
Jan 28th Chinese New Year themed lunch
Feb 4th Y5 Orienteering
Feb 17th -21st Half Term

Attendance

Current whole school attendance is 95.3% which is above the national average. I believe the LA have now issued hundreds of fixed penalty notices for holidays and unauthorised absence. Please bear this in mind if you are considering taking a holiday. Receiving a FPN should not be a shock to anyone now if you have had a holiday or unauthorised absences in school time from September 2024 onwards.

Class four



A huge welcome to former pupil Mr Magill who has joined us as a teacher in year 4. We look forward to working with him and know the children are going to enjoy the rest of their year. Mr Magill is also a trained actor and it will be great to see him using some of those skills with the children. I taught Mr Magill back when he was only six years old! Hopefully his behaviour has improved. Not feeling old at all!

Dear Parents,

This week has been a total blur! The phone call from Ofsted was much sooner than expected, but I believe this is a reflection of where we are. (A strong place.) We had one inspector for two days and I can only describe it as gruelling! Thank you for all your comments. I am not privy to everything however the comments that were constructive criticism I will most definitely do what I can to improve on. Ofsted does not define our school it is the community, the children, families, and those that work in the school. I have said many times how lucky I am to be here at Newlaithes and continue to believe that. The children were even better than I could have expected and I am looking forward to reading what is in the report. You may know that we cannot discuss any outcomes before it all becomes official and we will forward you all a copy once it arrives.

Thank YOU.

Some of you may think we will relax now Ofsted is over. This is not in my mind-set. We still have much to do to improve our school even further.

In the mean time every child in school has had a treat, extra play and some fun activities. We all deserve a reward from time to time and they certainly did us all proud.



Back to the serious stuff next week!

Head Teacher's Awards



Well done to our Head Teacher Award winners this week. You should all be really proud of yourselves.

Governance

We are always looking for new governors to strengthen the team and replace those wishing to retire from their posts. Please contact the school office or myself if you are interested.

Year four find an Iron hand!

Year four have been learning about The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Sources tell me that an Iron hand has been discovered in the school orchard. The hand has been taken away by police investigators for further tests.



Any further information should be forwarded to the year four teachers.