

Newlaithes Newsletter



24th October 2024

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chocolate bingo
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School Calendar

The school Google calendar can be found in the quicklinks on the [school website here](#). We will endeavour to put all our major dates on there once finalised. Please see the attached Term Dates for this year, taking careful note of the holidays!

Parents Evening

This year we had 96% attendance at Parents Evening. The highest for a number of years I have been told. This is a great turnout and shows your commitment to your child's education. For those ten that could not make it, our staff will be in touch to arrange a meeting or phone call.

PTA

The Halloween disco was spooktacular as always. Thank you to the staff and PTA who give up their valuable time to support the school. Over £600 was raised!



Wraparound Care

We are now accepting the tax free childcare vouchers to help cover the cost of wraparound care. If you need any help or information get in touch with our school office.

Dear Parents,

Well that was a long half term! And what a term it has been. Our Year three's have seamlessly joined the NJS experience and I am looking forward to see them take on all the opportunities junior school has to offer over the next four years. The last couple of weeks has been as busy as usual. The highlight for me was the Robinwood visit for our year fours. I was so impressed with their first trip away from home overnight with school. Very little home sickness, no actual sickness (amazingly) and I have never seen so many go on the giant swing and zipline without a care in the world. Perhaps it was just blissful ignorance, the children were amazing in all activities and I was so proud to be there with them.



We have had a couple of visits over to Eden Manor this half term. The first was to take some cards over for a lady who had turned 103. Very sad news that when we returned a few days later Irene had passed away. The children were gutted that they could not see her (they had told me about all the questions they wanted to ask) however, they had a great experience singing, dancing, talking and playing games with the residents. We hope



that this will be a link that we can continue further. Have a great half term break ready for an exciting Christmas term ahead.

Head Teacher's Awards



Very well done to all our Head Teacher's Award winners.

Sports Hall Athletics



Huge well done to our AMAZING athletics team! We are so proud of their enthusiasm, determination and perseverance when competing in the competition.

Fire Safety Assembly

PCSO Joanna Garrard came to school to do a fire safety assembly this week. It's that time of year I guess with Halloween and Bonfire Night when accidents happen. It's a good idea to talk to your children about staying safe at this time of year.

Cyclewise

Our Year six children have had the opportunity to take part in Cyclewise this week. It has been great to see them turning up on their bikes (with helmets) and learning the skills needed to ride on the roads safely.



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Social Media

There have been reports recently of children across the north of the country as well as in Cumbria being added to large groups on social media apps, such as WhatsApp. There are numerous risks to children and young people when using chat apps such as being added to group chats where they don't know the other people in the group, and also the increased chance they will come across upsetting or negative messages.

Check to see if your child is part of any group chats;
Consider removing them immediately from unknown groups if they are a member;
Consider reporting the group to the relevant social media platform if there is inappropriate content; and
Notify the police if you come across any particularly serious or harmful content.

Lee Clark
DC 2926
Cyber Crime Investigator



Miss MacArtney



It is very sad news that Miss MacArtney has handed her resignation letter into school this week. Miss MacArtney has worked at NJS for ten years and is a highly valued member of our staff. Miss MacArtney will be with us until the end of December, she has decided to return to her home town of Bolton to be closer to her family. We wish her the very best of luck on her new role starting in January, what is our loss is their gain. In the meantime rest assured we will be looking for a suitable replacement that can meet our needs here at NJS.



We are excited to announce our NEW provision!

WRAP AROUND CARE

at NEWLAITHES JUNIOR SCHOOL



BEFORE SCHOOL

Children will be offered a nutritious breakfast and taken either directly to their classroom ready for the school day or out onto the school yard.

8.00am until 8.45am.
£4.50 per child, per day.



AFTER SCHOOL

Children are escorted from their classrooms at the end of the school day and can enjoy a variety of activities in our well-equipped Wraparound Care space. On arrival, children have a snack to keep them going. There are plenty of activities to keep everyone occupied, including crafting, jigsaws, board games, a quiet zone and outdoor play.

£4.50 per child for
3.20pm until 4.20pm.
£8.00 per child for
3.20pm until 5.30pm.



OUR STAFF

Both before and after school sessions are adult planned provision.

All of our Wraparound Care staff are fully qualified and hold a clear, enhanced DBS certificate. Some staff work in school during the day so will be familiar to your children.



DID YOU KNOW?

Parents eligible for [Tax-Free Child-care](#) or [Universal Credit](#) will be able to use the support to help pay for wraparound care. To find out more contact the school office.