



20th November 2024

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Nov 20th Y3 Maths/Eng
Workshop for parents
Nov 22nd Non Uniform Day
chocolate bingo
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Dec 12th Xmas Disco
Dec 16th Y5 Xmas Production
Dec 20th Last day, school
finishes at **1:20pm**

School Calendar

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Wraparound Care

Reminder that our Wraparound Care is up and running. At present the mornings are being used much more than the evening sessions. Should you wish to book even if it is short notice please contact our school office and they will be more than happy to support you.

School Attendance

Please be aware if you have had 5 days holiday in school time or your child's attendance is particularly low including consistently late, then you will more than likely be receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority. This is a Government decision so please do not shoot the messenger! FPN's are seen as a deterrent and for those that continue to have poor attendance the Local Authority have told Head Teachers that the next stage will be a court summons and possible criminal record. The message is unless you have good reason, children should be in school.

Dear Parents,

The cold weather has arrived and no doubt the excitement will start to grow with Christmas only a few weeks away.

I had the pleasure of attending the Cumbria Head Teachers Conference last week and the message from almost all of the speakers was about 'VALUES'.

Ghandi wrote, "Are your thoughts, words and actions aligned." This got me thinking about my own actions and values.

I know most of us want the best for our children and it is never too late to put those words into action.

Nina Jackson spoke about belonging and I feel here at Newlaithes we have a very strong feeling of belonging. We wear our badge with pride and I am certainly proud to be NJS Head Teacher.

We have much to look forward to over the next few weeks with the Year 5 Christmas performance, the whole school Music performance in St Lukes church, discos and a chocolate bingo evening to name a few. Soon it will be January!

Anglo Saxons



Class 3 stepped into the shoes of archaeologists this week, piecing together artefacts from the Anglo Saxon period and making predictions about their uses. They also delved into the incredible excavation of Sutton Hoo and discovered the significance of the treasures unearthed there.

Head Teacher's Awards



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

Asda Cashpot

Ten days to go and we have the grand total of £219.66 in our cash pot. Thank you to those who have signed up to raise money for school through their shopping.

Children in Need

A huge thank you for all your contributions to Children in Need. We raised an amazing £233 which I am really thankful for considering it was a low key event for us.

PCSO Assemblies

We had two assemblies from PCSO Garrard this week. The first was about safe cycling and road use. PCSO Garrard explained some of the do's and don'ts of road use. The big one for me was that electric scooters are illegal to use unless on private ground! Sounds like there are few being confiscated across the city.

The second assembly was about anti social behaviour. Our children in Year 3 and 4 answered the questions incredibly and were so thoughtful about right and wrong and quite passionate about the area that they lived in.



Newlaithes Newsletter

NEWLAITHES
JUNIOR SCHOOL



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PTFA

Our PTFA had their regular meeting on Thursday 14th Nov. With four members in attendance plus two staff it would be great to see more parents joining. The meeting minutes can be found [here](#). If there are any parents who feel they could support please get in touch with Mrs Taylor, Mrs Foster or the school office.

Remembrance

Year 6 School councillors joined in the Carlisle Schools Remembrance Service this year. Caitlin, Joseph and Joe represented Newlaithes Junior School beautifully, taking part in a procession of approximately twenty other schools laying wreaths in memory of our fallen heroes, those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the face of conflict. How proud to be a part of such an important and moving ceremony, an experience the children will no doubt remember for many years to come.

Football

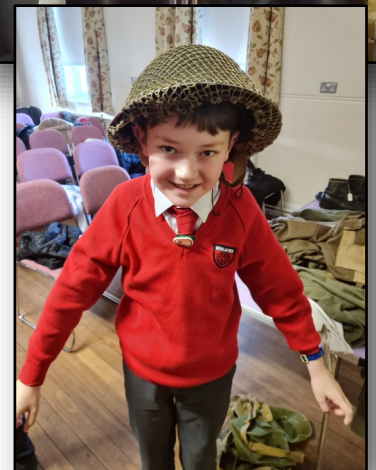
Our boys football team took part in the Carlisle United Tony Hopper cup today and played brilliantly. They narrowly missed out on going through to the playoffs with one loss one win and three draws. Some close fought games and on another day might have made the finals. Well done to the team.

Dobbies Christmas Tree

Our Year 5 children have been making decorations for one of the Christmas trees at Dobbies. We took six children to decorate a tree this week where they had a great time getting into the festive spirit. Dobbies unveiled the trees at a special charity night in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust on Thursday 21st November. Why not go along and take a closer look at the tree it is in the café in all its splendour.

Year Six Visit

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Carlisle Castle and the Cumbria Museum of Military Life. Our guide Jules gave a very interesting talk about what life in the Second World War was like, from the troops on the front line to civilians on the ground. The children got to try on pieces of uniform and look at pieces of memorabilia and artefacts such as weaponry and gas masks, ration books, and soldiers' individual kits. Samuel was a fantastic volunteer soldier, experiencing the true weight of uniform, gun, and all other items troops were expected to carry! They also got to visit the museum downstairs, where further WWII exhibits are on show. Visits such as these really help to bring history to life for the children and ignite their interest.



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.