

Friday 17th February

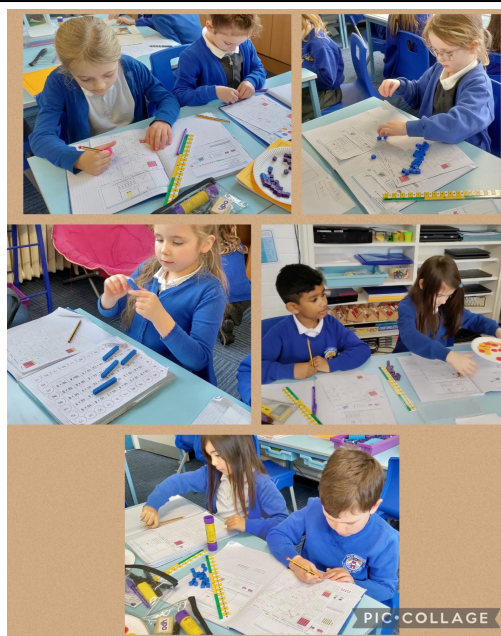
Year 1 & 2 Half Term Hamper!

A big congratulations to Oscar for winning our half term hamper. We hope you enjoy the fun activities, yummy treats and voucher from Chuck Wagon. Thanks to everyone in year 1 and 2 who bought tickets.



Wanted: Reading volunteers.

We are looking for volunteers who can commit to offering their time to listen to children read across school. We will pay for a DBS check for any volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mr J Jones through the school office or via j.jones@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk



2RM have been working very hard in maths this week and learning about multiplication and division!



5MW Have been learning about dreams and goals in different societies and cultures. Here we are with items of cultural importance from around the world.



Alien Day in F1!



This week Foundation 1 class have been learning all about space. We have had lots of fun learning about planets, stars, astronauts and even aliens!



To celebrate everything that we have learnt, we have had an 'Alien Party' on Friday with lots of dancing, party games and making alien masks to go with our fantastic costumes!

World Book Day 2023.

(02.03.23)



On Thursday 2nd March (first week back after the half term break) we will be celebrating World Book day in school.

As part of the celebrations in school we would like to invite children to take part in the following:

Extreme reading challenge: Over half term, we would like children to get a photo of themselves reading their books in unusual and out-of-the-ordinary places. An example could be up a climbing frame or on a trampoline (children have been asked to be mindful of being safe and to check with an adult first). The more creative – the better! We would love for families to get involved as well so please feel free to join in. Children can bring in a hard copy of their photographs or send through to their class teacher via Class Dojo.

World Book day fancy dress: As ever, we are inviting all children to dress up to celebrate World Book day. This year children are invited to come dressed as a character from their favourite book, dressed as their favourite author or dressed as their favourite book/story. Prizes will be awarded to children for the best effort - there is no expectation for parents to spend money on expensive fancy dress outfits.



Hot Chocolate with the Head

These children were invited to Mr Armer's hot chocolate afternoon. They were nominated by teachers and parents in recognition of them going above and beyond or excelling in an area, not just academically.



Well done to: Charlotte, Macy, Libby, Ayda, Shayah and Rose.
If your child has done something that you feel is worthy of a hot chocolate then send in details to

d.armer@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk

Thanks for all of the parent nominations last week,
we take them all into consideration-
looking forward to next week



Hot Chocolate with the Head

These staff were the first this year to be invited to Mr Armer's hot chocolate afternoon. They were nominated by fellow staff in recognition of them going above and beyond. o



Well done to: Miss Harvey, Miss Oliver, Mrs Waldron, Miss Treverton, Mr Kidd, Miss Valentine, Miss Mason, Miss Gott and Miss Appleton.

Thanks for all of your hard work and for the hard work of all staff this half term, looking forward to next term!



NATASHA JONAS

You may have heard the exciting news from your children already that we had an incredibly special visitor in school on Thursday...

During PSHE lessons, the children have been exploring their hopes and dreams, and yesterday we met WBC female super-welterweight champion - Natasha Jonas. To hear Natasha's story of how she succeeded in competing in the olympics and also in becoming world champion was so inspiring and the children (and staff) were left feeling extremely motivated.

Natasha was the first female boxer to enter the olympics through sheer hard work, determination and resilience - all characteristics of our very own owl awards! She also very kindly opened our new sensory suite.

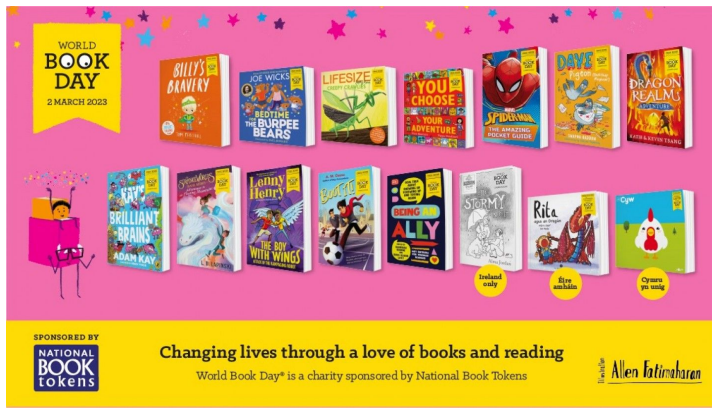


World Book Day Book Fair

We are very excited to announce that the fabulous Bear Hunt Books are bringing a book fair to school on Friday 3rd March.

All children will have an opportunity to exchange their £1 WBD voucher for a £1 book and the fair will be open after school, in the Sports Hall, for parents to browse and buy.

Please come and support a local business and pick up some fantastic books at the same time.



Home Reading Champions

Class	%	Class	%
1RL	44%	4LF	89%
1BT	87%	4CH	88%
1OT	77%	BD	46%
2BP	92%	5TS	87%
2SA	100%	5JH	56%
2RM	81%	5DD	76%
3NF	35%	6CJ	50%
3CH	73%	6RS	82%
3CM	35%	6JH	56%
4DH	86%	Total	71%

Well done to class 2SA who have the highest reading average this week and to class 4LF who have the most improved score. Please try to read 5 times a week with your child - the results of regular reading make such a difference to them across all subjects in the curriculum.

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House winners this week are

Vaughan

Well done for collecting the most points this week.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023
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<p>ASDA CAFE Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of March 2023</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays. Then Tuesday to Friday between 3 – 5pm selected Kids' meals are £1 & larger meals are £1.50.</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>ANGUS STEAKHOUSE One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm. Kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p>	<p>MORRISONS Spend £4.99 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.</p> <p>YO! SUSHI From February half term, kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi with any adult £10 spend</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.</p> <p>FARMHOUSE INNS Kids eat for £1 is currently on until Jan 31st but expected to be extended</p> <p>TESCO CAFES Likely but not yet announced</p>
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.




Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing Internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Mac & Cheese Macaroni pasta mixed with a homemade cheese sauce and served with or without a rash of smoked bacon</p>	<p>Brunch Sausage, bacon, and scrambled eggs served with crusty baked beans and crusty bread</p>	<p>Roast Dinner Choose from home roasted turkey breast or a Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, Stuffing balls & gravy</p>	<p>Katsu Curry Choose from breaded chicken goujons or Quorn pieces baked in the oven and served on a bed of basmati rice with a homemade Katsu curry sauce</p>	<p>Fish and Chips Choose from battered cod fillet, cod fillet fish fingers or a simple salmon fillet all baked in the oven & served with chips</p>
Served with				
Peas	Mushrooms and Tomatoes	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli	Peas or Beans
Or				
<p>Jacket potatoes served with a side salad are also available daily – chooses from a variety of fillings cheese, tuna mayo, ham, turkey & baked beans (when available)</p>				
Or				
<p>Deli Bar - Available Everyday Design your own sandwich, first choose your bread – wraps or batch, then choose your filling a selection of the following will be available daily – ham, cheese, tuna, Chinese chicken, turkey, roast beef, egg and finally finish with a choice of salad – carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, beetroot, and peppers.</p>				
				
And for dessert				
Iced Bun	Sticky Toffee Cake	Ice Cream	Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Sauce	Shortbread
Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots, Yogurt or Cheese & Crackers are available everyday as an alternative to the daily dessert.				
And finally, a drink				
A selection of the following drinks will be available daily freshly made milkshakes - chocolate, strawberry or banana, fresh fruit juice – apple or orange or water.				



Attendance

We aim for 100% our target is 98%

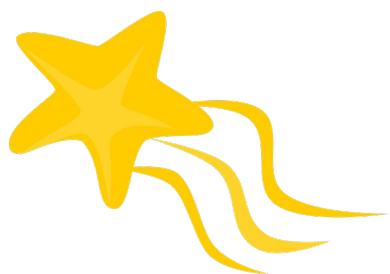
Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.



Class	%	Minutes Late	Class	%	Minutes Late
Nursery	91.7	26	3CH	96.6	140
Poppies	96.9	74	3CM	94.5	59
Sweetpeas	93.1	20	4DH	97.9	124
Buttercups	96.5	121	4LF	99.4	38
1RL	98.3	18	4CH	97.7	
1BT	99.3	53	BD	76.8	
10T	94.5	36	5TS	96.1	10
2BP	93	10	5DD	98.6	
2RM	87.3	13	5JH	94.7	99
2SA	97.1	20	6CJ	92	10
BK	97	25	6RS	98.2	53
3NF	95	21	6JH	96	17
Whole School					
Whole School Attendance	95.3%		Lost Learning		15 hrs 45 min

Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence. You can speak to the office staff or leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register. **Punctuality is also very important, we now have a signing in screen for late arrivers and early leavers at reception.**



Owl Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

Nursery Emlyn & Skylar	Class 3CH Jasmine
Buttercups Jude & Chase	Class 3CM Darcie & Max
Poppies Harry & Sienna	Class 4DH Themba H
Sweetpeas Freddie & Alyssa	Class 4LF Lily S
Class 1RL Oliver	Class 4CH Darla
Class 1BT Luke	Class BD Sophia
Class 1OT Teddy	Class 5TS Nathan S
Class 2BP Delilah H	Class 5JH Charlie B
Class 2RM Reuben	Class 5MW Alfie Sadler
Class 2SA Nye	Class 6CJ Megan A
Class BK Joseph	Class 6RS Max S
Class 3NF Mikah P	Class 6JH Ava

