



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

### Science Week

What an inspiring week this has been. We set out to enthuse and educate about how important science is in all walks of life. With the help of our amazing volunteers the children have learnt from a chemist, ecologists, photographer, jet engineer, sports scientist, software engineer, web designer, engineer, IT consultant & beautician. The Science Fair run so well by our Year 6 children showed the breadth of scientific opportunities available here and the different ways in which we bring this subject to life at Newburgh.

### Den Building

Well done to our small team of den builders who participated in a challenge at Rock and River on Wednesday. Despite having the hardest plot to build their den on theirs was the most impressive & they demonstrated excellent team work and ingenuity.

### Next Week

We have a packed week to look forward to. Team Rigby will be going on their deferred trip to the Catalyst Science Museum (children will all need a packed lunch in a disposable bag and must be in school uniform), Year 2 will be taking a walk around Newburgh to look at the ages of buildings in the village and Team Crane have their Forest School Day at the Beacon. We also have our Choir Performance for families at 8.15 on Thursday morning. Please drop children at the side entrance to school and then come round to the main entrance for this event. There will then be a Choir Taster Session in Assembly so children can decide if they would like to join our choir in the Summer term.

### Phonics Screening Success

We have received a letter from Damian Hinds, Minister for Schools congratulating us for our Phonics Screening results last year. Our current Year 2 children performed so well we are in the top 5% of all primary schools in the country. Huge Congratulations to Miss Helm & our Year 2 children.

### And Finally

Don't forget to get tickets for the Easter Egg hunt at the Cricket Field on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Tickets must be purchased in advance, are £3 per child and available in the school office.

Warmest Regards,





### Key Vocabulary – ask me about:

To challenge and deepen the understanding of key vocabulary learned this week following World Book Day ask your child about these words:

<u>Team Nursery:</u>	Friction. Photosynthesis.
<u>Team Crane:</u>	Predict. Reaction.
<u>Team Halton:</u>	Solid. Liquid
<u>Team Lucas:</u>	Enzyme. Catalyst.
<u>Team Rigby:</u>	Epidermis. Artificial Intelligence.
<u>Team Venables:</u>	Circuits. Resistance.

### Moment of Mindfulness:

This week we learned about Zacchaeus:

*Jesus went on into Jericho and was passing through. There was a chief tax collector there named Zaccheus, who was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he was a little man and could not see Jesus because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree because he knew Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and said to Zaccheus, "Come down, Zacchaeus, because I must stay in your house today".*

*Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed him with great joy. All the people who saw it started grumbling, "This man has gone as a guest to the home of a sinner!"*

*Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Listen, sir! I will give half my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times as much."*

It was common at that time for taxes to be fraudulently collected making tax collectors unpopular. Here Jesus demonstrates his mission to "seek and save the lost" resulting in a transformation in Zacchaeus' desire for money to salvation & eternal life.

### School Crossing Patrol

We received the excellent news that there will be a temporary school crossing patrol at the Post Office again from Monday. Lancashire County Council will at some point carry out a viability study so we are encouraging all our families to walk/scoot/cycle to school if possible (or park up away from school and walk part of the way) and make use of this service.

### Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:14-16

Those children who have demonstrated both effort in school and the Gospel Value of Hope are:-

#### Team Crane

Kieran

#### Team Halton

Aria

#### Team Lucas

Megan

#### Team Rigby

Scarlett

Che

#### Team Venables

Isabelle

Sam R.

Congratulations to the **APPLE FAMILY** for gaining the most points this week.

### Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Rhianna

Year 4 – Che

Year 5 – Sonny

Year 6 – Sam. S.

### Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 3

Tues – Rigby Trip to Catalyst Museum.

Weds – Y2 Walk around the village.

Thurs – Choir Performance for Families (8.15am), Choir Taster Session in School; Crane Trip to the Beacon

Fri - Non-uniform March birthdays; PTA Easter Bingo.



### Green Tree Platinum Award

We have now officially been awarded the Green Tree Platinum Award which we have been working towards as a school since 2019. All our current school children have contributed in some way to earning this. Activities we have completed include:

- Recycling
- Looking at things from different viewpoints (photography)
- Hosting a tree party
- Completing a wellbeing challenge
- Going on a woodland trail walk
- Planting trees
- Visiting & writing a report about a wood
- Presenting a collective worship about trees
- Being tree champions
- Holding a walk to school week
- Investigating animal habitats
- Reporting on the positive ways in which our school supports the environment.



Amazing work Team Newburgh!

### History Fabulous Finishes

We have a number of exciting finishes to History topics to look forward to:

#### Team Venables

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Team Venables will have a Victorian Experience morning. Children are asked to come to school dressed as a Victorian pupil. Children will participate in a workshop on Victorian Education for which we kindly request a contribution towards the cost on ParentPay in order for this to run. For an easy Victorian costume boys can wear trousers with an adults shirt, tie and waistcoat if you have one. Girls could wear a long, dark coloured dress or skirt with long sleeved blouse, a shawl and a simple head scarf.

#### Team Rigby

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Team Rigby will have an Anglo-Saxon/Viking themed afternoon. Children are asked to come to school dressed as either an Anglo-Saxon or a Viking for an afternoon chopping wood, tasting foods, telling stories, reading runes and setting up an ancient home. For an easy boys Viking costume wear an adults t-shirt with trousers and if you have pieces of material these can be used as leg bindings; for an Anglo-Saxon costume remove the leg bindings and add a belt. Girls can wear a simple dress with an apron over the top for either.

#### Team Halton

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Team Halton will conclude their Great Fire of London topic with an Assembly for their families in the school hall. Please drop children off for school on the playground and come straight to the main entrance of school to attend this.



# EASTER EGG HUNT

- Saturday 23rd March
- Newburgh Sports Club
- 1-4pm
- Hot dogs, Burgers, Bar
- £3 per child



Easter Bonnet Competition

Lots of activities

Raffle

Bouncy castle

TICKETS ON SALE AT NEWBURGH SCHOOL, POST OFFICE, WILTON HOUSE FARM SHOP OR CONTACT: ANNEMENARRY@GMAIL.COM

