



NEWICK NEWS

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Arts Mark Gold!

I begin this month's newsletter with the fantastic news that we have achieved the Arts Mark Gold award. This is an incredible achievement that celebrates all of the wonderful arts opportunities that we give children in this school. We were assessed on the amount of 'arts' we offer the children in terms of opportunities within our curriculum. Art, music and dance are all considered. The provision of arts within the curriculum here at Newick is fantastic, but to be acknowledged with a nationally recognised award is something we are extremely proud of.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Mrs Woodham for all the work and efforts she has put into this process over the last two years but especially for completing the 80 page document to provide the appropriate evidence to gain this award. She was specifically helped by Mr Motley and Mrs Cadman but it is very important to acknowledge too all of the teachers and teaching assistants who all played their part in achieving this award through the wonderful provision they put into the school where arts are concerned.

We are also hoping to get as involved as possible with the Flower Festival at the church later on this month. As a school, we shall be joining in with this festival. The theme is a 'Musical Arrangement' based around a piece of music, a song title or an instrument. The idea is to have old shoes/boots to go along the path with either planted or fresh flowers in them! If there are any parents interested in helping with our 'entries', please contact Mrs Watson.

Congratulations also go to Ruby Shute, William Davies, Sam Jackson and Rory Blackburn who have reached the final of Countywide maths competition. Over sixty schools across East Sussex entered and the top fourteen schools were selected for the final which takes place on 2nd July. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the children the very best of luck in this competition: we look forward to hearing how you get on!

Many congratulations also go to our tennis players who won the area competition which means that they will have the opportunity to play on the grass courts at Eastbourne and then watch some ladies tennis at the Eastbourne Ladies Tournament in ten days time. They are: Jamie Cooke, Geraint Quick, Nielsen Reaveley, Alex Cochrane, Casey Coats, Olivia Chadwick, Polly Saunders and Issy Eynon. A big thank you goes to the parents for transporting the children to the event and also to Mrs Cadman for organising a team to enter this competition.

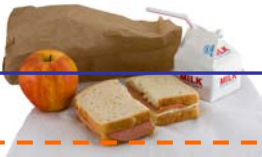
Our Breakfast Club is going well and the children who attend are extremely enthusiastic about it! We are planning an event on Wednesday 17th June where the Walking Bus will join the Breakfast Club for breakfast. If you would like to know more, please contact the school office. There is more information further on in the newsletter about an exciting Guinness Book of Records attempt that is also taking place on Wednesday 17th June.

Finally, news on who your child's class teacher will be next year, is detailed further on in the newsletter. We are not in a position to say yet, which teaching assistants will be in which year group. I thought you and your child would appreciate knowing at this stage of term who the class teacher will be for September!

Sophie Thomas

Are you interested in helping us work towards renewing our Healthy Schools Award?

If so, we need your help with ideas and to be a member of our task group. Please get in touch with Miss Riggs as soon as possible. We anticipate the first meeting will take place towards the end of June, following the Think Tank meeting, where hopefully many useful ideas and thoughts will emerge!



Prayer Group Meetings

The prayer group will be meeting for the last time this academic year on Friday 3rd July 3.45pm.

New members are always welcome – we meet in Mrs Thomas' office.

Think Tank Meeting – Class Reps

Wednesday 17th June 9am

Staffroom

Topics: Swimming and Healthy School status

We look forward to meeting as many of you at the Think Tank as possible.



DO YOU LIKE TO WALK TO SCHOOL?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS?

On Wednesday 17th June, Brake (www.brake.org.uk) are organising a nationwide record breaking walking bus with over 100 000 children all walking 500m at 10am which will hopefully be a world record.

We are planning to run both walking buses at 8am from the Village Hall and The Crown pub which will arrive at school in time to join our new Breakfast Club for toast, crumpets, cereal, yogurt and fruit as well as a cup of tea for the adults.

At 10am, we will meet at the school entrance to do our record breaking walk. If you would like to be part of this event, please let the school office know asap! You will need to complete a permission slip, available in the school office, allowing your child to be taken offsite during school time.



STOP PRESS!

Please note that in the March and April newsletters, the start of the next school year's term dates were incorrect. There is an INSET day for staff on Wednesday 2nd September and the children begin on Thursday 3rd September. New children in Otters will be told of their start date arrangements at the new parents to Otters meeting on June 23rd 3.40 – 4.40pm. Please accept my apologies if this has inconvenienced anyone.





Eco Update



We would like to encourage the use of our many recycling bins that are now by the main Infant gate. Thank you very much to all of you who have discovered this facility. We thought you might find it useful to know what we are now able to recycle. The council now collects paper, clothes and shoes, cardboard, cans and foils as well as plastic bottles.

The colour of bins is as follows:

Green Bin: Clothes and shoes. Please put donations in sealed bags. Shoes should be secured in pairs.

Blue Bin: Cans and foils.

Red Bin: Plastic bottles.

Yellow Bins(x2): Paper only. (no cards, cardboard, wrappers, plastics bags)

Large Green Bin with orange lid: Cardboard only.

We will also be recycling any lolly sticks from the NSA lolly sales on a Friday afternoon to use as plant labels.

Classroom Arrangements for September 2009

Reception: Mrs Mahoney

Year 1: Mrs Cadman

Year 2: Mrs Sawyer and Mrs Watson

Year 3: Mr Peuple

Year 4: Miss Riggs

Year 5: Mrs Hulks

Year 6: Mr Evans

Mrs Woodham will work one day a week in
Year 5 and Year 6.

You may be aware that Mr Motley is due to retire at Christmas 2009 after many years here at Newick. He will assist in classes across the school in a variety of curriculum areas during terms 1 and 2.

And finally

A Prayer

By Oliver Stockwell

Dear God,

Thank you for the trees
so we can survive.

Thank you for our friends.

Please help the poor and
help us to make our
school an even better
place.

Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

I have tried to give you as many relevant dates as possible for the rest of the school year. Please be mindful that some dates may change and there will certainly be additions.

June	16 th	Whales class assembly	
	17 th	Think Tank meeting – 9.00am Staffroom	
	22 nd	Junior Production Week	
	23 rd	Dress Rehearsal – 9.30am	
		New Reception parent afternoon 3.30 – 4.30pm.	
	24 th	Junior Production – 9.30am	
		Junior Production – 6.30pm	
	25 th	Junior Production – 6.30pm	
	26 th	Achievement assembly 9.05 – parents welcome	
		NSA Dress Down Day – bring in items for raffle and tombola for Summer Fayre	
	27 th	NSA Summer Ball	
	29 th	Sports and Healthy Living Week	
		Kingsbury High School students arrive for the week. Yr 6 induction day at Chailey	
30 th	Dolphins class assembly 9.05am – parents welcome Yr 6 induction day at Chailey		
July	1 st	Leaver's Service for Year 6 at Crowborough – parents welcome 1.15pm	
	2 nd	Sports Day 1.30pm	
	3 rd	Sports Week Achievement assembly 9.05am – parents welcome Prayer Group meeting 3.45pm	
	4 th	Summer Fair (time tbc)	
	6 th	Bowles Residential for Year 6 (Monday – Friday)	
	7 th	Otters class assembly 9.05am – parents welcome	
	11 th	Uckfield Parade	
	14 th	Turtles class assembly 9.05am – parents welcome Open Evening 5 – 7pm	
	15 th	Leavers Service in Church (9.30am) All parents welcome.	
	16 th	Achievement assembly 9.05am – parents welcome Y6 Leavers BBQ 6 – 8pm	
	17 th	Leavers assembly in school 2.30pm All parents welcome. <i>Summer holidays – End of Term 6</i>	
	Sept	2 nd	INSET
		3 rd	Children return to school



TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

The following dates have been set as INSET Days:
**Wednesday 2nd September 2009, Monday 4th January 2010, Friday 12th February 2010,
 Thursday 22nd July 2010, Friday 23rd July 2010.**