



A Word from Mrs M....

I have thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine this week ☺
It's lovely to see the outside spaces enjoyed in this more promising weather.

We support good hygiene in school and next week I am going to be delighted to welcome the School Nurse team into school with glow boxes to raise awareness amongst the children of the importance of hand hygiene.

You will receive a letter about Parents Evening asking you to make appointments, please return this as soon as possible. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's learning and progress.

#lotsofsocks

On Tuesday 21st March it is World Down Syndrome Day. This years theme is "Odd Socks to get people talking!" We would like the children to bring a £1 donation to wear the oddest of socks, that the children can then talk about during the school day.

School Meal Prices

Telford and Wrekin are increasing school meal prices to £2.10 from the 1st April.

Big Pedal Challenge 2017

Between March 20th and 31st we will be holding an inter school competition to see which class can cycle or pedal the most to and from school.

During the Big Pedal challenge, each class are encouraged to come to school on a bicycle or scooter and store them in our bike shed.

Children will then have a chart to complete to see which class has cycled or scooted the most, in terms of journeys, not distance, the more you pedal or scoot the greater your chance of winning!

The most successful class will win a prize!

All classes will be entered onto a countrywide database to see which class has peddled or scooted the furthest.

One day during that week, we have some Telford and Wrekin Road Safety and Transport Officers who will be on the gate from 8.30am. They will be rewarding children who have come to school by bicycle or scooter with a raffle ticket for a prize draw to be held in assembly at 9am that morning.

The Officers will also be judging a 'Bling Your Bike' competition. Children are challenged to decorate their bike/scooter with the incentive of prizes!

Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament by Ruby Clews

On Thursday 9th March, Newport Junior Girls Football team for Year 3/4 went to TCAT to play in a football tournament. There were 18 schools altogether. We watched a few games and then played some of ours. We won one game and drew 2 others. The next team we were about to play were good and we drew with them. They told us we were the team that they hadn't beaten and we were all very happy. Our goalkeeper saved some great shots. After this match, we found out we had come second in our group. We were all so pleased and excited to go on and play again. Mrs Wood told us which positions we were to play in and we got ready for te game. We played and tried our best, but sadly we didn't win this match. I think we had started to get tired. Out of the 18 schools that were there we came 5th, which we all thought was really good. Well done NJS and thank you to Mrs Wood.

Year 3/4 Girls Football Report by Grace Willets

Year 3 and 4 girls football team went to a football tournament on Thursday 9th March at TCAT. I felt very excited and a bit nervous on the way their. We won our first game 1-0. After our first game I felt very happy and more confident, I was looking forward to playing the next game. The other three games in our group, we drew. This meant we went through to the 2nd round! Unfortunately we got beaten, 2-0, by St.Georges. This tournament was my first and I think we did very, very well. I felt extremely proud of my team and myself and I was real happy.

For the safety of all our children.

We are happy for you to come to school on your bikes and scooters, but please remember to leave them at the bike station and not take them onto the playground.
Thank you.



Up Coming Dates:

Friday 17th March – PTA Cake Stall

Monday 20th – Friday 24th March – Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 21st March – Yr 2 Visit at 2.30pm

Tuesday 21st March – PAG meeting in the NJS Library 2.45pm

Wednesday 22nd March – Church; Children to go directly to church for 8.50am

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day

Monday 27th March – Yr 3 and Yr 4 Parents Evening; 1.30-6pm in the School hall

Tuesday 28th March – Yr 5 and Y6 Parents Evening; 1.30-6pm in the School Hall

Tuesday 28th March – Yr 2 Visit at 2.30pm

Thursday 30th March – Yr 3 Roman Day

Friday 31st March – 5H Class Assembly; Parents from 2.50pm

Easter Bingo – 6pm in the school hall

Tuesday 4th April – Yr 2 Visit at 2.30pm

Wednesday 5th April – Senior citizens Easter Tea Party, starting at 2pm

Thursday 6th April – Whole School Music Day

Friday 7th April – Spring Fair 2-3.30pm

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Mrs M's Home Challenge 25!

Try a new food and take a photo of you trying it!

Take a photo of you completing the challenge and email it to Mrs Moody! nicola.moody@taw.org.uk or just pass her any information you may find!

Photos will be displayed in school and on the website for children who have permission to do so.

Book Week Winners

Mr Rotherham's Reading Book Treasure Hunt – Evie Spicer
Mrs Stanley's Guess the Book Competition – Jackson Lucas

Ready, Steady, Read winners
The person who read the most in lower school was Francesca Pryce 785 minutes. The upper school winner was Vinethma Jayasuriya with 1906 minutes.

James Hogan raised the most money, a whopping £70.

The class with the highest percentage of children taking part was 3K with 51.9%.

Better luck next year Mr Moody!!!



Friday 24th March
children are asked to come to school in red clothes and donate £1.

NJS CLUB WEEKLY DIARY

Please read this section every week as there are occasions when we have to amend or cancel clubs. Club lists have been sent home this week

Monday 20th March -

Book Club, 12.-12.30pm in the School Library.

Yr 3/4 Football Club, 3.30-4.30pm in the School field, **SIGNED UP Ch ONLY.**

Girls Football, 3.30-4.30pm on the school field with Mrs Wood and Mrs Willets

Worship and Values, 12.30-1pm, in the School Library.

Non-Swimmers, 12-12.30pm in the School pool.

Tuesday 21st March -

Art of Science Club, **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Choir, 12.30-1pm, in the music room.

Book Club, 12.-12.30pm in the School Library.

Yr6 Writing, 3.30-4.30pm, in 6S, **INVITED Ch ONLY.**

Yr3/4 Microsoft Club, **CANCELLED THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 22nd March -

Cooking Club, 3.30-5pm in the children's kitchen, with Mrs Sisson (the children who received letters only)

Yr5/6 Tag Rugby, **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Yr3/4 Cross Country, 3.30-4.30pm, on the School field.

Yr6 Maths, 3.30-4.30pm, in 6J, **INVITED Ch ONLY.**

Thursday 23rd March -

Yr 3/4 Computing Club, 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite - **NOW FULL**

Drama Club - in the school hall, 3.30-4.30pm.

Book Club, 12.-12.30pm in the School Library.

Yr6 Writing, 3.30-4.30pm, in 6S, **INVITED Ch ONLY.**

Friday 24th March -

Yr5/6 Football - 3.30-4.30pm on the School field.

Eco-Club, 12.30-1pm outside the Yr5 area.

Safeguarding

<http://www.newportjuniorschool.org.uk/safeguarding.php>

Have you noticed this new page on our website, pinpointing advice for keeping your children safe.

Online Safety

We have recently been made aware of a couple of APPs that are not suitable for Primary Age children. Please can we encourage you to be vigilant around the applications your child is accessing. If you need advice we can recommend these websites:

<http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting.html/guides.html> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Following a couple of queries presented to me by local residents please can we be aware of safe and courteous parking in the local area when dropping off and collecting children. It would be appreciated by residents if cars were not blocking driveways for example.

The Police are aware of the concerns presented by residents and will continue to be vigilant in the area.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Attendance

Well done to class

3S AGAIN AGAIN

who achieved 97.67% attendance.

They will receive an extra ten minutes next week.

ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent from school please report this to the school office on 01952 386600. Thank you.

BEFORE AND AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please can we politely remind you that children are not supervised before 8.50am when the school bell rings. If you wish to see a member of staff please do so via the school office, even if there are Year 3 staff in the Victorian block.

If younger, or older, children are waiting on the school yard at the end of the school day please can you ensure that they wait on the yard not on the field. If they need the toilets please come across the main block. Thank you for your support in keeping our children and school site safe.

Class Assemblies

A class assembly is time for children to share with family and friends some of the experiences they have had during their time in the classroom. Class assemblies are on **FRIDAY'S** and usually start at **2.50pm**. Dates for this school year are:

5H - 31/03/17

3S - 19/05/17 5M - 26/05/17

6J - 09/06/17 6S - 30/06/17

School Uniform

Please can we politely remind you that head bands worn to school should be black, brown, white or green.

Please can we also emphasise the importance of labelling all uniform items with your child's name. It can be frustrating when children lose items however they are generally easily returned when named.

Due to allergies in school please can we remind you that we request that children are not given nuts as snacks or in their lunch boxes. Please may we also remind you that break time snacks should be fresh or dried fruit only.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE PARKING

It is not safe for any parents to park in the car park at the front of the Year 3 Victorian block at any time. Children regularly enter and leave through these gates and parking here is a risk to the safety of our children.

Uniform clarity

We have been asked to clarify a couple of issues regarding uniform:

Footwear

In the winter months we are happy for children to wear smart, leather ankle or knee high boots. No snow boots in school.

Earrings

Please can we ensure children wear only small stud earrings to school, covering or removing for PE.

WOODWIND TUITION

Mr Gray has vacancies for pupils wishing to learn the clarinet, saxophone, flute or recorder.

If you don't have your own instrument you may be able to use a school instrument subject to availability.

For further information please contact Mr Gray on 01952 255205 or 0777 391 4065

NJS Sharing Success!

Throughout the year if your child has an achievement that you would like to share with the school community on the weekly newsletter please email me with the brief details ben.moody@taw.org.uk e.g. Joe Bloggs ran the 4k Smithy Fun Run, Betty Jones has achieved a black belt in Karate at the Kicking Karate Club.

We look forward to finding out about your success!

HOUSE POINTS

For last week:

1st Wright

2nd Darwin

3rd Jebb

4th Owen

The winners will have lunch first on the following Monday and they will also have access to the team games and activity area on the small yard.

Head lice

Please be aware that we have had a few messages from parents whose children have head lice.

Please all check your child's hair and treat appropriately. Whilst it is not school policy, we recommend that all girls try to have their hair tied up.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to all the following children, who received head teacher's awards last week. Email's about having lunch with Mrs. Moody will be sent home to the parents of the winners.

Congratulations to: Jacob Harrington, Sam Cole, Domantas Vinckas, Elodie Pilsbury, Reece Longworth, Tarik El-Gizawy, Holly Atkinson, Emily Pilling, Tristan Strydom, Jacob Cooper, Kyle Morgan, Mya Dawson, Bradley Groome, Jack Yates, Georgia Abboh, Guste Vasiliauskaitė, Archie Parton, Megan Yarsley, Chloe Hickman & Jessica Hill.