



# NJS Weekly News

"Learning to make a difference"

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## Up Coming Dates:

- October**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** –Finish for Half Term @ 3.30pm  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Children back to School  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – All Hallows themed lunch
- November**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Year 5 Open Lunch from 11am  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 4S Class assembly  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – PTA cake stall  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Open Lunch from 11am  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – 6EJ Class assembly  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Anti-Bullying Week  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Children in Need  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – 5L Class assembly  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Road Safety Week  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Mufti for a jar
- December**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Christmas Fair 2-3.30pm  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Citizens Tea Party 2pm  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Christmas Party 1.30-3.30pm  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Years 5&6 to Church for 8.50am (Performance Practice)  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** - Year 3 Christmas Party 1.30-.3.30pm  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5&6 Performance at Church; 7pm  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** - Year 3 Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Dinner

**Please remember we return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. We hope you all have a lovely half term.**

### A Word from our Head Teacher, Mrs Moody...

Well done to all of the children for their performances at the harvest festival yesterday and to worship leaders for helping to organise the celebration. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and share in our harvest festival at church.  
I hope you all have a lovely half term break, we will be back on Monday the 30th October.

### School Website

Please remember that our school website is a useful source of information about our school. We recommend that you access the newsfeed with the access "threefishes" for any additional information or news.

### PE and Swimming Times for Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term (Oct-Dec)

PE and Swimming kit will be needed by the specific children, on the following days.  
Yr 3 – Tuesday: Swimming  
Thursday: PE  
Yr 4 – Tuesday : PE  
Thursday: PE 4S  
Friday: PE 4F and 4R  
Yr 5 – Monday: Swimming  
Wednesday: PE 5M  
Friday: PE 5H and 5L  
Yr 6 – Monday: PE  
Wednesday: PE

### Mrs M's Home Challenge!

**Make a map. It could be a treasure map or a map of your local area. How interesting can you make it.**

Take a photo of you completing the challenge and email it to Mrs Moody!  
[nicola.moody@taw.org.uk](mailto: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.

### Applications for Secondary School Places

Applications open on the 12<sup>th</sup> September for children in Year 6. Applications are made online at [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date for applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> October '17.

### Safeguarding

<http://www.newportjuniorsschool.org.uk/safeguarding.php>  
Have you noticed this new page on our website, pinpointing advice for keeping your children safe?

### Healthy Lunchboxes and Break-time Snacks

Please can we remind you that we promote healthy eating at NJS. Please encourage healthy eating options for both break times and lunchtimes. Please avoid fizzy drinks and sweets.

Bags2school bags are coming home in your children's bags. It is a great opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Please note bedding, curtains, and household linen cannot be accepted (refer to [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) for details). We are combining once again with the Infant school so you can drop your bags off to the Juniors on the 15th or 16th Nov or straight to the Infants.

### Getting to know staff at NJS

The correct answer to last weeks was Miss Sherry, who is a Year 6 teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership team.

Which member of staff is this...

1. My hobbies are aquafit, cooking, holidaying (I have a bucket list to go to all the places in the World)
2. I moved 21 times before I was 21.
3. I was born in Singapore.
4. I have a degree in Hotel and Catering Management.
5. I trained with the Australian National Swimming Squad.

Please find or email Mr M with your answers.

There is a prize for the first person from each year group with the correct answer

Watch this space to find out more about our staff here at NJS.

### Parent Action Group

NJS has an active Parent Group who meet half termly to discuss school strengths and next steps. They are friendly informal meetings with effective discussions over a cup of tea! All parents are very welcome.

"Over the past five years this forum has NJS improve communications, had a say on school policies, offered opinions on school arrangements and strategies including Numeracy, Literacy, Homework, Home School Agreement, have the opportunity to views plans and be involved in developing school initiatives and had "our" say and questions answered.

This is a strong median for constructive criticism which enables school to resolve issues across its school community, in partnership with parents and teachers, improving the school, so that together we can make a difference!" Mrs Mellings, Mrs Storey, Mrs Ingman and Mrs Stacey 2016.

**Our first meeting is on Thursday 2nd November at 3.30pm in the library.**

### Lost Property

Parents please check the names in your child's uniforms. Some children have lost their uniform and have checked lost property and their classrooms, but we have no signs of it, even though it is named.

Lost property is located in the Yr3 Victorian Block.

### 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 to the main block.** Thank you for your support in keeping our children and school site safe.

### 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.

### HOUSE POINTS

For last week:

**1<sup>st</sup> Jebb  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wright  
3<sup>rd</sup> Owen  
4<sup>th</sup> Darwin**

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.

### 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:

#### Autumn

20/10/17 – 3B  
04/11/17 – 4S  
10/11/17 – 6EJ  
17/11/17 – 5L

#### Spring

02/02/18 – 4R  
09/02/18 – 6J  
02/03/18 – 3J  
16/03/18 – 5H

#### Summer

4F – 24/05/18 3k – 08/06/18  
6S – 06/07/18 5M – 20/07/18

### Attendance

Well done to class

4F who achieved

**98.57%**

attendance. They will receive an extra ten minutes next week.

### OPEN LUNCHES

You will be receiving a letter next week inviting you to this terms open lunch. Parents are invited into class at 11am for a workshop with the children, which is then followed by lunch at 12pm. The dates are:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Year 5**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6**

Please return your attendance slip as soon as possible to support the kitchen.

### Woodwind Lessons

Ever thought about playing the Saxophone, the clarinet, the recorder or the flute? Now is your chance.

Mr Gray, our woodwind teacher, has vacancies for pupils wishing to learn. 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 0777391065

### 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](mailto:ben.moody@taw.org.uk)

This weeks successful students are:

Darcey R in class 4R completed her first 5k park run at Telford last Saturday and did brilliantly.

Hannah A in class 5H completed her last level in her ice skating lessons. She's just achieved Gold in her singles skating.

### Clubs List for the week commencing; Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct:

**\*\*\*DUE TO LIGHT CONDITION OUTDOOR CLUBS WILL FINISH AT 4.15pm\*\*\***

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

- Yr 3/4 Football – 3.30-4.15pm on the school field with AFC Telford.
- Netball – 3.30-4.15pm on the small yard with Miss Payne & the Sports Apprentices

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

- Microsoft – 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite with Mr Parker
- Yr 5/6 Netball Team – 3.30-4.15pm on the small yard with Miss Payne
- Girls Football – 3.30-4.15pm on the school field with Mrs Wood and Mrs Willets.

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Yr 6 Maths – 3.30-4.30pm in 6J with Mr J (invited children only)
- Cooking – 3.30-5pm in the children's kitchen with Mrs Sisson and Mrs Jukes (signed up children only)
- Mindfulness – 3.30-4.30pm in the hall with Miss Hardy
- Yr 5/6 DIY – 3.30-4.15pm in 5L with Mr Lawson.

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Drama – 3.30-4.30pm in the hall with Mrs Green
- Girls Coding – 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite with Mr Butler
- Tag Rugby – 3.30-4.15pm on the field with Mr Parker & Mr Lawson

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

- Yr 5/6 Football – 3.30-4.15pm on the field with Mr M and Mr J
- Dance – 3.30-4.15pm in the hall with Miss Payne

### Newport in Bloom: Junior Bloomers

We are pleased to announce that the Junior Bloomers Allotment is nearly ready. Together with Tracey from the Newport Allotment Society there will be a variety of activities for the juniors at the Meadowview Road site (see below) during the half term week

Monday Faces on Halloween pumpkin and collecting leaves and twigs for other activities

Tuesday Painting Stones

Wednesday Making Animal pictures with leaves etc.

Thursday Filling the Bug Hotel and getting to know the allotment.

Activities are from 10am----1pm, just turn up on the day

Then on the 29th Sunday the Allotment shop will open where there will be cakes, drinks, treats.

We do hope that you will be able to join us at some stage next week and please tell your friends.

The official opening of the Allotment will be in the spring and we will look forward to any ideas you may have with regards planting the raised beds, watch this space and Facebook for more info.

Many thanks  
Newport In Bloom.