



# December '24 NEWARK NEWS

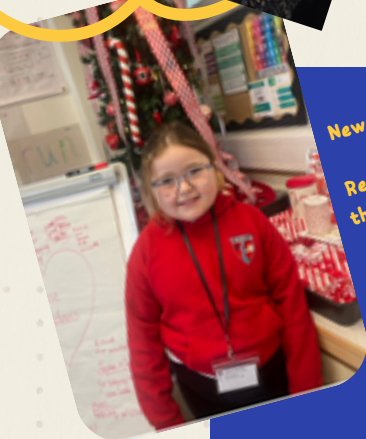
Christmas Cracker 17/12/24

#TogetherWeShine



Tickets for the Newark Christmas Cracker are now on sale at £2 each. We are limiting these to two per family with any extra tickets being made available before the performance on the 17th December '24 in New Parish Church, Port Glasgow. Children should bring their money to school in an envelope with their name and how many tickets you wish to buy written on the front before 12th December '24. Additional tickets will be available from 13th December '24.

Sharing the Learning  
UNCRG Articles 28, 29, 15,31



This year we are doing digital termly newsletters on SWAY which parents can access at any time using the link below:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/fHepW7j1oGtNxEip?ref=Link>

Every class will be tweeting their daily highlights and adding to a weekly digital Learning Journey which can have a look at using the SWAY link here:

Term 1: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/zzrLOKhJFAcK5HrD?ref=Link>

Term 2: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/zTSAowirspPkU7JE?ref=Link>

Click on the icon (dots & lines) in the bottom right corner to go direct to the class you need.

Remember to check X (Previously Twitter) for daily updates from your class.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday the 11th of December. Children should come to school wearing a 'touch of Christmas' for example, a Christmas jumper, boppers, or a bit of tinsel. The office sent an MS FORM to order your choice in advance which allows Kim in the kitchen to make her orders without waste. Please ensure your child has ordered so they are not disappointed on the day.

Cinema Trip

The whole school are going to the Waterfront Cinema on Friday 13th December, paid for by the Parent Action Group. Please ensure you have completed the open consent form on Parent Portal so they can join the fun. We will be leaving at 9am that morning and will return around 12.30pm so there will only be a sandwich option available from the canteen on this day. Children can bring a snack for the cinema but will not be able to buy snacks there. The children will have a say in the choice of films from the wonderful selection provided by Carys and the team. #UNCRCArticle12 #Enjoyment



## Sonappa

Thanks to our PAG and all our friends and families who came to the Christmas Fayre. We raised over £900!



Our current P6 children will be honoured at the Inverclyde Council Christmas Carol concert this Thursday as they achieved the Sonappa Digital Music Award through their participation in the project last year. Well done to Mr Coyle and the children! #Ambition

## #PortPals Partnerships

Mr Coyle and groups of pupils are starting a new venture alongside our friends at Newark Care home. The children will be spending time with the residents to sing, read and learn from each other. There are many benefits of intergenerational projects as they provide a unique opportunity for children to learn, grow, and develop valuable life skills while building meaningful relationships with older adults including developing a sense of connection, belonging in our community, empathy, compassion, communication skills and respect. #Kindness

## Party Time!

This year we have planned Silent Discos for P2-7 for our Christmas treat.

Wednesday 18th December- P2, P4 & P5

Thursday 19th December- P3, P6 & P7

P1 will have a traditional party and a magic show from the wonderful Galum James on Friday 20th December.

As it is the busiest time of year for him, another special visitor will be coming to see P1 & P2 on Tuesday 17th after their Christmas Cracker performance.

Our Netball Team showed #Enjoyment at the Port Glasgow Netball Tournament in November. Well done!

## Bubblegum 'N' Fluff

Our P5 children are going to visit William to take part in Bubblegum 'N' Fluff on 9th December '24. We have now been working with the team for the past few years for this experience and the children thoroughly enjoy learning about the Christian festival of Christmas. #Partnerships #Respect

We are delighted to #Welcome Port Glasgow High School band to perform for us on 16th December, they always spread Christmas joy... we can't wait!

PGHS Band

## TIE: Time for Inclusive Education

## #TogetherWeShine

As you know, our school vision, values and aims are to empower young voices, celebrate diversity and create a brighter future for the children through inclusive learning environments, empathy and compassion. One of our school improvement priorities this session is to look at our curriculum to ensure all children feel represented and understand that families can look different but you are loved.

Miss Neilson (PT Wellbeing) would like your help to complete the FORM below to gauge a sense of your confidence around this subject. We would appreciate your support with this before the end of the term:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nouEqjSiBEeTCq60y1iw5--wV\\_9IRS5KljL3ySZEXIUQVhYUOVTMTVPSzBVRzU3QUtFTVJUMUI3Sy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nouEqjSiBEeTCq60y1iw5--wV_9IRS5KljL3ySZEXIUQVhYUOVTMTVPSzBVRzU3QUtFTVJUMUI3Sy4u)

## Child Protection

Child protection is everyone's responsibility and as we head into the holiday period, I wanted to make sure people know what to do should they have a concern about a child's wellbeing. If something you see or hear makes you feel uneasy then you should speak to someone about it. If it is during the school day you can contact Mrs O'Hagan as the Child Protection Officer.

If you think a child might be in immediate danger you should always contact the police right away by dialing **999**. If the child is not in immediate danger, you have a choice about who to speak to because all adults share responsibility for keeping children safe.

You can contact the police on **101**.

You can speak to someone you already know, such as your own health visitor or doctor. They will be able to help by either giving you advice and support, or by taking the matter forward themselves.

You can contact social work services. The number to call within Inverclyde is HSCP Children and Families Social Work Team **01475 715365** (office hours) or Glasgow and Partners Emergency Social Work Services (out of office hours): **0300 343 1505**.

You do not have to give your name. While it is usually easier and more helpful if you give your own details, this is not necessary to help the child. You must clearly tell the person that you are worried about a child. Then give them as much information as you can about the child and why you are worried.

If you would like any further information about child protection you can speak to Mrs O'Hagan. You can also find information on the NSPCC website [NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

## #TogetherWeShine

**#Welcome to Newark! We love having our #NewarkFamily in and around our school!**

- Star Café for the Star Pupils and their family member on Thursday's 9- 9.30am. Don't worry if you can't make it on the first week, you are welcome to come at a time that suits you.
- Parent Drop- In on Friday 9am in the Parent Room. All are welcome!
- Follow the Parent Action Group (PAG) on X @PAGNewark or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/212086658965845/> for details of their meetings and fundraising. PAG meetings are in the staffroom on the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm.
- You are #Welcome to come along on the first Friday of the month to assembly with our chaplain Rev. Boyle from 9.15am.

Remember to add class assemblies and Stay & Play dates to your diaries.

### Contact Us...

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact us, we love to hear from you!

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If you wish to speak with a class teacher, please contact the office during school hours and we will be in touch within 72 hours.