



# May '25 NEWARK NEWS

Play clothes day coming up!

We have two 'Wear your play clothes' days coming up at Newark to help us gather things for our Summer Fayre. **Friday 30/5/25** the children can wear their own clothes and bring some chocolate for the chocolate tombola. **Friday 6/6/25** they can wear their own clothes and bring a bottle of some kind for the bottle stall. Thanks for your support.

#TogetherWeShine

Sharing the Learning

UNCRC 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 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/zrLOKhJFAcK5HrD?ref=Link>

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

Term 3:

[Newark Primary Learning Journey Term 3 2024- 2025](#)

Term 3 Week 1: Week beginning 6.1.25

[Go to this Sway](#)

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.

Geetha Marcus from University of Edinburgh is coming to meet our Anti Racist pupil group at the end of the month to learn how we have developed our pupil voice and curriculum to be inclusive and celebrate diversity. We are excited to share our learning with someone who teaches the teachers!

Empowering young voices



The school closes on Friday 22nd May '25 at 2.50pm. The children return on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May '25 at 8.50am.

May Holiday

The sports teams have been out and about in their new kits which Mr Blyth and Mr Coyle got a grant for. They love them and look very smart!

Look out for their progress on X. #Ambition

## #TeamNewark

Well done to Mrs McGroarty who participated in a Professional Learning session for educators across the country in Edinburgh this month.

She shared our attendance project and how we have developed our policy and increased attendance. This work had been highlighted by Education Scotland as good practice in their recent case study paper.

Remember we want to speak to our Parents of Colour about their experiences and that of their children with regards to racism in our school and community. We are committed to making Newark and Port Glasgow #Welcoming and a safe space for all. If you would be interested, please see Mrs O'Hagan.

❤️ Celebrating diversity

It's that time again to evaluate the improvement plan the impact of our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) spending. Staff have had their say at the inservice and I would love to hear your views on the plans for next session. The FORM will be shared with you next week. Please have a little look and feedback your thoughts by Friday 13th June '25. Thank you for your support.

Sports T club family learning is now up and running! It will be over 6 weeks and we have about 17 families planning to attend. This time we are having some of our families sharing recipes from their culture and heritage for the others to try, this will go towards our Newark Family cookbook. Thank you to the families have volunteered to come along and share their family recipes. So far the Brazilian stroganoff has been delicious!

Mrs Jackson  
@MrsJacksonNP

A very busy afternoon yesterday when we all got the chance to share presentations. We even had a special guest visitor when Mrs McGro



❤️ Creating a brighter future

We said goodbye and good luck to Mr Anderson at the start of the month as he finished in P7 to start a new career. We welcome Miss McFadgyen who will be covering until end of term.

Mrs McGregor had her beautiful baby boy. We welcome him to our Newark family.

## Staffing

Some of our pupils will be working with a local artist to develop artwork for the new B-Hive — a new community facility in Boglestone that includes a purpose-built childcare centre and welcoming space for the whole community. The aim is for pupils to collaboratively create a piece of art that captures what Port Glasgow means to them. This project offers a meaningful opportunity for young people and children to connect with their local identity through creativity.

Thanks to Mr Blyth, Ross our Active Schools Co-Ordinator and the Sports Leaders from PGHS who successfully organised our Sports Day. The children enjoyed their activities and celebrated their achievements with their classmates. A particular thanks goes to our partners Lauren Hair Dancing School, Morton in Community, and the fabulous bowlers from Port Glasgow Bowling Club. #Partnerships

### Help us be an allergy aware school

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils, especially those with allergies, we kindly ask for your continued support in adhering to our allergy-aware guidelines. Please remember to always check ingredients carefully and avoid sending in any snacks or treats containing nuts or nut traces. We also encourage you to remind your child not to share food with classmates. Your cooperation helps us create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone!

P1 induction is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 1.15pm to #Welcome our new children and families to Newark. The nurseries have already shared these details and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

The P7's are off to PGHS on these days for their induction to S1 and that information has been shared with the P7 parents... how very exciting!

## #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. Please refer to our 'Proactive Communications the Newark Way' for details of who you should contact if you have spoken to the class teacher, but require further assistance.