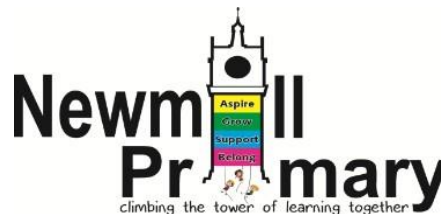




May 2026



Dear Families,

Welcome to our May newsletter. It has been a busy month in school with lots of exciting learning and activities taking place across the classes. We hope you enjoy looking through some of this month's highlights and achievements.

Average Monthly Attendance data: 95%

Curriculum



P1 -3 Outdoor Measure Challenges



P1-3 enjoyed taking their learning outdoors while exploring measure through a range of fun practical challenges. Pupils worked together to estimate, compare and measure different objects and distances using a variety of equipment.

Drumming Workshops

Thanks to funding from the Youth Music Initiative, our P5 pupils are currently taking part in a block of drumming workshops. These sessions are being delivered by Eden, lead facilitator of the Rumble Project with Drumfun and are providing an exciting opportunity for pupils to develop their rhythm, confidence and teamwork skills.

Science Workshop

P6 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to the Science Department at Keith Grammar School on Wednesday 6th May. During the visit, the pupils took part in a range of fun and interactive experiments, including making their own sparklers and watching teabags fly into the air!



The activities helped pupils develop important skills such as observation, problem-solving and scientific investigation, while also encouraging curiosity and creativity.

Rugby



Some pupils at Newmill Primary School have shown a keen interest in rugby and with support from Amanda at Active Schools, we were delighted to welcome Young Leader Lucy Main to lead rugby sessions for P4-7 pupils.

We have also been very pleased to welcome Mr Allardice from Keith Grammar School, who has kindly visited the school to deliver additional lunchtime rugby sessions,

further supporting pupils' skills, confidence and enjoyment of the game.

These opportunities have helped pupils develop teamwork, communication and sporting skills in a fun and active environment. Thank you to all involved for their support.

P3-5 Isabella's Footsteps



Following our recent event, we were delighted to receive the following feedback from Mr Andrew Simpson, Lord-Lieutenant for Banffshire:



"Many thanks and congratulations to everyone at Newmill Primary School. You were amazing! Your contributions to Monday's events were fantastic and will stay in the memories of all who were present. Your singing was clear and you remembered all your words. Your participation in the events was both enthusiastic and clearly meaningful to you. Well done on all your hard work. Everyone that I have spoken to was very impressed and clearly enjoyed themselves. Because of you, we all left knowing more about Isabella Gordon and the importance of following her example in being curious about our world and seeking to understand and protect our environment. Similarly, her success in achieving all that she did continues to be a model for us all in taking the opportunities that are available to us in school and in life. As the Sakura Cherry Trees grow and flower each year, I hope that they will remind you of Isabella and of her life as well as the importance of friendship and working with people from across the world. Well done to everyone, it was wonderful to be with you, and I hope that everyone at Newmill Primary School continues to enjoy the successes that you all deserve. I look forward to seeing you again."

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils for the enthusiasm, confidence and respect they showed throughout the event.



Ethos and life of the School Community

Tesco Fareshare

The Tesco FareShare scheme helps reduce food waste by redistributing surplus food from Tesco stores to local groups. This initiative not only supports people in the community but also promotes sustainability by ensuring food is put to good use rather than discarded.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Kay for signing up and committing to collect food through the Tesco FareShare scheme. So far, the children have benefited from this by using the food in cooking group activities and it has also enabled us to offer a variety of different fruits during Fruity Friday.



Opportunities for Personal Achievement



Basketball Tournament

On Saturday 9th May, Finlay, Beth, Hamish, Dexter, Mia and Oscar proudly represented the school at a Moray-wide basketball tournament. The pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sporting skills throughout the event.

Thank you to Mrs Simmers for organising Newmill's participation in the event and supporting the pupils throughout the morning.



Fishing Success

Well done to Oscar and Isaac for showing a fantastic Persevering Pete mindset while learning new fishing skills and successfully catching their first fish. We are very proud of their determination and resilience!



Reminder: If your child has a personal achievement you would like us to share - whether it's a sporting success, music award, club certificate or community involvement - please send a photo along with a short sentence explaining the achievement to admin.newmillp@moray-edunet.gov.uk Alternatively they can bring the achievement in to school to share. We would be delighted to feature it in our newsletter and celebrate their success with the school community.

Warm regards

S. Chalmers.

Stacey Chalmers
Acting HT



DIARY DATES

Monday 1st June - Holiday

Thursday 4th June - Sports Day at Newmill Park 1 pm

Friday 12th June - Pyjamarama - Wear PJ's to school and donate £1 to Scottish Book Trust

Friday 19th June - World Cup Themed Fundraiser Day, pupils can wear sports clothes/football strips (more details to follow)

Monday 22nd June - Newmill's Got Talent at the Village Hall 2 pm (time tbc)

Tues 23rd - Thu 25th June - KGS P7-S1 Transition Days

Tues 30th June - Thu 2nd July - P7 Outfit Moray

Thu 2nd July - Term 4 ends

