

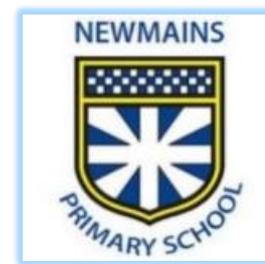


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Session: 2023 - 2024

Newsletter 4

21 December 2023

Staff News

We are delighted to share that Mrs Carlin and Miss Pinkett's baby girls both arrived safe and well in the last few weeks.

Miss Ballantyne, in Primary 2, has made the decision to leave Newmains and I am working with Renfrewshire Council HR team to make arrangements for January.

Christmas Festivities

Thank you to all the pupils, staff, parent council and parents/carers for the hard work and effort to make the last few weeks so enjoyable, with the Christmas film night, fair, concerts and parties. None of these would be possible without the dedication of the whole Newmains Team.

Not only are these opportunities for the school community to join together but also showcase the talents of our wonderful pupils and raise funds for the school in order to provide the best experience we can.

The final event of the year is the Christmas Sing along on Friday afternoon where all pupils and staff are invited to wear Christmas jumpers and festive accessories.

Next term

Our first event is Newmains Scottish week where all pupils across the school will learn a Scottish/Burns poem and culminates in a celebration on 26th January. Please support your child at home to learn their poem as part of the work on Scottish culture.

Following that, we have a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) focus for the remainder of the term with a wide range of events and activities organised, including trips to the Science Centre and Scottish Inventor Challenge class visits delivering workshops. All parents and carers are invited to the open afternoon on the 15th March 2024.



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Pupil Target Setting



Educational research shows it is important that all pupils know what and why they are learning. Pupils undertake one to one target setting discussions with their class teacher to help plan their learning and identify areas of success and development.

Last term the focus was on numeracy and maths and this term these will be reviewed with the addition of literacy. This discussion helps to form the Learning Conversation information shared with parents/carers in February. Pupils and parents/carers attend the meetings and information regarding booking will be issued on return in January.



Important Dates

22 nd December 2023	School closes for Winter holiday at 2.30pm
8 th January 2024	School reopens for pupils
22 nd - 26 th January 2024	Scottish Week
26 th January 2024	Scottish celebration
6 th February 2024	Safer Internet Day
8 th February 2024	Learning Conversations
9 th February 2024	Children's Mental Health Day
12 th and 13 th February 2024	School Holidays
14 th February 2024	Inservice day - staff only
15 th February 2024	Pupils return
29 th February 2024	Parent Council Disco
7 th March 2024	World Book Day
11 th March 2024	STEM week
15 th March 2024	STEM open afternoon
28 th March 2024	PC Easter event
28 th March 2024	School closes for Spring Holiday at 2.30pm
15 th April 2024	Pupils return
2 nd May 2024	Inservice Day - staff only
6 th May 2024	May holiday
7 th - 10 th May 2024	P7 Residential trip to Ardentenny
22 nd and 23 rd May 2024	P7 induction at Renfrew HS P1 induction at Newmains
24 th and 27 th May 2024	May holidays
13 th June 2024	Sports Day
27 th June 2024	School closes for summer holiday at 1pm

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Newmains Parent Council

The Parent Council runs many events throughout the year for pupils and their families of the school and we are incredibly grateful for their valuable support.

Most recently the Parent Council subsidised the P7 Leavers' hoodies, bought reading resources for the school and along with additional funding have agreed to help with the cost of reinstating the wooden trim trail outside, which the pupils love. Your support of their various events, help to fund all of this for the pupils and we are fortunate to have such a hardworking team.

If you are interested in joining the Parent Council or supporting their events, please contact a member via the Newmains Parent Council Facebook page or a member of office staff who can pass on your details.

Thank you for your ongoing support which is invaluable to the success of Newmains. Please contact us at school if we can be of help in any way.

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