

NEWTON NOTE



Newton Weekly Note

Week Ending 24.4.20

HELPFUL LINKS

Twitter - [@NewtonPrimary01](#).

Technical Support -
newtontechsupport@stirlingschools.net

School Website -
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/newtonprimaryschool/>

Advice to support children regarding Covid-19
<https://www.cosla.gov.uk/covid19-advice-supporting-children-and-young-people>

[Free School Meals](#)

Welcome back – As we come to the end of the first week of the summer term, I want to reassure parents and carers that we understand that this is a challenging time for everyone. We are aware that some of our families and staff have been affected by COVID-19 and to them, we continue to wish good health and safe recovery. We understand that some families are looking after vulnerable family members as well as their own children, whilst trying to work from home, or are front line workers providing essential services. This also applies to our teachers and support staff. The health and wellbeing of our whole Newton Primary School community remains the priority for us during this pandemic and throughout these uncertain times. We continue to hope that children have been accessing and enjoying the wide range of learning experiences that are being offered through our learning grids and that parents have felt supported through the Sharing Learning Leaflets that were issued last week. Please also look out for the many online resources offered through social media, BBC etc as well as getting outside into the sunshine and enjoying this beautiful weather.

P.1-P.4 Google Classroom Launch – As many families will be aware, we use Google Classroom with our P.5-7 classes to support learning and teaching in school and children have continued access this during the school closure. Our Newton Tech Team have been working hard behind the scenes to set this up to provide a safe and secure platform for our P.1-P.4 classes to access support for remote learning and link with their class teachers. Each Google Classroom will be a space to find Learning Grids, resources to support learning and provide opportunity for you and your child to share experiences and learning (either from the grids or from other activities) with class teachers. Class teachers have been exploring and learning about this new platform and are very excited and keen to hear how children in their classes are getting on during this period. **Information on how to access your child's Google Classroom, including login details, will be issued via Parentmail on Monday 27th April at approximately 10am.**

P.7 Transition Google Classroom – A reminder that Mr Ritchie has set up a Google Classroom for all P.7 across the Dunblane Learning Community to access with a few suggested activities for children to try out. Over the coming weeks a transition activity plan will be shared, and the Google Classroom will be the main place to find and share information regarding transition. Please ensure your child has joined the Google Classroom using the code **z4wrlw**. Please remind children that normal guidelines for using Google Classroom apply. Access relies on everyone being sensible, responsible and respectful about what they are writing/posting, and this will be monitored to make sure of this. Anyone who does not use this access sensibly will not be allowed this access and parents will be contacted.

Transitions - Information regarding transition to Primary 1 and between stages will be sent out via parentmail or posted to parents later in the term. Please remember our children are resilient and parents can help reduce anxiety about transitions by reassuring children, chatting their concerns through, and explaining that children across the country and indeed the globe are in a similar situation. Transition may look a little different this year, but we will do our best to make this as smooth as possible for all.

Celebrating our Green Flag Success - We are delighted to share that we have received our 6th Green Flag from Keep Scotland Beautiful as part of

the Eco-Schools Scotland Award. Our key focus areas over the last two years have been Food and the Environment, School Grounds and Litter. Well done to everyone who has contributed to our Eco activities through Leading & Learning (Groovy Gardeners, Generation Joiners, Playground Rangers and Love Food, Love Cooking) and a special mention to Mrs Sharp, the 'Tub Team' and Junior Eco Club for all their hard work. Thank you to Mrs Russell and Mrs Campbell for all your hard work to ensure we have gained this Eco Award.



Whole School Challenge

As you continue to Grow & Learn at home we would love to see what you've been doing to uphold our Newton Eco Values. Please have a look at our Eco Code and ask an adult to Tweet pictures @NewtonPrimary01 of all things Eco. It could be a picture of you learning outdoors, growing, cooking, looking after mini-beasts and garden wildlife or art work you have created for your window to cheer up your local community. We are sure you will have lots of other ideas too.

Have Fun!



You may want to explore the activities on the 'Eco Schools at Home' section of the Keep Scotland Beautiful website using the following link: <https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainable-development-education/eco-schools/eco-schools-at-home/>

I hope families have a restful weekend and a lovely week together.

Kind Regards, Mrs Kane



Our Speech and Language Therapists are missing seeing all of our children and families



If you have any questions or are looking for advice or ideas to help your child's speech, language and communication skills while schools are closed, please have a look at our online information or get in touch.

- Find us on **Facebook**: 'NHS Forth Valley Speech & Language Therapy' Speech, language and communication advice and ideas updated regularly
- Visit our **webpage**: <https://nhsforthvalley.com/health-services/az-of-services/speech-and-language-therapy/>
- You can call us on **01786 434078** (Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm)
We will answer your call if we can, but as our therapists are working differently just now to support the wider NHS, you may need to leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Remember to keep using Makaton! Have a look at www.makaton.org or www.singinghands.co.uk for some signing fun, including signed stories.

We look forward to seeing you again soon
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