



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

8th March 2019

BOOK WEEK

This week, Newchurch has truly celebrated books with our annual Book Week celebrations. The classes have been given a book by William Shakespeare as inspiration for their individual class challenges, which have ranged from dancing, to publishing books, to creating and performing puppet shows. The whole week has been such an enjoyable occasion and a huge success. Thank you for your continued support with all of the activities both in and out of school. Below is just a snippet of information about what has happened this week, but if you would like to see images and find out more, please follow us on our Twitter page @NewchurchCP.

READING CLASS SWAP

Tuesday morning was a wonderful opportunity for classes to spend time with different teachers having a book read to them.

READING PICNIC/BOOK FOLDING

Many thanks to all the parents/carers who generously gave up their time on Tuesday afternoon to come to our reading picnic and book folding session after school, which was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by both adults and children. There was such a lovely atmosphere around school. The children absolutely loved being able to spend time with their families reading some of their favourite books and creating their unique hedgehogs, which will hopefully be pride of place on their books shelves.

WORLD BOOK DAY READING SLUMBER DAY

Newchurch well and truly celebrated World Book Day on Thursday with their Reading Slumber Day. The children loved wearing their pyjamas for the day and settling down for a reading slumber when their alarm clock went off.

STORY HAT PARADE

Wow! What great story hats we saw today. It is very clear we have some very creative children (and parents). It was great to see such a range of stories shown in the hats. Well done, everyone.

BOOK SWAP

Newchurch Book Swap morning was once again a real hit! The children were so excited to be able to swap books with their classmates and have a new book to read! It was such a success.

RECEPTION:

On Tuesday, Reception had the pleasure of Newchurch Pre School visiting for a story session. They shared stories and rhymes with them.

Logan: I sat with my brother.

Noah: My old nursery teacher was there.

YEAR 1: Year 1 have had an amazing week of learning linked to the story 'The Whisperer' by Nick Butterworth. First, they created large artwork of each character and used interesting vocabulary to describe them. Then, they mapped out the story using a story mountain and used it to create a comic strip of the story.

Eve: It's fun being in our pyjamas because it's nice when we get to bring books into school. You get to lie on your pillow and read your book.

Elodie: I liked when Mr Singleton read the story 'The day the pencils came home' because it was funny.

YEAR 2: Year 2's World Book Week challenge was inspired by A Mid-Summer Night's Dream. They had to write a play and then create a puppet show to perform to another class based on the book. I am so proud of how the whole class got involved with all of the week's activities, they have worked so hard and their performances were absolutely fantastic.

Harriet: I've enjoyed the reading picnic with our grownups because we could all read together.

Ruby: I've enjoyed all the activities because I have learnt new things and I have been doing the activities at home, like book folding.

YEAR 3: This week during book week, Year 3 have been looking Julius Caesar. The children have made inferences about the characters' personalities and how they were feeling. They have also used the text to make predictions based on what has been said and done already. Year 3 have been working hard to understand the themes of power and liberty by collecting and identifying key words and phrases found within the text.

Zeph: Book week has been really nice and relaxing.

Lucas: Julius Caesar is awesome, books are awesome in general.

YEAR 4: The Year 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities this week. A real highlight for the class was creating rod puppets for the characters in the story of 'Antony and Cleopatra'. Each child has made a fantastic-looking puppet and they are looking forward to putting on a puppet show for the Year 1 children today.

Trystan: I loved making the puppets. The best part was making the roman soldier's helmet and clothes.

YEAR 5: Year 5 relished the chance to publish their own books based on Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'. They worked in teams and have assigned

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each other roles to complete the project demonstrating their amazing communication skills along the way.

Cerys: I enjoyed reading 'Twelfth Night' and developing our own publication. I am really looking forward to reading it to Year 1.

YEAR 6: Year 6 have been investigating Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and how it has influenced other texts. They have worked as part of the Newchurch Publishing House to create an engaging retelling of the story of the star-crossed lovers for Reception and Year 1. They all had a role to play in bringing the story to life and worked brilliantly as a team.

Kennedy: It was fun creating our own story and dressing in our pyjamas.

Sam: The teacher swap was really good as they read a new book to us.

Mrs Rendell: I have had a lovely time in Year 6. Thank you

HOLCROFT GRANGE VISIT Y6

Eager and confident, excited and a little nervous, Year 6 visited the residents at Holcroft Grange on Wednesday morning to share their love of reading. Upon arrival, the children (story readers for the morning) were paired up with the welcoming, older generation of story lovers. The children read their own books aloud to their partners for the ensuing half hour. Smiles of appreciation and delighted requests of "please visit us again" followed the children as they waved farewell.

Mrs Urmston: Year 6 behaved impeccably: they showed respect and maturity whilst sharing their love of reading stories with their new-found friends.

Ellie: I really enjoyed reading to the people at Holcroft Grange. Everyone was giving us compliments and being really kind. They were all really sad when we had to come back to school.

Savannah: I really enjoyed the experience of getting to read to the residents at Holcroft Grange because the gentleman I was reading to was really getting into the book. Also, the lady next to me really enjoyed my reading and at the end they both complimented me.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Many thanks to those parents (and grandparents) who attended the workshops on Wednesday, which looked at Phonics and how to support your child when reading a non-fiction text. These were the second set of workshops this year and the feedback has been very positive. The next English workshop, as requested by parents, will be poetry.

- "It helped going back to basics on how to retrieve information quickly when needed, as we are so used to reading fiction."
- "Interesting facts about using the headings and subheadings to find information. Great idea to mix up which parts of the

book you can read and not to read from front to back."

- "Good tips for encouraging reading non-fiction and interesting ways of checking understanding of the text."

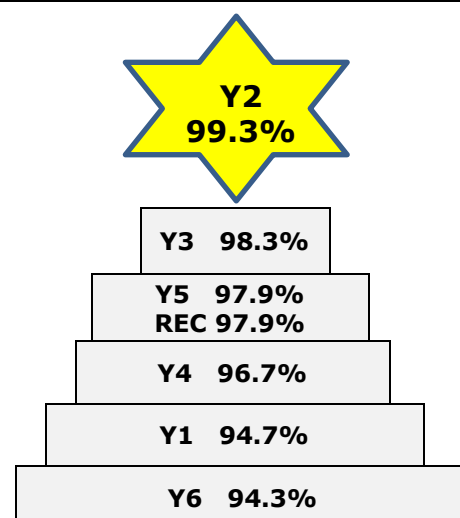
Comic Relief Friday 15th March

Children should be in FULL UNIFORM.
Children may wear Red Nose accessories (socks, headwear, glasses etc)
£1 donation to Children in Need

READING LADDER w/e 8th March 2019

	Y4 100%	+
	Y5 100%	+
	Y6 97%	+
	Rec 79%	+
	Y2 77%	+
	Y3 73%	+
	Y1 46%	-

Attendance w/e 1st March 2019
Our whole target is 97.5%



Please remember to telephone school if your child is unwell so that such absences can be recorded as unauthorised. If permission is not given for a holiday or we are not informed of the reason for an absence, it will have to be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

SCHOOL DIARY DATES	
11.3.19	Y4 PAN performance
12.3.19	Class photographs plus Y6 individual photos.
20.3.19	Non uniform – Colours for Peace – DONATION VIA PARENT PAY
28.3.19	PTA meeting 7pm school
29.3.19	Thankyou service 9.15am
5.4.19	Dress down day for Easter eggs
8.4.19	Easter Bingo
13.5.- 16.5.19	KS2 SATS WEEK
23.5.19	Summer Disco
28.6.19	PTA BBQ
4.7.19	Y6 Play CHS
12.7.19	Y6 Prom (arranged by parents)
To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 5 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July.	

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Lawrenson