

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 7
Friday 22 March 2024



Hi Everyone 😊

We are almost at the end of a short, but very busy half term. So much has been packed into the last 4 weeks. For after school clubs there has been Smugglers Run, Bee Netball, Sports Captains Champions League, Bowden Arts Club and Being Outdoors Forest School. A huge thank you goes to the Sports Captains for organising the first three events and the second two are ongoing clubs that happen every week and will continue to do so after Easter. We will also be running a netball club for Y5 & Y6, the information is on dojo and has been emailed home.

Carol Taylor – Head teacher

Sports Events

Other Sports Events include Bikeability – some of our year 6 children have completed the Level 3 Bikeability training. This is a new step for us and shows the commitment that has been given by Mrs Fisher to developing cycling skills in school. Children have also been to the Dance Festival, Gymnastics Competition and Sports Hall Athletics. Well done, to all the children who took part, they always contribute brilliantly.

World Book Day

World Book Day was wonderful! Mrs Adams organised the running order and ideas for events, everything was based around different books. The children really enjoyed the day and it was lovely to see them all engaging with the reading activities. They were also split into groups of mixed age children and the older children did a sterling job of looking after the younger ones.

Take Part

Take Part came in to school to work with children in year 3 and year 5. They did sessions on drama, acting, singing and dancing on the theme of Seussical the Musical. Lots of smiling faces and positive feedback tells us it was very well received.

Neurodiversity Week

Neurodiversity Week helped children to get an appreciation of the ways our brains work, how we are all unique, why some of our brains work differently and why we should celebrate our differences. The children have explored different aspects throughout the week. The silent disco yesterday was a huge success for all concerned. The SEND team in school organised this and I'm really grateful for their continued ongoing support and hard work.

Parents Evenings

Our Parent's evenings have taken place this week. For the first time, we placed tea and coffee in two stations hoping that you would help yourselves after a long day. Teachers have reported that they have had really positive, open and honest conversations with parents and for this we thank everyone involved. A link to the questionnaire was given out and we had 90 responses!! This is far more than we usually receive. Again, the responses have been very positive, they have gone straight to governors for their perusal and they will send out their response to the questionnaires in due course. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts and opinions with us.

Jewellery

Please follow the guidelines on wearing jewellery – I still see children wearing necklaces and plastic chokers. Earring should only be studs and watches can be worn but that's it! Thank you.

Uniform

We have completed the two-year transition for wearing the red and black uniform and the transition to purple is complete. We have kept the uniform as simple and cost-effective as possible. If you still have red or black uniform for recycling, it can still be brought into school and we will make sure it gets purposefully recycled.

There is also a uniform stall in New Mills Market hall which is part of the Community Hub. They sell lots of our uniform at a greatly reduced price.

Family Support

Kellie Knowles, our new Inclusion Manager for Family Support for the PEGS cluster has begun working with us. Her main role is to support families with Early Help Assessments and to signpost families to services that may be able to support them. She is preparing a leaflet to share with you all about her role.

New Mills Gardening Club

Spring is here. We are planning on having a plant/plug at the end of May. If you are like us and you are planning to put some seeds in, please could you put some extra in for us? The gardening club helps to support the pupils to learn about plants, how to grow them, different seeds and their anatomy. If you would like to get involved, please let Miss Moody know.

PTA Easter Bake Off

Bring your cakes to the hall in the morning for judging. There will be a KS1 & KS2 winner. No more than 6 cakes per child please. At 3.15 pm you are invited to join us for afternoon tea in the school hall where the cakes will be available to purchase alongside hot and cold drinks.

Reminder we finish for Easter on Thursday 28 March 😊

Diary Dates 2024 so far.....

<i>Monday 25 March</i>	<i>PTA Spring bake off</i>
<i>Tuesday 26 March 2pm</i>	<i>Y3 & Y4 Spring Show</i>
<i>Wednesday 27 March 5.30 pm</i>	<i>Y3 & Y4 Spring Show</i>
	<i>Y5 trip to the Lowry</i>
<i>Monday 15 April</i>	<i>Y4 Swimming starts</i>
<i>Thursday 18 April</i>	<i>Neurodiversity meeting in school</i>
<i>Wednesday 24 April</i>	<i>PTA Beetle drive</i>
<i>Thursday 25 April</i>	<i>Y1 Day trip to Chester Zoo</i>
<i>Tuesday 30 April</i>	<i>Travelling science visiting school</i>
<i>Tuesday 7 May to Wednesday 8 May</i>	<i>Y3 & Y4 Whitehall residential trip</i>
<i>Sunday 19 May</i>	<i>Duck race in New Mills</i>
<i>Wednesday 22 May</i>	<i>Y6 trip to Delamere Wildshore</i>
<i>Monday 27 May</i>	<i>HALF TERM</i>
<i>Friday 7 June</i>	<i>Y2 Day trip to Whitehall</i>
<i>Saturday 8 June</i>	<i>New Mills carnival</i>
<i>Monday 10 June</i>	<i>INSET DAY</i>
<i>Friday 28 June</i>	<i>PTA bring chocolate non-uniform</i>
<i>Thursday 4 & Friday 5 July</i>	<i>Y6 Transition days to NMHS</i>
<i>Friday 5 July</i>	<i>Y2 Day trip to Whitehall</i>
<i>Friday 5 July</i>	<i>PTA bring a bottle non-uniform</i>
<i>Friday 5 July</i>	<i>Summer fair</i>
<i>Wednesday 10 July</i>	<i>Summer disco</i>

