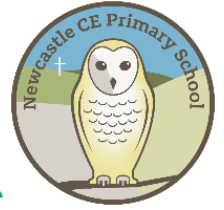




Blue Hills
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NEWCASTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 29th September

Whole School News

What a fantastic two weeks we have had at Newcastle. We have had two Celebration Assemblies and it has been great to see some members of the community being able to attend. It is a great chance to celebrate children's achievements with photos and examples of learning.

Foundation Friday also started last week, and it was lovely to see children playing together and making new friends. Our children have been fabulous showing our values of Friendship and Family, and Respect.

The school hall and corridor is also being populated with some examples of amazing learning opportunities, not just from the classroom but also learning outdoors. Mrs Benson (Sid's mum) has also been creating a new 'Values Tree' for the hall. I would like to thank her for the wonderful creation, and also to Barry Swancott for his woodwork skills and time in making the tree. There will shortly be a new up-to-date school website. Over time, further information will be added. We also have a school X (Twitter) feed in which photos of children's learning will be posted (@NCEPrimary).

On Wednesdays we will be welcoming a member of the Community, Mrs Thomas, to listen to children read, and also a special mention to Ann Tobia, a retired headteacher, who is supporting the new Student Council. Our proud foundation representatives are Ben, Sam and Thomas (Year 6). The Council will be expanding later in the year. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at our school, please speak to Steph who can begin a DBS check.

Just a reminder that next month the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir, will be performing at Newcastle School on October 25th, and we will be having workshops during that particular week. Thanks to Mel Sharp for leading this. It should be special occasion.

Finally I wish everyone a wonderful weekend as we head into Autumn—a great time to be out and about exploring nature.

Acorn Class News and Learning

During the last fortnight the Acorn class have been creating stories about Something Fishy, they spent a lot of time in English creating characters, describing settings, creating story maps and finally completing their story. They have done such a fantastic job and it was brilliant to see such an eagerness to write! In Maths, the children have continued developing their understanding of place value, looking at place value grids and number lines. The acorn class took a keen interest in our work on rivers and have looked at the main features including; meanders, source, mouth, channel, bank and bed. This week we looked at the River Severn, we had a great time on Google maps looking at the source, the mouth and at some locations in between. During R.E. the children looked at the Christian Creation story and this led to some great discussions. The class also started their PSHE work on Jigsaw.



Oak Class News and Learning

We have had another couple of busy weeks. In English we have been reading the Iron Man and the children are really enjoying learning about the farming family in the story. We have been using direct speech and developing the pace of writing. In maths, we have deepened our understanding of place value, and have now started the four operations. In geography we have been doing some follow up work from our trip to Cardingmill Valley. Foundation Friday was a real success for the first week. We learnt about E-Safety, dance, about percussion instruments and art from different cultures.



The class have spellings that they can practice at home. Spelling tests will be done in class on Thursdays and new spellings will be sent home on Thursday or Fridays. It is also fantastic to see all the children bringing in homework and the effort that was put in is admirable. Thank you for supporting this.

Dates and Reminders

Foundation Fridays (come to school in PE Kits)

3rd October—Parent Consultation Day

9th October—Harvest Festival. Newcastle School 2:30 followed by Macmillan Coffee afternoon.

25th October—Pearl of Africa Concert.

26th October—Open Day

27th October—PD Day

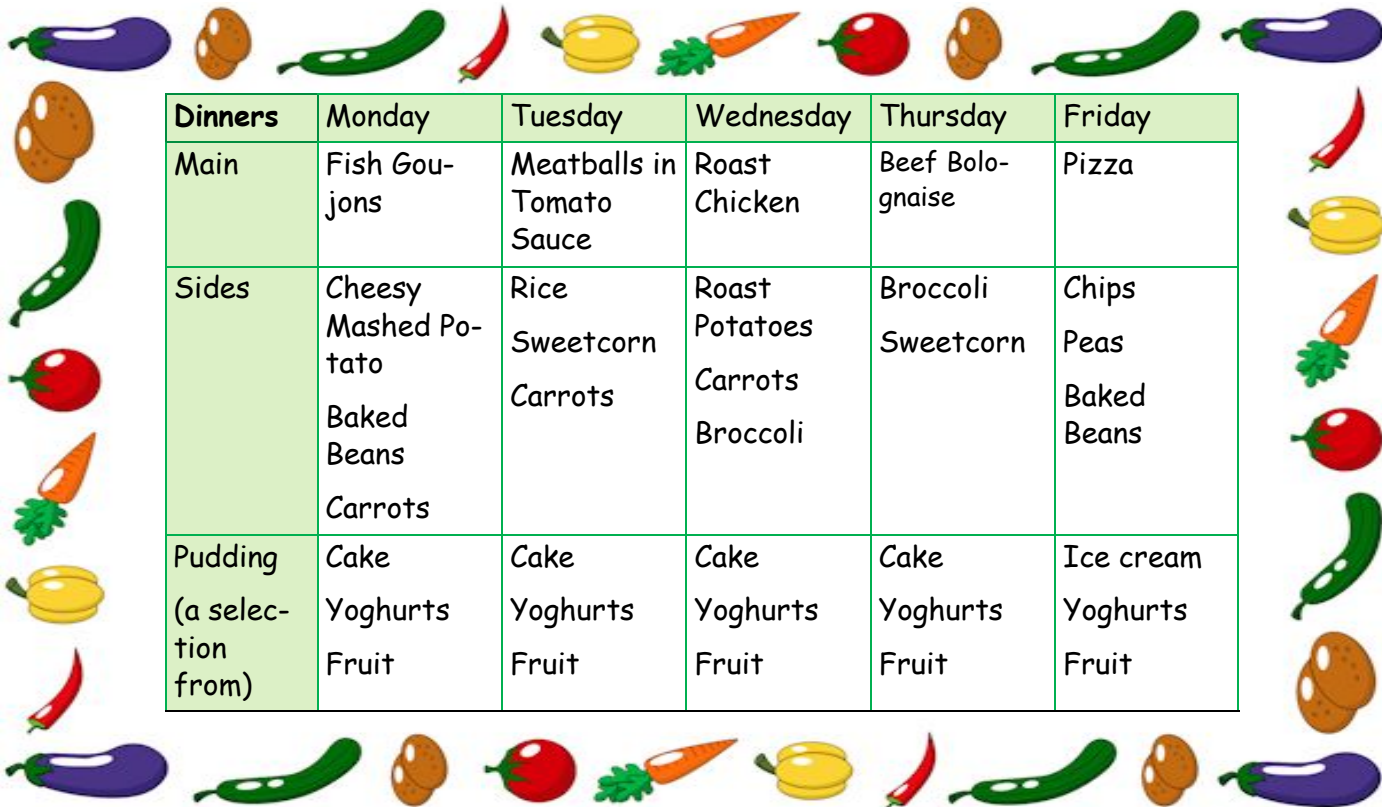


Children's Voice

On Friday, at Clunbury, we learned about an artist called Yinka Shonibare and how he celebrates diversity. His work was based on the wind and the way it moved. I really enjoyed going to Clunbury and mixing with other children. I am looking forward to further art work.



By Amelie (Year 5)



Dinners	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Fish Goujons	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken	Beef Bolognaise	Pizza
Sides	Cheesy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Carrots	Rice Sweetcorn Carrots	Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips Peas Baked Beans
Pudding (a selection from)	Cake Yoghurts Fruit	Cake Yoghurts Fruit	Cake Yoghurts Fruit	Cake Yoghurts Fruit	Ice cream Yoghurts Fruit

School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pot Luck (Miss Newey / Mrs T)	Craft (Mrs Jones)	Computing (Mr Richards)

Other Notices / Photos



Birthdays and Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Phoebe, who celebrated her birthday on the 22nd September.
Happy Birthday to Mrs T, who celebrated her birthday on the 25th September

If your child has celebrated or achieved anything special outside of school please do let us know so we can include their achievements in our newsletter.

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Values Stars of the Week!

<p>Acorn Class</p> <p>In assembly, we have celebrated Chloe's achievements.</p>	<p>Oak Class</p> <p>In assembly, we have celebrated Katie's achievements.</p>
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Our School and Federation Vision

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.'
Proverbs 22:6 The Good News Bible

Our Values

Trust & Truth, Love & Respect, Thankfulness, Friendship & Family, Perseverance and Resilience