

HOMELINK

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Dear Children & Parents,

Today we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Walker. We wish her the best of luck in her new role at Court Moor. She will be very much missed, she is an invaluable member of the admin team and will be missed by all.

Earlier this week I was reading an article (<https://michaela.education/our-media>) about Ms Birbalsingh, head of Michaela Community School, often dubbed in the media as Britain's strictest Headteacher. As a secondary headteacher Ms Birbalsingh often takes an approach that we wouldn't adopt at Newlands. However I often find her approach thought provoking and it gets me thinking about the things we do. Her focus recently has been on how schools and parents can work together successfully to support children. In doing this she came up with 7 rules for parents:

1. Show a united front ... and have a strong relationship with your child's teacher;
2. Never let them be late ... and make sure you send your child to school with the right uniform;
3. Homework is on you ... and check your child has really done it;
4. Be a pushy parent ... and encourage your kids to do extra work at home;
5. 'Thank' teachers for punishment ... rather than complaining about your child's detention, it shows they care about your child and want to show them they can't behave in a certain way;
6. Don't gossip about the school ... instead, 'be brave enough' to talk to someone at school about your worries;
7. Understand that you don't run the school ... and 'show the teachers respect because they are professionals'.

The rules are blunt and secondary focussed but I agree with the sentiments behind them. At Newlands the communication and relationships between staff and parents is exemplary and a real success of the school but as with every school there are niggles.

William Neighbour

Key Dates

October 2022

10th Parents' Evening 3:30pm—6:30pm

12th Parents' Evening 4:30pm—7:30pm

21st Break up for half term

31st Children back to school

November 2022

7th 2023/24 Reception Open Event 10am

10th Whole School Flu Immunisation

15th 2023/24 Reception Open Event 7pm

18th Children In Need

25th INSET—School closed to children

30th 2023/24 Reception Open Event 10am

December 2022

9th Infant Nativity Filming

12th KS2 Christingle Service @ St Peter's Church 10am

12th Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal

13th Infant Nativity (10am & 2pm)

14th Infant Nativity (10am)

15th Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

16th Break up for Christmas at Lunchtime

16th Break up for Christmas @ 1:30pm

January 2023

3rd INSET—School closed to children

4th Children Start Back

February 2023

10th Break up for half term

20th Children Start Back

March 2023

2nd World Book Day

6th Parent's Evening 3:30pm—6:30pm

8th Parent's Evening 4:30pm—7:30pm

17th Sport Relief (Provisional date)

31st Colour Team Morning (with parents)

31st Break up for Easter at 1:30pm

April 2023

17th INSET—School closed to children

18th Children Start Back

May 2023

8th KS2 SATs Starts

26th Break up for half term

June 2023

5th Children Start Back

16th Den Building afternoon with parents

30th INSET—School closed to children

July 2023

10th Y6 Production Filming

11th Y6 Production Dress Rehearsal

12th Y6 Production Evening

13th Y6 Production Evening

14th Annual Reports to Parents

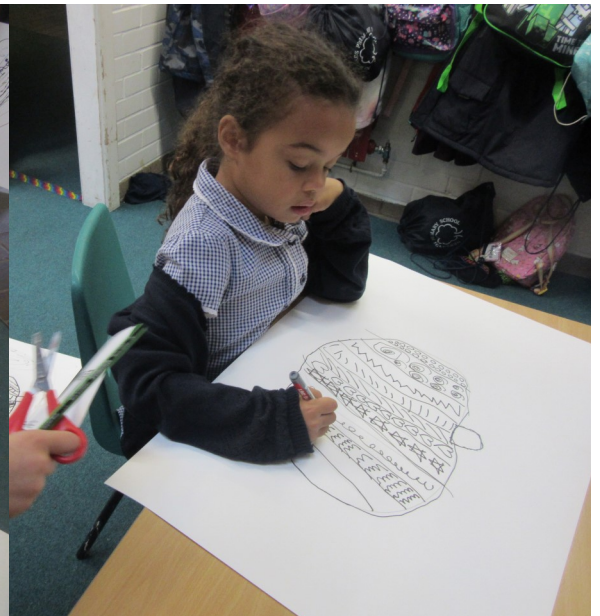
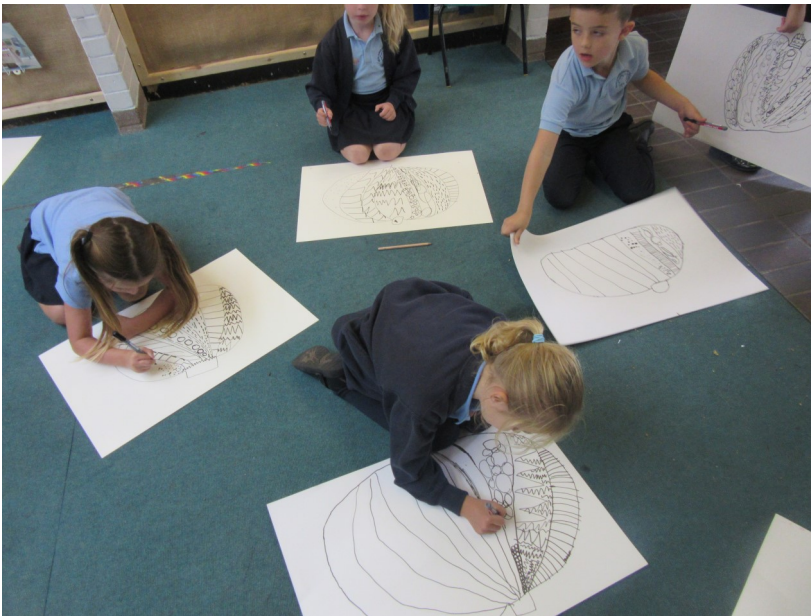
17th Newlands' Got Talent Festival

18th Sports Day

20th Y6 Leavers' Service

21st Break up for Summer at Lunchtime

PTO for Oak & Silver Birch class photos.



Oak Class, October 2022

Wow!! What an amazing start to the year! The children have settled in so quickly and are full of energy and enthusiasm.

We have been revising oceans and continents, finding out about Rosa Parks, and creating pumpkins in art based on the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. In science, we are growing cress to find out what happens when it is grown in the light and dark.





Silver Birch Class, October 2022

This term we have been learning about the Stone Age and the Iron Age in Silver Birch. It has been really interesting to find out how people lived in both of these ages. During one of our history lessons we started to create our own Iron Age forts to show how different it was to live in that time in history. For our Maths work we have been learning about 3-digit numbers and created our place value robots. We have also been adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. Next we will be solving problems using our adding and subtracting. For our Art we have been recreating Stone Age cave art. We looked at examples of Stone Age art. Most Stone Age people made prints of their hands and pictures of themselves or animals they hunted. Have a look at some of our examples in the photographs. It has been a fun start to the year.

