



New Brighton

Weekly News



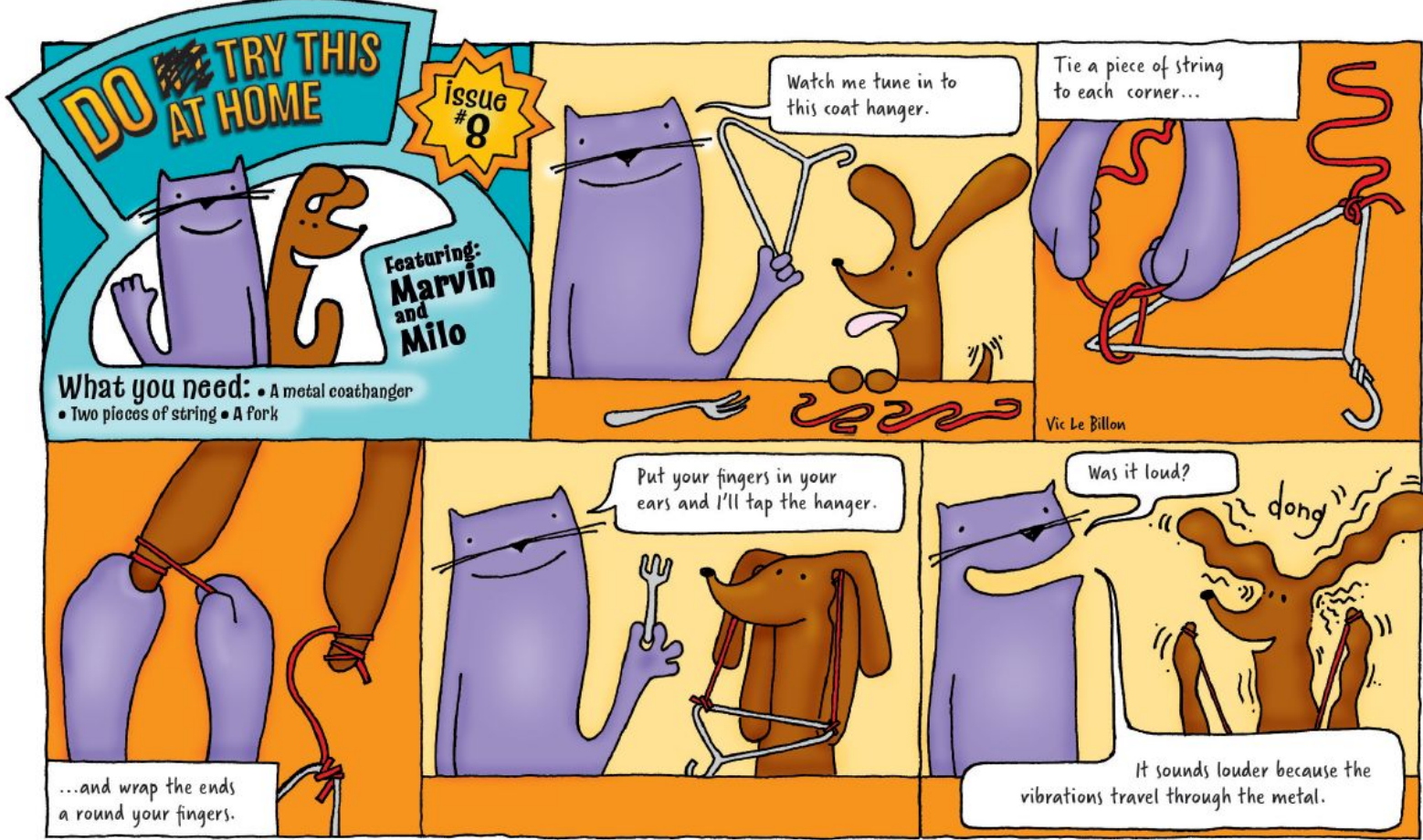
Friday 17th April



# Jigsaw!

We would like to let you know that our new topic in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) will be *Relationships*. This important theme will support children in developing the knowledge, understanding, and skills they need to form and maintain positive relationships with others. Over the coming weeks, we will explore a range of age-appropriate topics including belonging to a family, making and being a good friend, managing conflict, and understanding different types of families. We will also cover areas such as physical contact preferences and boundaries, trust, appreciation, jealousy, love and loss, and recognising the roles and responsibilities within relationships. Children will learn about keeping safe online, how to get help when needed, and the impact of their choices on others, including children in different parts of the world. In addition, we will discuss important aspects of self-esteem, mental health, and how to build safe and respectful relationships both offline and online. Thank you for your ongoing support as we guide the children through these vital life skills.



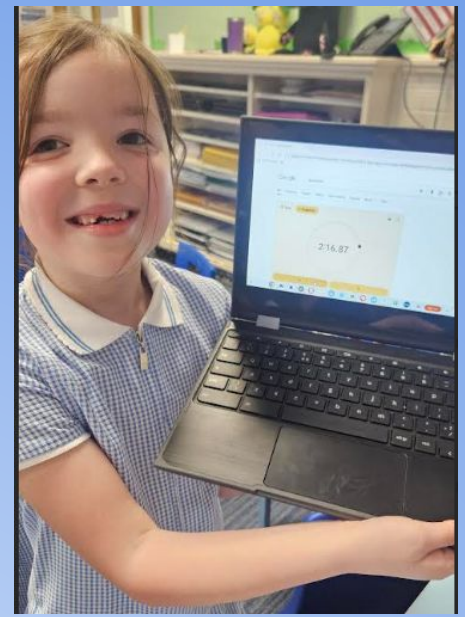


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1LB started their new science topic, 'Plant Parts', this week. We had a great time exploring our beautiful school garden on a plant hunt, where we discovered a wide variety of plants. Among the many we found were daffodils, bluebells, nettles, and dandelions, along with plenty of others.



# A HEALTHY start to summer in 2JH!!

In Year 2, we are doing a fitness experiment to help improve our strength. For 10 days, we will practise different strength exercises to help us get better at holding a plank. We will record our plank times at the beginning and at the end of the experiment. When the ten days are finished, we hope our plank times will increase and that our overall strength will improve.



# Signs of Spring in the Poppies

In F2 the Poppies class have been busy exploring the wonderful signs of spring! The children loved visiting the school garden to do some planting and have been fascinated learning about frog life cycles. This week brought extra excitement as our very own caterpillars arrived—we can't wait to watch their transformation!



# Promise Heroes

THESE STUDENTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUR  
SCHOOL PROMISE WELL THIS WEEK

FOUNDATION

KS1



LKS2

UKS2



# Hot Chocolate with the Head of School

These children were invited to Mr Jones's hot chocolate afternoon. They were nominated by teachers and parents in recognition of them going above and beyond or excelling in an area, not just academically.



**Well done to: Alfie, Scarlett, Elijah, Oliver, Mia and Tahlia, Joey and Leo.**

If your child has done something that you feel is worthy of a hot chocolate then send in details to

[d.armer@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:d.armer@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk)

Thanks for all of the parent nominations last week, we take them all into consideration- looking forward to next week





We are delighted to share some exciting news with you—Joey, our new school therapy dog, will be joining the New Brighton family very soon.

You may already have seen this week's Dojo message introducing Joey, our adorable 3-month-old Golden Retriever, who will be training to become our school therapy dog. Joey was born on 11th January 2026 and comes with a lovely backstory. He lives with his brother, Chandler, who is also training to be a therapy dog at another school. You never know, he may even come and visit us one day.

Joey was given the rather fitting name "Well Grown Boy" by his breeder, as he is already much bigger than his brother. He's a happy, playful puppy who absolutely loves children and spends lots of time with Mr Mycroft-Armer's two children (12 and 13) and his 8-year-old nephew. When he's not enjoying cuddles, Joey loves playing with his toys, especially a game of fetch with his favourite squeaky ball.

Next week, Joey will begin visiting school to get used to the sights and sounds of a busy environment. At this stage, he will not be meeting any children, as he is still very young and has lots of training ahead of him.

Over the coming weeks, as Joey becomes more confident, we will carefully begin introducing him to children. In around four weeks' time, we plan to start short, structured sessions with children, initially on a one-to-one basis or in very small groups. We will be looking for children who are calm and comfortable around dogs, and we will always gain parental consent before any interaction takes place. All sessions will be short, positive and carefully supervised.

It is important to remember that Joey is still very much a puppy. He is not a fully trained therapy dog just yet and definitely still has his "L plates" on.

We are incredibly excited about Joey joining our school community and look forward to sharing updates as he grows, learns and becomes part of everyday life at New Brighton Primary School.



 Stay tuned for more of The Adventures of Joey





Cheshire and Wirral  
Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

**Online Parent/Carer  
Workshop**

Are you worried about your child's transition to secondary school and would like to find ways to support them?

These workshops will be an opportunity for parents/carers to learn about transition and a time to ask questions.

**Dates & Times**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 17:00-18:00  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 12-13:00  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 17:00-18:00  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 12-13:00



The workshop will take place on Microsoft Teams. If you would like to attend, please book your place by emailing [cwp.wirralmhstadmin@nhs.net](mailto:cwp.wirralmhstadmin@nhs.net) along with the name of your child's school.

For more information on this offer please discuss with your school's link practitioner.



This week's Makaton sign in our new series is:

Miss School Miss Out  
learning about  
**Different Families**

Brought to you by children from 4JJ.



**Home Reading Champions**

Class	%	Class	%
HUB 1		3LM	TRIP
HUB 2	29%	4ML	83%
POPPIES	-	4JJ	88%
BUTTERCUPS	-	4LM	88%
1RB	58%	HUB 3	67%
1LB	78%	5NM	35%
1OT	56%	5LC	88%
2BT	63%	5MC	86%
2RB	44%	6HC	54%
2JH	42%	6SJ	65%
3DN	TRIP	6TS	67%
3CC	TRIP	<b>Total</b>	64%

Well done to class 4JJ, 4LM and 5LC who have the highest reading average this week. Please try to read 5 times a week with your child - the results of regular reading make such a difference to them across all subjects in the curriculum.

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# Attendance

*We aim for 100% our target is 98%*

*Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.*

Class	%	Minutes Late	Class	%	Minutes Late
Nutmeg	96.3	33	3DN	92.3	39
Poppies	93.3	30	4ML	97.8	29
Buttercups	95.2	7	4LM	95.4	34
1RB	98.1	11	4JJ	94.2	43
1LB	95.7	60	HUB 2	90	0
1OT	94.2	97	HUB 3	85.6	20
2BT	97	18	5NM	93.5	63
2RB	97.8	2	5LC	96	0
2JH	95	140	5MC	86.6	167
HUB 1	91	14	6HC	93.6	45
3LM	99.3	34	6SJ	96.5	45
3CC	92.9	10	6TS	98.5	38
<b>Whole School</b>					
<b>Whole School Attendance</b>	<b>94.7%</b>		<b>Lost Learning</b>	<b>16 HRS 19 MINS</b>	

## Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence. You can speak to the office staff or leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register. **Punctuality is also very important, we now have a signing in screen for late arrivers and early leavers at reception.**



# School Promise Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

<b>Nutmeg</b> Lewie	<b>Class 3LM</b> Lochlan
<b>Buttercups</b> Kobe	<b>Class 4JJ</b> Robbie
<b>Poppies</b> Laurie	<b>Class 4LM</b> Alice S
<b>Class 1RB</b> Hope	<b>Class 4ML</b> Pearl
<b>Class 1LB</b> James	<b>Class Hub 2</b> Francis
<b>Class 10T</b> Marley	<b>Class 5LC</b> Moillie-Mae
<b>Class 2BT</b> Edith	<b>Class 5MC</b> Clara
<b>Class 2JH</b> Lucas	<b>Class 5NM</b> Julia
<b>Class 2RB</b> Ivy C	<b>Class Hub 3</b> Jasmine
<b>Class Hub 1</b> Jacob	<b>Class 6HC</b> Aeira
<b>Class 3CC</b> Nuala	<b>Class 6SJ</b> Josh
<b>Class 3DN</b> Bella	<b>Class 6TS</b> Erin

