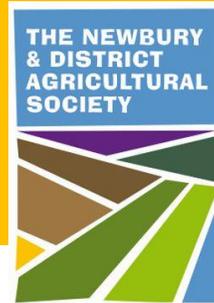


THE NEWBURY
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PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Newbury & District Agricultural Society is a registered charity and offers its education services including workshops and events completely **free of charge** to schools throughout Berkshire, Wiltshire, South Oxfordshire and North Hampshire.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact and disrupt our everyday lives, we are having to ensure that our programme evolves in a way that ensures the safety of everyone involved in making it happen.

Workshops include: Buttercup, Rasher, Clover, Potato challenge, Outdoor themed days, Breakfast workshops, Autumn Harvest Celebrations.

For more information, please contact our Education Officer, Jan Murray by email: education@newburyshowground.co.uk or by phone: **01635 247111**

MEET THE ANIMALS

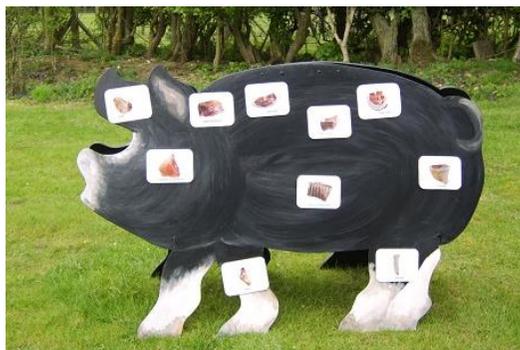


BUTTERCUP

Where does milk come from? Why not book a visit from our wooden milking cow, Buttercup and this question will be answered! Buttercup can be booked to visit anywhere in Berkshire, and students can have a go at the traditional milking method, whilst discovering the journey of milk, from cow to the breakfast table.

The subjects covered are; Early Years and KS1 – The Story of Milk from Cow to Consumption, Years 3 and 4 – Rights and Responsibilities, (The Red Tractor), and Years 5 and 6 – milk treatments including pasteurisation and Louis Pasteur.

You can book Buttercup for one class or every class in the school. If she has previously visited your school and you have pupils who have not met her yet, why not consider another visit?



RASHER THE BERKSHIRE PIG

Our Berkshire pig Rasher is now taking bookings.

At no cost to your school, a visit allows the students to learn about a day in the life of a pig and how different parts of the animal are used, and can include a sausage making demonstration, with a plate of pork sausages for you to cook up and sample after the visit is completed.



CLOVER

Clover the goat is the latest addition to our menagerie of wooden animals.

A visit from her is suitable for any age group in the Primary School and comes with a talk all about goats which will ensure everyone is a goat expert at conclusion.

Students will be able to have a go at hand milking and there will be the opportunity to have a small tasting of goat's cheese.

POTATO CHALLENGE



The Newbury and District Agricultural Society invite you to take part in the annual Potato Challenge for 2021.

All you have to do is register for your free growing kit at growyourownpotatoes.org.uk by January 22nd and book a place with the Education Officer, (details below).

It's not long so don't delay! You will receive everything you need, including seed potatoes, grow bags, instructions and charts.

We have places available for 10 schools to bring their planting kits and a class of children to either Newbury Showground on March 15th or to Langley Academy on March 16th for a grand Planting Day and then return on June 14th to the Showground or 15th June to Langley Academy for a Harvesting Day.

The children will be able to learn more about the humble potato, have the opportunity to taste different potato products and do some cooking with potatoes at both sessions.

Prizes will be awarded at the Harvesting Days for the heaviest yield and there are also fantastic national prizes to be won. Places are limited so if you would like to reserve a slot at what promises to be two exciting and informative days, please contact us as soon as possible.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. We understand the cost of transport can be an issue for schools so if you cannot come to the Planting Day but would like to be included in the Harvesting Day, that is fine.

Just let us know and be sure to plant your potatoes at school on March 15th or 16th.





OUTDOOR THEMED DAYS

Would you like to bring a class of pupils to Newbury Showground for an outdoor themed day?

Topics can include team building, orienteering, senses, colour, plants – the list is endless! If you have limited grounds or would like to give your pupils experience of a large, safe environment, this could be for you.

Days are planned to meet your individual requirements and are free of charge.

For more information on any of our free education workshops , please contact our Education Officer, Jan Murray:

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BREAKFAST WORKSHOPS & AUTUMN HARVEST



Shake Up Your Wake Up – Breakfast Workshops

Did you know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day?

Missing it can lead to loss of concentration so we are supporting the national “Shake Up Your Wake Up!” campaign with a series of workshops which aim to educate Primary children about it.

With porridge and smoothie demonstrations, breakfast themed games and a talk with our milking cow Buttercup, there is plenty to do.

The workshops are all booked for this year but reservations are now being taken for January 2022.

Autumn Harvest Celebration

These autumn themed days see schools attend either a day at the showground or at Wellington College and spend the morning apple bobbing, tasting a variety of English apples, learning about growing pumpkins, enjoying the story of Johnny Appleseed and having a cookery demonstration.

In the afternoon any home grown pumpkins are weighed and prizes are awarded for the heaviest ones. These days will running again in October.



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