



# Newnham News

Friday 9 February 2018

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## Attachments

- Safer Internet Day 2018 Top Tips for Under 11s
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- Diary dates
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## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week we have enjoyed children's performances in the Year 5 play and in Reception's assembly. Year 5 worked incredibly hard on their play *The PIRATES!* In an adventure with *SCIENTISTS!* The singing was excellent, especially the solos and there were a lot of lines to learn which all the actors performed with great confidence, expression and obvious enjoyment. Well done to Year 5 and thank you to Mr Pinnock who adapted the script and directed the play using many of the children's ideas. Thank you also to Mrs Palmer, Mrs Cole and Mr Jach for all their contributions. Currently our greetings are in Turkish:

Welcome	Hoşgeldiniz (Hosh gel din iz)
Hello	Merhaba (mehr hah bah)
Good morning	Günaydın (Guen eye duhn)
Good afternoon	İyi günler (Tuen eye duhn)
Good bye	Hoşçakalın (Hosh cha kaluhn)

Please see this link for help with pronunciation:

<http://www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/turkish/play.html>

After half term the music in assembly will be Benjamin Britten's *Variations on a Theme by Frank Bridge*.

## TEDx Newnham College Forest School

Reminder to the parents of the 14 KS2 children who have signed up to take part in the Forest School with Liz Bicknell at the TEDx Conference at 9-10 am on Saturday 17 February (last Saturday of half term). Please meet at Pfeiffer Arch at the top of Newnham Walk at 9 am.

## Before School Club

Premier Sports run a Before School club on Mondays and Thursdays from 7.40 am – 8.40 am. We need a minimum of 10 children for this club to continue. Please sign up online via the school website.

## Parent/Guardian Survey 2018

Staff and governors would be very grateful if you could spend a short amount of time completing the survey online before Friday 2 March. If you do not have access to the internet please ask the office for a hard copy. The survey covers many aspects of school life and your feedback is important to us so that we can plan future developments. Please complete this survey online via link below; paper copies will be available for those without online access: <http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/4176564/Newnham-Croft-Primary-School-Parents-Carers-Survey-2018>

We will look after any personal data you provide and keep it confidential. The school regards the lawful treatment of personal information as very important, is committed to the principles of data protection and is fully compliant with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Safer Internet Day 2018

This year's theme is: Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year in over a hundred countries, to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

This week in Key Stage assemblies we discussed some of the ideas using the SID resources for schools. SID provides a fantastic opportunity to engage with children about their digital lives.

To help you get involved some information is attached to the Newsletter and online there is a pack for parents and carers, including [conversation starters](#), a [factsheet](#), [family pledge card](#) and more!

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/sid2018-education-packs/education-pack-parents-and-carers>

## Reception's Space Assembly

Reception gave an amazing assembly today. They told everyone what they have learnt this term about space and the planets. They performed with lovely loud clear voices and sang two songs, and not forgetting the dancing at the end! Well done Reception!

## Palaeontologist Visitor in Rec/I

You may recall that a few weeks back R/I went to visit the Sedgewick Museum to have a close look at the fossils found by Mary Anning over 150 years ago. Our appetite for fossils was fed further this week by a visit to school from the palaeontologist, Emily Mitchell.



Emily works in Newfoundland, Canada. She explained to the class how she searches for fossils with the use of lasers which can then be viewed as pictures on her computer. The class were fortunate enough to handle a very precious trace fossil which was over 400 million years old. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Nina and her mum Laura for organising this fascinating visit.

### Year 3 and 4 Visit to the Botanic Gardens

On Wednesday we went to the Botanic Gardens and were fascinated by the exotic plants that grew there. I liked the small fluffy (looking) red balls that grew in the rainforest section of the greenhouse. It looked like a tropical place itself! Our class made pictures using the dead plants and leaves that were on the ground. *Lonni Y4*



In Year 4 on Wednesday we went to the Botanic Gardens. We all had lots of fun. The first thing that we do was look in the greenhouse. I was simply the most excited person out of my group. When I first stepped into the greenhouse all I saw were exquisite flowers. *Cosima Y4*



### Chinese New Year



Today, Year 3 and 4 ended their learning on Ancient Chinese beliefs with a day finding out about Chinese New Year. They spent part of their day learning Chinese brush art from Miss Fang and painted traditional good luck messages. In the afternoon Jamie's mum came in and made dumplings with both classes and told them the story of Chinese New Year. Thank you to Miss Fang and Mrs Tasker.

The school lunch menu for the week beginning 19 February will be Week 3 and will include the Wednesday children's choice menu.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, a copy of which can be found on our school website: [www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully, Sharon Williams, Headteacher

### Diary Dates

Term starts .....	19 Feb
African dance workshop (whole school).....	20 Feb
Mandarin Club assembly .....	21 Feb
Y6 drama workshop .....	23 Feb

Please see the Diary Dates attached with upcoming events for the year.

### Community News

#### Films for our Future: free film screening

**Histon tomorrow night, 7.30pm** Tomorrow (Demailn): in the face of increasing pessimism about the future of our world, this award winning film tackles our concerns head on by identifying concrete initiatives that aim to solve some of the biggest environmental, educational and social challenges of the twenty-first century. More details on the attached poster. Find out about the film here <https://www.demailn-lefilm.com/en/film>