



# Newnham News

Friday 26 January 2024

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Dear parents/carers,

A week finished off with our Eco afternoon, where bird feeders were made, birds were watched and bird pictures were coloured, with sunshine and blue skies to lift the spirits.

Rather than take up your time with my witterings and wonderings this week, instead I encourage you to read through all the classes' Classroom News to enjoy the myriad learning opportunities that have occupied our children for the past five days.

As always, have lovely weekends.

Kind regards  
Eddie Ferguson

## Diary Dates

PTA meeting (7pm online and in school)	29 Jan
Year 5 swimming (every Wed this half term)	31 Jan
Year 1 trip to Woburn	1 Feb
Open afternoon 3.15 – 4pm	5 Feb
Year 1/2 trip to Woburn	8 Feb
Co-op Breakfast Cafe run by Y6 8.30 - 9am	9 Feb
Year 6 assessment meeting 9 - 9.30am	9 Feb
Parent consultations	12 - 14 Feb
Year 2 trip to Woburn	15 Feb
Year 3/4 production	20 Mar (1pm ) & 21 Mar (5.30)

Please check the school calendar on our website, which is updated regularly.

**Our language of the month is Hindi.**

## Open afternoon

As you may have read in your child's curriculum letter, the school will have an open afternoon **on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 3.15 – 4pm**. All parents and carers are invited into the classrooms to allow your child to share their learning with

you. Please be aware that class teachers will be in a training session during this time.

## Parent consultations

Booking for parent consultations is now open. Please [log into eSchools](#) via the school website or eSchools app and select a suitable time to meet with your child's teacher. Please note, children on the SEN register should make a separate appointment.

## Sickness

Just a reminder that if your child experiences vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48 hours from the last occurrence. This is to stop the spread of bugs amongst the children. Equally, if your child has a temperature, please keep them off school until they are well.

## Eco afternoon

This afternoon the school got together in House Groups to learn about British birds, make bird feeders and take part in



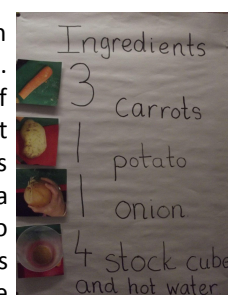
the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch. The children had a lot of knowledge and their ability to identify birds was impressive. Year 6 were fantastic at leading their groups. All children had great enthusiasm for bird spotting - hopefully they can take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend and submit data to help monitor birds in the UK.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-bird-watch/submission>

## Classroom news:

### Reception

Last week, the children in Reception made a very tasty soup with Mrs. Marroncelli, linked to the class topic of 'Healthy Me'. As Ms. Mangera didn't get to have any of the soup as she was out of class, this week the class wrote a shopping list for her so that she too could have a go at making the delicious sounding soup. The children also wrote



parts of the method for making the soup in their books and listed the cooking equipment Ms. Mangera would need.

### KS1

This week in KS1 we have been locating the 7 continents on the world map and using an atlas in geography. In science, we have been comparing and grouping animals. In DT, we have started to make our animal finger puppets. Maths for Year 1 has been identifying coins and making different amounts with the coins up to 20p. If you are out and about in shops this weekend please let your child have a go at paying with coins. Year 2 has been adding and subtracting two digit numbers and starting to look at fractions of shape. Our Forest school sessions are approaching:

**Year 1** - Friday 9 February (morning)

**Year 2** - Friday 9 February (afternoon) (and an extra session on Friday 8th March)

**Year 1 / 2** - Friday 16th February (afternoon)

Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor clothing and wellies.

### Year 3

Year 3 has had another busy week. In our English sessions, the children enjoyed listening to and composing their own ballads. In our maths sessions, the children continued to work on their quick recall of their 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. Please continue to practise these at home on Times Tables Rockstars. Later on in the week, we worked on problems that involved finding the inverse operation for multiplication and division problems. In our science sessions we continued to look at states of matter and thought about how to plan an investigation involving the melting point of different types of chocolate. In our geography sessions, the children had lots of fun writing a postcard based on their experiences in Antarctica.

### Year 4

Well done year 4 for tackling so many different and challenging tasks this week. In English we really enjoyed another form of poetry called a ballad. Our most challenging activity of the week was trying to write quatrains for our own ballads. In maths this week, we have been exploring 3D shapes, and also practised counting along a number line in fractions, looking out for equivalent fractions. For science we have been learning how to read a thermometer by measuring the changing temperature of ice cubes through the day. The attached spellings this week include some words that will be useful for our topic as well as some words with the pattern -ation. We have also continued reading our class book *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo.

Tiger found an iPhone,  
She enjoyed it very much,  
But she accidentally pressed a button  
She was not supposed to touch!

By Ariana

I'm scared about my penguin,  
Being all alone,  
So after a little while,  
I bought him an iPhone.  
All he did was play,  
He just played lots of games,  
My penguin's very smart,  
The games he played involved big brains.

By Leah

**Please note: the Year 3/4 production will be on Wednesday 20 March, 1 - 2 pm and Thursday 31 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm.**

### Year 5

In English, we compared different short stories by Shaun Tan, looking at the differences and similarities between them. We are also really enjoying reading the class anthology we created at the end of our poetry topic, with one poem by each child in the class. In maths, we started a unit on shape, sorting 3D shapes by their properties and identifying and drawing polygons. In science, we designed and carried out an investigation into friction, presenting our results on a bar graph. In PSHE, we are practising our communication skills, including listening, turn-taking and compromising.

### Year 6

Year 6 have been finishing *Clockwork* (class book) and started *Alma*, a short animation in English. In maths, we have been doing mean averages. In computing we have been looking and improving games in Scratch. In history, we have been looking at historical sources. In science, we have been experimenting with Newton meters and what effects happen. Year 6 have been practising for their SATS for improvement. Finally year 6 has collected 100 stars.

by Rebecca and Lily

### School Meals

The three weekly menu rota is attached. Next week's menu will be Week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.50.

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).

### PTA News

Our next PTA meeting is coming up on Monday 29th January, 7.00pm, in school and on Zoom and you're very welcome to join us!

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77415347985?pwd=gXhm8F2rnwadENH2OKASK0zNTpd45I.1>

Meeting ID: 774 1534 7985

Passcode: 2B05xR

We will be discussing funding requests from the school and upcoming events.