



# Newnham News

Friday 9 June 2023

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents/carers,

What a great week to start the last half term of the year with. Sunshine alleviating the bitter east wind (in June!); all the usual wonderful joy that working with the children brings; PLUS a sporting bonanza conjured up by our PE coordinator, Miss Wakelen.

Tuesday started with a little mental exercise for some of our Year 6s, who attended a maths competition at St Faiths. This was followed by an athletics event at the University sports ground on Wednesday and on Thursday a skipping assembly and workshop by Pete Thompson, a skipping whirlwind of positivity, who taught the children (and some the adults) how to perform different tricks and skills; and this afternoon has been all about family (and class) fitness, with thirteen different activities to take part in. Phew!

Thank you so much to Miss Wakelen for all her work in organising this, and for making sure the weather has been so lovely (I assume she sorted this too!).

For those of you who could make it, I hope you enjoyed letting your children show you their work and discussing their learning. If you couldn't make the open afternoon and would like to come in and see your child's work, please get in touch with the teacher - we're happy to try and organise another more suitable time.

Finally, the charity afternoon held on 26 May raised £272 for Cancer Research. Thank you for all your contributions.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards, Eddie Ferguson

## Classroom news:

### Reception

We have started our final topic of the year titled 'Healthy Me'. The children in Reception have so much existing knowledge about the topic and produced a range of suggestions of how to keep healthy.



One of the suggestions was to exercise and someone talked about how they like to do yoga. We then found out about what yoga is and the children attempted some yoga poses.

### Years 1 and 2

Key Stage One have had a very sunny, energetic and busy start to their final half term of this academic year. We started by going swimming or practising building on our football skills and we ended the week, skipping with a



champion skipper and taking part in lots of family sporting activities as part of Family Fitness Afternoon. In Maths, Year 1s have continued with bridging 10 by adding and subtracting; and Year 2s have used a variety of strategies to work out subtraction of two 2-digit numbers. In Science, we've been classifying animals as 'mammals,' 'fish,' 'birds,' 'reptiles,' 'amphibians' and 'insects' and thinking about why each animal is classed as that named group. In History, all classes explored what makes a significant person significant and thought about people in their lives who are significant to them and why. Well done for a great week Key Stage One. Please find attached spellings and times tables for all Year 2s.

### Year 3

This week Year 3 have had another action-packed week. In Maths lessons they worked on multiplication and division problems. In English lessons the children really enjoyed reading and performing poems by Valerie Bloom. In our Science sessions the children learnt how different types of foods contain different nutrients. In our Computing lesson the children enjoyed using action keys to move a sprite. Lots of fun was had during the skipping workshop on Thursday and during the Family fitness afternoon on Friday.

### Year 4

Year 4 have had an excellent first week back, full of energy and ready to go. In English, we have started looking at the poet, Valerie Bloom, and her collection Stars with Flaming Tails. We have been learning how to perform a poem effectively using different techniques, resulting in some beautiful performances, and have compared different poems by Bloom. In Maths, we have begun a new unit on shape, focusing on lines of symmetry, especially focusing on reflecting patterns across two lines of symmetry. Our Science topic for this half term will be Healthy Me and we began this week by sorting foods into different groups and identifying

the different nutrients in each one, focusing on the importance of a balanced diet. The children had a great time in the skipping workshop, which was a super opportunity to get inspired and learn some new skipping techniques.

### Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been using modal verbs to add strength to their persuasive adverts and considered how they impact the reader. In Maths, they have looked at mental methods for addition and subtraction, thinking about each question and choosing the most efficient way to solve. The Science unit on 'Animals Including Humans' started by looking at the role of the heart in the circulatory system. The class had lots of interesting questions and ideas about what they'd like to learn more about. On Wednesday, we went to the river as part of our Art topic on water. The children had a chance to sketch the river and surroundings, as well as take photographs on the iPad.



### Year 6

Year 6 have been very busy this week. In Maths, we have been doing dominoes for problem solving. In English, we have been writing about a book called Flotsam; we also made a newspaper version of this. During our lesson in Geography, we wrote an informal and formal version of a fact file about how to save water. Yesterday we had a skipping workshop with a skipping world record holder called Pete. Today we had a family fitness afternoon where parents came in and exercised with their child(ren). *By Jaein and Nelly*

### School Meals

The menu for the next two weeks is attached. 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)

### Diary Dates

Y2 swimming ..... 6, 13, 20, 27 June, 4, 11 July  
Y3&4 swimming ..... 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 5 July  
Co-op/Y6 breakfast café 8.30am ..... 16 June  
PTA Family Bingo Evening 6pm ..... 16 June  
Meeting for new Reception parents 2pm ..... 22 June  
PTA summer fete ..... 2 July  
Co-op/Y6 breakfast café 8.30am ..... 7 July  
Y6 play ..... 13 July  
Y6 leavers' party ..... 18 July  
Y6 leavers' assembly ..... 19 July  
End of term ..... 19 July

### PTA NEWS

#### Bingo Night - 16th June

Join us next **Friday 16th June at 6pm** for our 1970s Bingo Night in the school hall! We will be travelling back in time for an evening of retro food, drink and entertainment for the whole family. Tickets are £4.00 per adult and £1.00 per child (includes all bingo tickets and dabbers) - only available on Classlist. If you have any issues or are not yet signed up to Classlist, contact us at [newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com](mailto:newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com).

We are also looking for a handful of volunteers - sign up on Classlist or contact us directly.

Look forward to seeing you there - wear your flares and tie-dye!

### COMMUNITY

#### Sheep's Green Learner Pool

Take advantage of the warm weather!

Sheep's Green Learner Pool is open this weekend from 10am-6pm Saturday and Sunday, and then every day after school next week from 3.30-6.30pm.

Come on down and support this free local swimming pool

<https://sheepsgreen.wordpress.com/>