



Newnham News

Friday 15 November 2024

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Dear parents/carers,

It seems a long time ago, but a big thank you to everyone who helped, took part, or just came along to enjoy the fireworks on Saturday. It was a joyous occasion and all the organisers' hard work paid off with a slick operation and an impressive display of extremely loud fireworks.

It has been a week of children building leaf walls in the playground. Thanks to the dry weather, we have been submerged in a wondrous variety of crisp, autumnal colour, which the children, as always, have put to imaginative use.

With the clocks going back, evenings have become darker and I would encourage parents of cycling children to double check that bike lights are charged and functioning. We have seen several carefree children weaving around without lights - something that's mostly safe on Chedworth Street, but roads get very busy very quickly beyond that.

A happy and cosy weekend to you all.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Y6 swimming (and every Tue in November)	Tues 19 Nov
Year 2 forest school	morning Fri 22 Nov
Reception forest school	afternoon Fri 22 Nov
Year 6 restaurant	children arrive from 5.45pm Fri 22 Nov
Y3 & 4 trip to West Stow	Thur 28 Nov
PTA Winter Fair	Sun 15 Dec

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

Whole school news

Language of the month

We are currently learning phrases in Japanese. See the attached file to learn some too.

Catering assistant job vacancy

We are currently seeking a catering assistant for our school kitchen. This is a part-time role: 4 hours a day for 4 days a week. The closing date is now Friday 29 November. For more information, see our [website](#).

School lunch survey

Please could as many of you as possible complete our lunch survey using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/EXfDVMZsaHasESnp7>

This will be really helpful as we evaluate the good things as well as areas to improve in our lunchtimes.

Also, as we haven't raised our charge for lunches since 2022, and with the high inflation of the last couple of years, we have had to look at our pricing. Unfortunately, this will result in the price we charge rising to £2.65 per lunch from January 2025.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached. The menu after half term will be Week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.50.

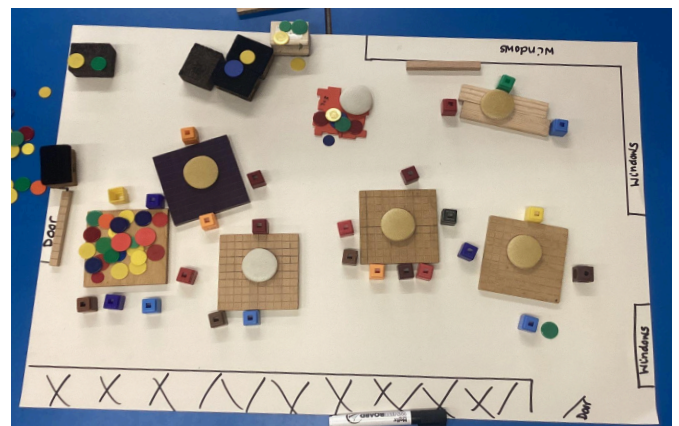
Classroom news

Reception

Reception has had another very busy week this week. In phonics, we have looked at the phonemes: v, w, x and y and the tricky words; 'as', 'and', 'has' and 'his'. Reception practised writing out these graphemes and tricky words during handwriting. We have also started exploring symmetry using the hama beads to create symmetrical patterns. Reception also recapped the story *Maisy's Birthday* and during Active Learning, some of the children practised writing out the words, 'Maisy' and 'birthday.' In art, all children used wax crayons to create magical marks. Lastly, we finished the week with forest school, which all children really enjoyed as we made our way to the back of the school and the children collected more leaves and explored more of our beautiful forest. Well done Reception for a fantastic week!

Year 1

In geography over the past two weeks, Year 1 has been finding out about the use of maps. This week the class looked at the



difference between a ground level view and an aerial view. The pupils worked in groups to create 'messy' or 3D maps of the

classroom using everyday classroom resources such as counters and wooden blocks. Here you can see features such as tables and chairs and Ms Mangera's messy desk as seen from above.

Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been looking at rhyming strings and writing poems about our favourite toy and what it means to us. We have enjoyed a maths investigation using addition and number facts. In science we have been looking at the characteristics of each animal group. As part of anti-bullying week we have role-played different scenarios that may happen in the playground and discussed at length what we might do.

In history we have been thinking about toys that our parents and grandparents played with. Please check your child's Home Folder as they have written a letter to a family member asking lots of questions. It would be great if we could have some replies for next week's lesson. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3

Year 3 has worked really hard throughout the week. In maths, the children used their knowledge of inverse operations to find missing numbers ($_____ \times 3 = 12$). Later on in the week the children used partitioning (splitting numbers into tens and ones)



to double and halve 2-digit numbers.

In English, the children continued to enjoy and write poems inspired by Michael Rosen.

In history the children learnt how Boudicca had risen

up against the Roman Empire. They thought of words that could be used to describe her appearance and personality. In our science lesson the children enjoyed gathering data about different food groups and displaying their findings in a range of ways. Year 3 also enjoyed forest school and recreated Iron Age style settlements together.

Year 4

Well done year 4 for your hard work this week. In computing we have been spotting when AI may have been used because pictures don't look quite right. In English we have been



performing poems by Michael Rosen and trying to write our own poem using rhyme. For history we have been discussing how reliable different evidence is when finding out about Boudicca's rebellion. In DT we have been designing and trying out ideas for building a castle. In maths we have been representing data in bar graphs and pictograms. We have also been interpreting the data to solve problems. For spelling this week we have been looking at more words ending in -ation.

Year 5

In maths, we began a new unit on multiplication and division, this week focusing on factors, common multiples, rules of divisibility and rounding answers with remainders up or down depending on context. In English, we practised converting between present and past tense and learned how to use the perfect tense. In science, we collected living things from around the school grounds and created a classification key to sort them by their characteristics. In PSHE, we discussed different types of bullying and compared which type different scenarios fell into.

Year 6

This week Y6 has worn pyjamas twice. One for swimming (life saving lesson) and on Friday for Children in Need. We have been preparing for our restaurant next week. We have been doing lessons based on a book by Phillip Pullman (Clockwork).

By Beatrice and Omer

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.

PTA News

Order your Christmas trees

There is one week left to order your fabulous Christmas tree www.bit.ly/NewnhamTree! Get your tree in time for the first weekend of Advent, with trees available for collection from the school on Friday 29th Nov or for delivery on Saturday 30th Nov.

We are looking for volunteers to help deliver the trees on Saturday 30th Nov in the morning. If you can help, especially if you have a car that you don't mind using, please email dani@meeoprophone.com.

Community news

Board Game Club at Maison Clement

Please see the attached poster for the board game club this Saturday at Maison Clement on Derby Street.

Road Safety Newsletter

Please see attached a newsletter from the council's Road Safety Education Team.

Newnham Nursery - help wanted

The nursery is looking for a helping pair of hands to work a couple of mornings a week. If you are interested and can be flexible with your availability, then do get in touch with Susan by email: office@newnhamnursery.co.uk.

Music Festival - sign up now open

About half the slots are already filled for our much-anticipated Festive Music Festival on Friday 13th December. Sign up soon if you would like to play! The Junior and Senior Orchestras will also be performing for the first time ever. Full details here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ks_sO_wG8tlw-3_oIK8Wzul9984nPtK1VmPFLasFnb0/edit?usp=sharing