



# Newnham News

Friday 23 June 2023

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents/carers,

We welcomed a new member of staff to the teaching team this week; Annabel Harvey will be joining us in September, working in the Year 2 class.

Most of the current Year 1s have already met Miss Harvey. She taught some of them on Monday, as part of the interview process, and spent yesterday getting to know the school and some of the children. She will be coming in again next week, to spend more time with the children and to work with Mrs Markham to plan the subjects for the autumn term.

It is always exciting to have someone new join us, bringing in new ideas, new energy and a different dynamic, so we consider ourselves fortunate to have found such a strong candidate.

On Tuesday, I attended Online Safety Lead training. This reminded me that we have offered parent workshops in previous years to cover this potentially daunting area. I would very much like to do a workshop in the autumn term, but am conscious that they were very poorly attended when I ran them before, possibly due to the time of day they were held. Therefore, I have included a form and would ask those of you who are interested in attending a workshop to indicate the time of day and location that would be most suitable (please click [here](#) for form).

I hope you all have lovely weekends and very much look forward to seeing you at the summer fair on Sunday.

Very kind regards,

Edward Ferguson

## **Last chance to give your views on the parent survey**

If you haven't yet responded, please take a couple of minutes to [give us your views](#). We really do value your opinions and would love to hear from all parents and carers. The survey closes at midnight tonight.

## **Music Festival - one week to go!**

[Sign up](#) for the final music festival of the year, which will be held next Friday 7th July at 3.30pm. Come and perform to our friendly, supportive audience. This is also your chance to hear the wonderful Newnham Croft Orchestra!

## **Cambridge Rugby Club Taster Session**

A reminder that Cambridge Rugby Club (CRC) will be running a taster session for Y5 and 6 children on Monday 10 July, from 3.15pm-4.30pm. The session is free. CRC are hoping to offer a club for next year as well, so this might be a good opportunity for your child to see if it is something they would like to pursue.

## **Extra Curricular Clubs**

Cookery and pottery have their last sessions of the term next week. As far as we are aware, all other clubs finish the week beginning 10 July. The list of clubs for the Autumn term will be published the week 10 July.

## **Classroom news:**

### **Reception**

Having engaged in skipping, yoga and outdoor games, Reception tried out another type of exercise – riding on a balance bike. We talked about why it is important to wear a helmet and look ahead when riding a bike. It was a great fun to scoot, stride and glide. The class then went on to discuss bikes from the past and present, noticing the similarities and differences. We agreed that the bike nicknamed the 'Boneshaker' didn't sound too comfortable.



### **Years 1 and 2**

We've had another busy and exciting week, learning to play 3 tees cricket, or for those who had swimming lessons, how to get help if you think you may be in trouble whilst in the water or how to help someone in the water in need of rescuing. All Year 2s practised calling out for help in their loudest voices. In Maths, Year 1s have been working on doubling and halving of numbers up to 20 and used their understanding of multiplication and division to write out number sentences next to these. Year 2s have been working on addition and subtraction word problems; addition and subtraction number sentences using 2-digit numbers and finally writing out the times next to analogue clocks to the nearest 5-minute

intervals. In English, Year 1s have been looking at the prefix un- and wrote out sentences thinking about the character of Betsey from Betsey's Birthday Surprise. Year 2s explored the past progressive and wrote out sentences to describe parts of Betsey's days. All classes then went on to create a plan in preparation for next week's Big Write, where all children will be creating their own chapter based on what they already know about Betsey's life. In Science, all classes explored the human body, labelled all the different parts and learnt about what their functions are. We ended the week with PSHE and all classes thought about any changes that are likely to take place in the not-too-distant future and how they can manage their emotions if these changes do make them feel worried. We spoke about how speaking to our friends and families can help, as can going for a walk and even doing some relaxing activities, such as mindfulness colouring and drawing. Well done for a brilliant week Key Stage One. There will be no spellings or division tests next week.

### Year 3

Year 3 have had another busy week. In Maths, we focused on identifying and sorting 3D shapes and worked on telling the time in 12hr and 24hr clock. In English sessions the children enjoyed listening to a range of stories by Satoshi Kitamura. They summarised and compared what they had in common and wrote from the point of view of one of the main characters. In Science, the children enjoyed investigating whether or not children that have longer femurs can jump further. In our Art session, the children enjoyed creating their backdrops for their animations.

### Year 4

In English, we have been writing our own poems, inspired by 'You Are' by Valerie Bloom. We worked really hard on our descriptive language and our use of expanded noun phrases to bring our poems to life, with some impressive results. In Maths, we have been using both expanded and compact addition and subtraction to solve money related questions, while in Science, we carried out an investigation to see whether the length of someone's femur affects how far they can jump. We really enjoyed our swimming session and our forest school afternoon, where we used rope to make swings in the trees.

### Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started their English work on Classic Poetry by reading The Walrus and the Carpenter by Lewis Carroll; they analysed the features, answered comprehension questions, performed verses and wrote a dramatic article using the plot of the empty oyster shells as a news story. In Maths, they have worked on percentages, linking them to fractions and using them to find percentages of amounts. They have produced some incredible work in art, choosing their media and working from their photographs of the river to depict water. In Science, they learnt of all the benefits of exercise and collected data on the class' favourite forms of activity.

### Year 6

✦ This week we have been very busy; in Maths, we had an old pupil from Newnham Croft called Isabel do an assembly. She did a 15 minute workshop with all the classes and solved maths problems. We have just finished: "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom" and we reached 100 stars!\*\*\* In Masterchef, we made ice lollies and sold them on Thursday. Each team managed to get an impressive profit in the short amount of time they had. *From Sóley and Mariya*

### School Meals

The menu for next week 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 .....4 July, 11 July  
PTA summer fete ..... 2 July  
Y3&4 swimming ..... 5 July  
Co-op/Y6 breakfast café 8.30am ..... 7 July  
Music Festival 3.30pm ..... 7 July  
Sports Day ..... 12 July  
Y6 play ..... 13 July  
Y6 leavers' party ..... 18 July  
Y6 leavers' assembly ..... 19 July  
End of term ..... 19 July

### PTA Summer Fete

Our annual Summer Fete is on the horizon too - **Sunday 2nd July, 12pm to 3pm**. Games, music, stalls, food, drinks and fun in the sun - tickets are available on Classlist <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1003601084>

We really need volunteers to make this event happen - it would be a real shame to have to close stalls due to lack of adult supervision. Please consider donating an hour of your time to watch the gate, or the inflatable slide or serve some food. The Summer Fete is a real party atmosphere and you will have fun! Sign up here:

<https://www.slottr.com/sheets/18277561>

Any questions, contact [newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com](mailto:newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com) and thank you in advance!

### COMMUNITY

#### Eleanor Toye Scott Album Launch

I started taking singing lessons several years ago, and eventually started writing songs, and I'm now about to launch my first album. (Unlikely, but true!) I'm holding a launch event at Thrive cafe bistro (5-7 Norfolk Street) on Saturday 1 July at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5, and people can also buy a CD for £5, either in advance or on the night. It will finish around 9.30-10.

I'm being accompanied by local singer-songwriter Rhys Wilson, who has produced the album, and supported by a couple of friends, Aske Petersen and Gabi Quandt. My vocal coach, Liuba Doga, may also be performing (to be confirmed). Tickets are available here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eleanor-toye-scotts-album-launch-take-me-as-you-find-me-tickets-661966408347>

There are links to a couple of tracks on the Eventbrite page, so people can hear the sort of thing I do.

### **Cambridge Open Studios 2023**

Artists will once again be opening their studios to visitors for up to 4 weekends in July.

Locally there are 4 studios:

At 22 Marlowe Rd (no.69 in the guide) 2 artists will be exhibiting their work: Ruth Schmid upcycles materials to make unique and functional bags and accessories, and Sue Lawley is showing atmospheric contemporary oil paintings.

At 47 Granchester St Harriet Lintoff (no.68) will be showing her paintings of still life and landscape.

Neil Warmsley (no.2) will be showing his work and the gardens that inspire it at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, 12 Grange Road.

Rani Drew (no.70) at 10 Fulbrooke Rd paints landscapes and nature in vivid watercolours.

Further afield there several exhibitions in Granchester - find more info in the yellow OS booklets you will see around or go to <https://camopenstudios.org/july-open-studios-2023/>

You are very welcome to come and meet the artists and have a look around these and other studios in July.