



# Newnham News

Friday 30 September 2022

Interim Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear Parents and Carers,

This was the first week with all the classes in full time - all the Reception children in and the Year 6s back from their trip. It's always amazing how empty the playground feels when even one class is missing, so having the biggest and littlest people topping and tailing the school has been lovely.

Our Monday assembly looked at prejudice and racism (see attached PowerPoint) – a topic that is so important and thought provoking, and feeds in to the 'Be Kind' and 'Be Respectful' themes of our Newnham Code.

Monday also saw the start of our lunchtime drop-ins for any children feeling worried, sad or just wanting to talk to someone. Mrs Turner will be available in the Year 5 classroom to listen and help anyone who might need an ear and a little support.

On Thursday, we had a KS1 online safety assembly, reminding the children of how wonderful the online world can be, but also that it requires a little care and adult support to navigate safely ([click here for link](#) – we watched episode 1).

Also on Thursday, Davina Shore led her first KS1 choir session, which certainly livened up the fish in the fish tank! As there is still space for 6 more children, Davina has said she is happy to invite any Year 3 children who would like to join the choir to get in touch – there is a letter attached below with all the details.

As this is the first week of attaching weekly correspondence and other documents to the newsletter, please check all the attachments to find those relevant to your children's classes. In due course, please do let us know if this new system works for you.

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday,

Kind regards  
Eddie Ferguson

## Parent consultations

The parent consultation booking tool for consultations taking place on 17 and 18 October will be live from Tuesday 4 October.

[https://newnham-croft.eschools.co.uk/parents\\_evening](https://newnham-croft.eschools.co.uk/parents_evening)

Please let the office know if you require eSchools log-in details.

## Latin Club Years 4-6

Cambridge University have once again offered to run an after school Latin club on Wednesdays 3.15pm-4.15pm, running from 5 October to 30 November. Please email William Jeffries to sign up: [museum-education@classics.cam.ac.uk](mailto:museum-education@classics.cam.ac.uk).

## Early Reading Workshops

Thank you to the parents/carers from Reception and KS1 who were able to join us for the Early Reading/Phonics workshops recently. We have added more information about this on the school website. Please follow this link for more information.

[http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk/web/little\\_wandle\\_early\\_reading/623281](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk/web/little_wandle_early_reading/623281)

## PSHE Workshop

On Tuesday 4 October, Mrs Turner will be holding a short workshop about PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) from 8:30-9:00 in the hall. Hopefully, it will give parents an overview of what is covered in lessons, how the subject is taught and give an opportunity for any questions. The PowerPoint from the session will be emailed out with next week's newsletter for anyone who is interested but unable to attend.

## World Mental Health Day

On Monday 10 October we will be marking World Mental Health Day in school. This will involve a whole school assembly about the importance of mental health, and some follow-up activities in class about strategies for dealing with uncomfortable or overwhelming emotions. The main message will be talking about our emotions; we'll link them to the Zones of Regulation that we use in school to help us describe how we feel and regulate our emotions.

We will be showing this video to the whole school. It describes mental health, and the importance of talking to people in simple terms.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=nCrjevX3-Js>

We will also take part in #helloyellow where we'll all try to dress up/accessorise in yellow. We will be fundraising for YoungMinds by asking for voluntary donations.

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for a midday supervisor to join our friendly team of lunchtime staff who support children during lunchtime. The hours are 11.30am-1.30pm, Monday to Friday (negotiable) and rate of pay £9.79 ph. Please speak to Mr Ferguson or the office staff for more information.

## Classroom News:

### Reception

The children in Reception are settling well into their full-time routines and have enjoyed their school lunches. It is wonderful to see their smiling faces in the morning! Children have learnt four more phonemes in phonics and learnt to order numbers up to 10. We also read the book "The Most Magnificent Thing" and talked about different emotions and the strategies to get back to the Green Zone (to be calm and relaxed). Home folders have been sent home this week and include the access to Big Cats e-books and a book from the library. Please do let us know if you have any issues to access the e-books. If you haven't already joined us on ClassDojo, we suggest you do as the children would like to treat you to a live performance of a poem! (Reception parents only)

### Years 1 and 2

In Maths, Year 1 have been learning to read and write numbers to 20, to count in 10s from zero to 100 and to find one more or one less than numbers up to 100. Year 2 have been learning to recognise the different British coins, how to make amounts with different combinations of coins and have started to learn about how to find change by counting up and how to write this as a subtraction number sentence. In Science, we learned about which materials would be suitable for building a house with. We practised different rolls on mats and used the equipment to perform balances on in gymnastics. In English, we compared some of the features in the traditional story of Jack and the Beanstalk with The Gingerbread Man. We have also been working hard on our guided reading and practising spelling tricky words as well as words using the graphemes we have covered this week in phonics. Year 1 have been continuing to learn the Phase 3 phonemes and Year 2 are working at Phase 5, which means that they are learning the alternative graphemes for sounds introduced in Phases 2 and 3 through the Little Wandle phonics and reading scheme. (See attachments for Year 1 and Year 2 parents for more information.) Thank you for helping your child to practise reading their reading practice ebook using the Collins Big Cat Library and talking about this book together on a daily basis. This will really support them with their fluency and comprehension skills and enjoying sharing a book with them will also help them develop a love of reading. According to The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), "a love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success". If you have any problems accessing the Collins Big Cat eLibrary, where we assign your child a practise reading ebook weekly, please let us know.

### Year 3

This week in Maths Year 3 have been working on a variety of addition and subtraction problems. These included working on problems that required them to find missing numbers ( $20 - 6 = 7 + \underline{\quad}$ ) and use known number facts to help them work more efficiently. In English lessons, the children really impressed with the way they used their senses to describe a

scene from Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. In Computing lessons, the children were introduced to how digital devices work with an input, process and output. History lessons this week have focused on aspects of the Bronze Age. In our Science session, the children really enjoyed using a classification key to identify a range of invertebrates in our wildlife area.

### Year 4

This week, in Science, we have been searching for woodland invertebrates and identifying them using their characteristics. We have been writing Stone Age-themed diaries, using the five senses to create expanded noun phrases about our surroundings. In Maths, we have continued to use different addition and subtraction methods and have applied these methods to money. In PSHE we explored ways that we could respond with kindness in different scenarios.

### Year 5

This week Year 5 have started reading their new class story, When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr. They've been learning, through the semi-autobiography, of the experiences of a child living in Germany at the start of World War II. English lessons have focused on a film narrative, The Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uHcMt3wm04> which is a short animation that they'll base their learning on over the next few weeks. In Maths, they've been developing their understanding of decimals by ordering, comparing and adding and subtracting tenths and hundredths. During their art lesson they have explored muted colours and used colour mixing to recreate a World War II dog fight. They used wax resist, drawing with candles to represent the exhaust coming from the planes over the watercolour sky. Their pictures look brilliant!

### Year 6

This week in Y6:

During computing/PSHE lessons we have been making digital school tour to help newcomers learn about our school. In Maths, we have been using the column subtraction method to calculate change. For English, we have been learning about formal and informal language and using it to write a formal letter related to our book: War Horse. In Science, we have been taught about asexual and sexual reproduction of plants and how different types spread their seeds.

*By Carmen, Charlie and Nelly*

Hilltop Report:

Last week, we went to Hilltop for 4 days. At Hilltop, we had many different adventures like going on the super swing. This is a massive swing that lifts you up to great heights and then drops you down. Then after, we went on the air jump - you jump from a high level onto a massive air mat. Another activity was the tree top trail where we helped each other overcome fears. I think a lot of people would enjoy the sweet food we had there. Overall, we had a really fun time!

*By Danielle and Robyn*

## School Meals

Next week will be week 2 of the menu cycle (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

PSHE parent workshop 8.30-9am in school hall.....	4 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	5 Oct
Harvest Festival assembly 9.45am .....	10 Oct
Open afternoon for parents 3.15-4.15pm.....	10 Oct
Pupil individual photographs .....	11 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	12 Oct
Parent consultations face to face 1.30-4.30pm .....	17 Oct
Parent consultations via Zoom, 3.30-6pm (tbc) .....	18 Oct
Y5&6 cross country, Grantchester Meadows.....	18 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	19 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	26 Oct
Half term week.....	24-28 Oct
Y5&6 to Bletchley Park .....	7 Nov

## NEWNHAM CROFT PTA NEWS

### PTA Garden Club

If you're at a loose end on Sunday 2nd October at 10am, come to the school and trim a bush, weed a flower bed or sweep up for an hour or two and let's work together to keep Newnham Croft Primary School looking beautiful. We can't promise great weather but can promise you a hot cup of tea and a biscuit and a sense of satisfaction at having worked together with your school community.

We will have some tools there but if you can come and bring a pair of secateurs and a pair of gardening gloves, we will get off to a great start.

Children are welcome to join in, but you must keep an eye on them with all the tools etc. around.

Any questions, let us know at [newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com](mailto:newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Over and In Football coaching

We have still got spaces in our Newnham Croft Saturday football classes. your child would like to come along for a trial session before committing to the whole term, please email [lisa@overandin.com](mailto:lisa@overandin.com).

**Cambridge 1<sup>st</sup> Rainbows** are delighted to say we have some spaces available this term. We operate from the scout hut on Chedworth Street opposite Newnham Croft School, on Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm and take girls from 4-7 years. Girls take part in many activities, including games, crafts, cooking,

learning new skills working both individually as well as part of a team. If you would like to find out more go to the Girl Guiding website [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk). If your child would like to come for a trial session please contact Corinne Garvie at [garviecorinne@hotmail.com](mailto:garviecorinne@hotmail.com) or call 01223 276184.