



Newnham News

Friday 5 July 2024

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for all the families that came and supported/enjoyed our Booknic yesterday. We were lucky with the weather and it was a simple but lovely celebration



of all things bookish. Thank you also to Mrs Mangera and Ms Holliday

for all their work organising it and to the Year 6 children who baked the cookies that accompanied the reading.

We are all looking forward to the PTA summer fete on Sunday (12-3pm), which is always brilliant and a very clear marker that the end of the year is almost upon us.

A couple of reminders about parking.

Firstly, our neighbours have asked that if you come to school on a bike, please try not to block cars in when you leave them on Chedworth Street. Ideally, park your bikes on the school side of the road (which will also stop cars stopping there!)

Secondly, a reminder to those who drive that you are strongly discouraged from using Chedworth Street during the busy drop-off and pick-up times of the day, especially parking on the double yellow lines at the junction. Unfortunately, we continue to have vehicles parked in a way that increases the risk to children coming to and from the school. Thank you - I appreciate your efforts in this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday at the fete.

Kind regards

Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

PTA Summer Fete	12pm-3pm	Sun 7 July
KS1 Sports Day	families come from 9am	Wed 10 July
Y3 swimming (last one)		Wed 10 July
Y4 swimming (last one)		Wed 10 July
KS2 Sports Day	families come from 1pm	Wed 10 July

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

Classroom news

Reception

As part of the understanding of the past and present element of our curriculum and the topic of Journeys, the children in Reception have been looking at current day transport and comparing this with transport from the past. We began by reading the book *The Last Train* by Kim Lewis, noticing the features of steam trains, such as the look of the train and the fuel it used to power it. We then looked at models and images of trains used currently and compared their features too.

KS1



KS1 has had a busy week. On Thursday, all of KS1 walked 3 miles around Cambridge, showing great resilience. We walked to Castle Mound to explore what we could see from the oldest part of Cambridge. We then ventured to Trinity College, passing the Isaac Newton tree, where we explored the grounds and even saw a Fellow walking on the grass. In English this week, we have been writing our end-of-year pupil reviews. KS1 has also been exploring what makes a good information text.

In maths, Year 1 has been learning about time. They have been problem-solving and focusing on the hour and half-hour. Year 2 has been looking at coins and adding amounts to make a total. Some children also worked out change from an amount. In science, we have looked at the sense of touch. All children felt different objects and described how they felt. In PE, we have been practising for sports day! In art, Year 2 has been making the backgrounds of their final pieces inspired by Jan Van Kessel. Well done for a great working week, KS1!

Year 3

Year 3 has had another really busy week. In maths, the children started off by answering questions on the months in the year. Later in the week, they worked on finding the mass of different objects using a range of scales. In English the children started to write their persuasive letters to Mr Ferguson, encouraging him to get a school pet. In DT the

children enjoyed making their pneumatic models and finishing them off to a high standard. In science the children learnt about the different layers inside a tooth. Lots of fun was had during our orienteering afternoon on Lammas Land. Thank you to all of the parents who helped out.

Year 4

Year 4 had an exciting time trying out orienteering on Lammas Land this week. The children all agreed they were very tired afterwards but thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to help. In maths, we continued work on area and perimeter and used our knowledge to solve some investigations. In English, we have continued our long sea legend stories and also painted some illustrations to include in our story books. In DT, the children enjoyed making sure their pneumatic models work, and decorating them to a high standard. In science, the children learnt about the different layers inside a tooth. There will be no more spelling lists but we will be assessing the children's knowledge of the year 3 and 4 statutory word list so please do focus on the highlighted words sent home last term.

Year 5

In maths, we started learning about percentages and their equivalent fractions. In English, we practised finding evidence in text of information about a character and revised relative clauses and relative pronouns. In science, we explored dissolving solutes into solvents to create solutions and compared which materials dissolve. In PSHE, we discussed the possible emotions and concerns associated with puberty and the fact that different people experience changes at different times. We had a great time conducting fieldwork in groups in the local area, practising our data collection skills using different methods.

Year 6

On Monday lots of students had their transition day for secondary school. We also started designing either slippers or soft toys: Y6's choice. On Tuesday, the whole of KS2 went out to do orienteering and it lasted the whole morning. On Thursday Y6 made cookies for the Booknic. The two flavours were chocolate chip and oat and raisin.

By Raphael

Whole School News

Please find attached the class structure for next academic year.

Eco Picnic

Thank you to all of those who attended the Eco Picnic last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together and enjoying the school grounds.



The Eco Committee who helped organise it, especially those in Year 6, were fantastic at running the activities. A huge thank you to Lisa and her team for resourcing and leading the beautiful floral crown making, Liz Bicknell for her Elder bead activity and Ed Nugent from the City Council for bringing along reusable bags to decorate. We've had some great designs for a new Eco flag and Eco mascot and the scavenger hunt was enjoyed by many. £78 was raised from the Second Hand Book sale, and more will be available at this weekend's fete.

Sports Day - Wed 10 July

Reception and KS1 will be in the morning, from 9am until approximately 11.30am.

KS2 will be in the afternoon, from 1pm until approx 3pm.

You are welcome to join us to cheer the children along - please come to school for the start time.

Your child is encouraged to wear the colours of their house group if they can:

Air: Yellow or White	Water: Blue
Fire: Red	Earth: Green

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached. The menu next week will be Week 3. 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.

PTA NEWS

See you at the Summer Fete!

It's the final countdown before the summer fete this Sunday 7th and, whatever the weather (fear not, we have a wet weather plan prepped just in case!), it's all set to be an awesome afternoon.

With a face-paint station, book stall, coconut shy, make-your-own-ice-cream table, Name the Bear, bottle tombola, games and races, inflatable slide, raffle and fresh food and drink, there's plenty of fun for everyone. Please see the attached poster for the timings of the games and races.

We are still very much in need of volunteers so please, please do sign up at <https://www.slottr.com/sheets/18284054>.

Make sure to bring some loose change, possibly an umbrella, and lots of summery vibes. See you from 12pm on Sunday!

Community news

Summer Music Festival

We are delighted to announce our Summer Music Festival, which will take place at 6.30pm 16th July in the school hall. To sign up or for more details, follow this link https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Z1JFujPwwFywFYAEI4JjAyCbNoKtgQ2AhVh_3dBGtjM/edit?usp=sharing.

EIFA newsletter

Please find attached a newsletter form the Education Inclusion Family Advisor team.