



Newnham News

Friday 14 July 2023

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents/carers,

A sporty feel to the awards assembly this Friday. We celebrated Water and Fire, the winners of the KS2 and Rec/KS1 Sports Day. This was followed by a celebration of the Year 4, 5 and 6 cricketers, who triumphed in the inaugural Cambridge City Cricket Tournament. This was so inaugural that there were only two teams, meaning it turned into a two innings test match of considerable quality and tension! Thank you to Steve Farrukh who has been coaching the children over the summer.

On top of these stand out achievements, there was our usual celebration of those children who had won their class's weekly PE award. These are won by children who demonstrate one of the elements of the Newnham Code - *be kind, be respectful, be a thinker and never give up.*

As the end of the academic year approaches, I would like to thank all the parents, all the staff and especially all the children for helping my first year as headteacher to be such a positive one.

A reminder that our last day is on Wednesday and that we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4 September. Have a very lovely summer break.

Kind regards

Eddie Ferguson

Chedworth Street Congestion

We have had a few parents getting in touch with the school to express concerns about congestion at the end of Chedworth Street and the overall safety of children travelling to and from school. It would be very helpful to know how widespread these concerns are and we would be grateful if you could take a moment to complete this survey <https://forms.gle/5ttxs7sgEURmEfk8>. The survey includes questions about the Chedworth Street and Barton Road junctions, as well as some more general questions, and all responses are helpful, even if your journeys are trouble free. We would appreciate responses by end-of-play on Monday so that the school can get a sense of any issues before the new academic year starts. Thank you very much.

Dani Redhead, *Chair of Governors*

Classroom news:

Reception

The children in Reception have amazed all of the staff with their excellent independent writing throughout the year. The ideas (and jokes) they have been writing, have been very impressive and their Year 1 teachers will certainly be impressed. However, there is always room for development, so this week we have placed an extra focus on the ensuring our handwriting is well formed, with each letter starting in the correct place and orientated in the right direction. Reception parents, please see the handwriting formation sheets attached to the newsletter; over the summer you could print them out as a guide to perfect all of the letters of the alphabet.

Years 1 and 2



We've had a busy week in KS1. In DT, all classes planned and made healthy, oat and banana cookies. The classes ate them and then evaluated the cookies on what they thought went well and what they would do differently if they made them again. In English, to coincide with our oat cookies, all classes wrote a set of instructions for making healthy oat and banana cookies. The Year 1s used imperative verbs and the Year 2s used imperative verbs and adverbs for their instructions. In Maths, Year 1s have been looking at time, by exploring what half an hour later on an analogue clock looks like and the Year 2s have been looking at fractions of amounts, by working out half an amount and then quarter of that amount by halving it again. The highlight of this week for all the children has definitely been Sports Day and thanks to Miss Wakelen's hard work, all children competed in their house groups to throw;

race using hurdles; compete in the sack race; run; compete in the egg and spoon race; skip, do the obstacle and finally race with a bean bag on their head. We finished the week by putting different animals into categories of their choice that they've learnt about, such as 'soft to touch' and 'not soft to touch.' The Year 2s had their final swimming session and played lots of fun swimming games with their peers. Well done for a final whole week. You've all worked so hard!

Year 3

Year 3 have worked really hard throughout the week. In our Maths sessions we have focused on calculating and measuring the perimeters of 2D shapes. In our English sessions the children learnt how to identify sentences written in the simple past tense and present perfect tense and enjoyed writing a short story about 'A day to remember at the seaside'. In Computing, the children worked on debugging programs using Scratch. In our Science session the children thought of a question they wanted to investigate about the human skeleton. In our Art session, the children enjoyed using iMotion to film a short animation using the puppets and backgrounds they had previously created. Lots of fun was had during our KS2 Sports Day. Hopefully more fun will be had during the summer break. Well done to everybody for all your hard work.

Year 4

Year 4 had a brilliant time during their last swimming lesson of the term, learning valuable lifesaving techniques. Their progress over the course of the lessons has been extremely impressive. In Maths, we have learned to convert between grams and kilograms and have weighed different classroom objects, representing this data on bar charts. In English, we have started to become familiar with the present perfect verb form and when we use it in a sentence, and have also revised correct apostrophe placement, including possession (plural and singular) and contraction. In computing, we finished creating our own computer games and tried out playing each other's games to ensure they were debugged correctly.

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been looking at the poems of Ogden Nash, analysing 'Isabel' and creating our own stanzas based on the poem's rhyme, rhythm and format. In Maths, we have been using short division of 4-digit numbers, expressing the remainders as fractions. We investigated consecutive number sequences and sought to find patterns and explain results. In PSHE, we have linked our understanding in Science about diet and exercise to make a daily meal planner suitable for a 10-year old. We aimed to adhere to the recommended nutritional guidelines for that age; there were some interesting and surprising findings, such as how much sugar fruit contained. Sports Day was a highlight of the week and Year 5, along with the rest of the school, were excellent at demonstrating the Spirit of the Games values such as determination, passion, self-belief and respect.

We're looking forward to ending the term next week by finishing our class book, performing our poems and enjoying lots of rounders and cricket.

Year 6

Year 6 worked really hard to finish and perform their play to the whole school and then to their parents; they did a brilliant job. To end the week, the class spent a soggy afternoon at Forest School getting soaking wet but having a brilliant time toasting marshmallows! Thank you to all the parents who braved the weather to help at this final Forest School session for Year 6.

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.

Diary Dates

Y6 leavers' party	18 July
Y6 leavers' assembly	19 July
End of term	19 July

Community News

Cambridge City Summer Events

Please see the attached flyer regarding free summer sports events in the City during the holidays.

Summer with the Museums

Ready for a summer adventure? From exploring marvellous microscopes, listening to stories in the dark and creating sock creatures, to coding, designing rockets and silk painting art sessions - Summer with the Museums is back with a bang for the school holidays.

The programme offers a huge selection of museum-based creative activities, events and trails, so whether you are looking for a family day out, something to do on a rainy day, or an experience with a difference, you will find plenty of options to choose from – many of which are free.

Visit <https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/theme/summer> to find your adventure.

Summer events at Stapleford Granary

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