



Newnham News

Friday 18 November 2022

Interim Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents/carers,

Often, we can only imagine what we have already seen (even if we rearrange things in a novel way). This is why it is so important to give our children examples and role models that allow them to hold aspirations and dreams that we would want them to have.

With this in mind, before Covid we ran a series of assemblies with parents sharing their interesting or unusual jobs, especially parents who have been in jobs that might be stereotypically portrayed as male and vice-versa. We would really like to put together a similar sequence of assemblies this year. If you think your role might fit this theme, please could you get in touch and we will start putting together a program.

Kind regards, Eddie Ferguson

Children in Need

Thank you to those of you who contributed to Children in Need today. We raised an amazing total of £290.

Anti-bullying Week

We loved seeing so many of the children in odd socks to mark the start of anti-bullying week. In Monday's assembly we looked at how bullying was different to being mean or rude, why people may bully and what we can do if we are being bullied. The overriding message was that bullying is unacceptable and that we must reach out to others and support each other to put a stop to bullying. Children followed this up with work in their classrooms over the week, including discussing scenarios involving physical, verbal, social or cyberbullying. The PowerPoint shared with the children, including a link to Andy and the Odd Socks' song is attached to this email for your information.

Maths Challenge

To celebrate Maths Week, the whole school had great fun taking part in a 'Codebreaker Challenge' which involved solving maths puzzles to crack the code.



A School Orchestra?

We are exploring the possibility of starting a school orchestra and it would be helpful to know how many children might be interested in being a part of it. Please let us know here (no need to commit at this stage):

<https://forms.gle/xC215wXr5ZJy2q4L7>

Winter Music Festival

Sign up is now open for the 2022 Winter Music Festival. Whether your child has just started learning an instrument or is a seasoned performer, we'd encourage children of all abilities from across the school to perform in this friendly and supportive concert. It will take place in the school hall straight after school from 3.30pm - 4.30pm on **Friday 9th December**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YInMJnfrzNZ1v6a35zMY9PpddMfvX26vmmf9WUlcY4/edit?usp=sharing>

Classroom News:

Reception

The children in Reception have been very busy this week. As it was anti-bullying week, the week started with talking about what bullying is and the superpower we can all have – being kind. In Maths, the children have been learning about measuring heights with non-standard units and comparing numbers. Reception also joined the code breaker Maths activity with the rest of the school and have demonstrated their enthusiasm in Maths and are all brilliant number hunters. In Literacy, the children continue to read Maisy's Birthday book and have talked about party food and party games. They really enjoyed talking about their birthday experiences. In class, the children are also busy writing our class joke book. You can come to Reception if you would like to read it.

Years 1 and 2

We have had yet another busy if not very wet week, but that hasn't stopped us from enjoying a week filled with learning around our topic, Toys. In History, we compared Victorian toys to modern toys, such as tea sets, dolls and toy cars. In English, we looked at features of instructional writing. We then used a set of instructions to create a toy ball and string and then we wrote up these instructions, remembering to include imperative verbs and the Year 2s included time words and made their sentences a little longer using connectives. In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring money. They have looked at different coins, counted and drawn them out. Finally, Year 1 ended the week by working out different amounts. In Year 2, they have been measuring using grams, by counting them

out on scales. Year 2 then moved on to measure the capacity of liquid using cups and learning that liquid is measured in millilitres and litres. In Science we looked at seeds and explored the different ways that these can be spread around. You are all invited to a **KS1 Pop-Up Toy Museum on Wednesday 30 November after school from 3.15- 3.45pm.** As part of our Toys - Old and New- topic, we have been looking at some examples of toys from the past and would love to display any toys from your childhood or older toys in our Museum. See attachment for more information. Well done for a hardworking week Years 1 and 2.

Year 3

Year 3 have had another impressive week. In our Maths lessons the children started off by measuring in centimetres and millimetres and moved onto using kilograms and grams and reading scales. They also enjoyed finding answers to the Maths challenge and cracking the hidden code. In English lessons the children started to turn their notes into full sentences. Our History sessions focused around arguments for and against becoming a Roman gladiator. The children really enjoyed creating a simple moving picture using a flip book in our Computing lesson.

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have started writing our non-chronological reports on the Romans. The children have chosen their own areas of interest to research and write about and, between them, are covering a wide variety of aspects of Roman civilisation. In Maths, we have continued with our work on line graphs, including line graph storytelling where the children have interpreted blank line graphs to decide what they show. We started Anti-Bullying Week with odd sock day, representing that everyone is different, and we have continued to discuss how we treat others, finishing the week with creating posters explaining what bullying is.

Year 5

Year 5 have been busy this week learning how to be safe when riding their bike. Their thorough Bikeability course took place in all weathers and taught children the skills they need to be safe on the road. The children developed their confidence, safety skills and understanding of the rules of the road; they also coped brilliantly with the rain yesterday! Also in class, Year 5 have continued their work on fractions. They learnt that fractions need to be converted to have common denominators when ordering, adding and subtracting. In English they wrote reports about migratory animals whilst in Science, they created different stud patterns using Lego to explore how friction is used in football boots to avoid slipping in mud.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been doing their usual Maths and English. On Monday we drew a moor scene using oil pastels, for the Highway Man poem. On Tuesday in Art we did sketching of people. As usual on Wednesday we went swimming and we counted the money from the Spitfire

restaurant – we raised £600, so thank you. Thank you also to the Coop for their donations. Thursday in Music we listened to music from the war and in PE we did football training. On Friday morning Diogo's Dad came in to talk about Science. He even showed us some experiments! Thank your Prof Reisner. *By Rose, Jaein, Luciana and Natalie*

School Meals

The menu 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.

Diary Dates

Y6 swimming.....	23 Nov
Forest School Y1/2 am, Y6 pm	25 Nov
Y6 swimming.....	30 Nov
Forest School Y3 am	2 Dec
Y6 swimming.....	7 Dec
Music Festival 3.30pm.....	9 Dec
Rec & KSI production 2pm.....	12 Dec
Rec & KSI production 3.15pm	13 Dec
Rec NHS Vision Screening 9 am.....	19 Dec
School Christmas lunch	20 Dec
Festive singing 3.20pm.....	20 Dec
Last day of term.....	21 Dec

PTA NEWS

Last week to order your Christmas tree

One more week to order a wonderfully-fresh, locally grown Christmas tree and support the school! These fabulous Christmas trees are grown just near Bury St Edmund's and are cut to order, so are always super fresh. Order by **next Friday 25th November (midnight cut off)**, for collection/delivery the following Friday and Saturday. Full details and the ordering form are available here www.bit.ly/NewnhamTree.

We are looking for helpers to deliver the trees on Saturday 3rd December. If you have a car and can help give a few hours to delivering trees, please email dani@meeprophone.com.

PTA Dates for your diary!

Garden Club - Sunday 20th November, 10am - 12pm

Last one of the year! Come along for a final tidy of the lovely school grounds before winter. Everyone is welcome and free tea and biscuits for volunteers.

PTA meeting - Thursday 24th November, 7pm - 8pm

Please join us for our next PTA meeting in the school hall and on Zoom, to discuss funding requests and PTA plans for the end of the year.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78590519364?pwd=02zZ89eEjBmabdCzVgAuU2bG0zbg3M.1>

Meeting ID: 785 9051 9364

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