



# Newnham News

Friday 22 October 2021

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

## Attachments

- Lunch menu

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've reached the end of a long but refreshingly normal half term. Thank you for all of your understanding and support when we've had some Covid cases, and thankfully we are in a good position in that regard at the moment. With cases growing nationally, I'm not sure whether any additional measures will be brought in for next half term, but I'll let you all know as soon as possible if they are.

Hopefully you've all had the chance to speak to teachers this week. We will be arranging an opportunity for you to take a look at the children's books early next half term too. This will need to be outside of the classroom and we will explain how and when that will happen after half term.

We're all looking forward to being able to create some great events for parents and families during the year, and our first one is the Fireworks on the 6<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets are now available to purchase via Classlist, so please buy some tickets and encourage others in the community to do the same. If you'd also like to help out with running the event then please contact the chair of the PTA to offer your help.

This just leaves me to wish you all a happy and relaxed half term break. I'm sure many of you will be enjoying some Halloween fun, so have a great time and keep safe.

## Classroom Round-up:

### Reception

We have been looking at ordering number cards this week; first from 1 to 6 and then to 10. We timed ourselves to see if we could place them in order before the sand timer had run through. In Phonics we have learnt the phonemes i, n, m, d, alongside the ones learnt last week (s, a, t, p). Please do log on to Big Cats to read the books, which will support the application of these phonemes to the reading of words and sentences. Well done Reception for reaching the end of your first half term at Newnham Croft!

### Year R/1

In Year 1 this week we have enjoyed adapting our Gruffalo stories using our own characters. In Maths we have been learning to read and use a number line and using it to work on subtraction. We have been recapping phase 3 and phase 4 phonics spellings and we will be starting phase 5 after half

term. I hope you have a great break and I look forward to seeing the children back and rested next term.

### Class 1/2N

In English, we planned and wrote our alternative versions of 'The Gruffalo' using our own woodland monster and some amazing adjectives and story language. In Art, the children made clay models of a character from 'The Gruffalo'. In Maths, Year 1 have continued to work on subtraction problems using part-whole models and finding fact families for both addition and subtraction. The Year 2s have also focused on subtraction and continued to use their knowledge of place value (tens and ones) to help them subtract 2-digit numbers. In phonics, the Year 1s and some Year 2s have been working on the phonemes 'wh/h', 'ph/f' and 'ew/oo/ue' along with the tricky words 'don't, Mr, Mrs and by'. The Year 2s have been working on where 'ge' and 'dge' make the 'j' sound at end of words and where the 'g' makes the 'j' sound at the start of words. They have practised using these words in both statement and question sentences. In PE, we enjoyed the challenge of working in partners to produce a short-synchronised sequence involving movement and a balance. Wishing everybody a happy half-term!

### Class 1/2C

In English, the children planned their alternative versions of 'The Gruffalo' using the woodland monster they created last week. They then wrote their own versions of the story incorporating their character and using the story language they had worked on throughout this week. In Art, the children glazed the clay models they had created last week of some of the main characters from 'The Gruffalo'. In Maths, Year 1 have continued to work on subtraction problems using part whole models and finding fact families for both addition and subtraction. The Year 2s have also focused on subtraction and continued to use their knowledge of place value (tens and ones) to help them subtract 2-digit numbers. In Phonics, the Year 1s and some Year 2s have been working on the phonemes 'wh/h', 'ph/f' and 'ew/oo/ue' along with the tricky words 'don't, Mr, Mrs and by'. The Year 2s have been working on where 'ge' and 'dge' make the 'j' sound at end of words and where the 'g' makes the 'j' sound at the start of words. They have practised using these words in both statement and question sentences. We also finally finished reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. Wishing everybody a fantastic and well-earned break.

### Year 3

Year 3 have spent their final week of this half term looking at earthquakes and using a map to identify which parts of the world have had or currently still have natural disasters. In line with this topic, Year 3 wrote informative reports on the weather in English. The class watched a weather report and then used the informative and factual language and the future tense from it to write a report about the expected weather for that day and the next few days. One child wrote: "Today, the weather will become very cold, with lots of brisk northerly winds and patches of rain." The class also used paragraphs to set out their work and added an interesting sentence at the end of the report to summarise the weather across the week. In Maths, Year 3 have been working on their place value of 2 and 3-digit numbers. They have been working on their number bonds to 100 and used partitioning to add and subtract. The class also applied their reason and problem-solving skills to work out the perimeter of various 2-D shapes. In Science, the class have been exploring different types of soil, such as loamy, clay, sandy, peaty, chalky and peaty. Well done Year 3 for a great first half term.

### Year 4

Continuing on from our work on rocks and fossils, this week we have been considering soil structure and type. In English we have been thinking about showing possession by using apostrophes while writing about our invented phobias. Our Maths work has focused on using analogue, digital and 24 hour time and adding time intervals which cross the hour.

### Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we looked at the Greek myths of the Trojan horse and the Minotaur, and sources of evidence that supported how true they were. Having looked at representations of the Minotaur in mosaics, we looked at tessellating patterns in maths, using rotation, reflection and translation to create our own mosaical patterns. In Science, we continued to explore how light refracts, focusing on how, and why, light splits into the colours of the rainbow using a prism. We finished the week by completing and editing our chapters based on Goth Girl and investigated factors in maths.

### Year 6

Year 6 have been reviewing their first half term and have come up with a list of our top activities so far:

- reading 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes;
- going on our residential trip to Hilltop;
- the Family Fitness Day;
- making and selling healthy wraps at the Family Fitness Day;
- the first round of our Masterchef Competition;
- designing Greek shields in art with Mrs D'Oily;
- asking to go to the toilet in French.

The first round of Masterchef involved designing and making bread. All groups did brilliantly and the scores were very close. The joint winners were a courgette loaf and a tear and share cheesy pesto bread, both pictured below. Thank you to Ms Noble and Miss Harper for judging this round.



### School Meals

The school lunch menu is attached. The week after half term break will be week 1 of the new 3 weekly cycle. The cost of a school meal is £2.40.

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)

PTA website: <http://www.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully,

Andy Matthews, Headteacher

### PTA NEWS

#### Community News

#### Bonfire Night - 6th November

Our much anticipated Bonfire Night is fast approaching! Come along and enjoy a fabulous evening of fireworks, food and drinks organised by the PTA and many of the staff members at school. You can buy tickets from the school office (£6 adult, £3 child) and if you can spare an hour to help run this event, your time would be greatly appreciated. Sign up to help [here](#).

#### Pumpkin Gallery

If you're thinking of carving a pumpkin over half term, why not take a photo and share your creativity with us all on Classlist? Check out the recent post and attach a photo (just of your pumpkin) and we can make a whole gallery of spooky, silly, cute pumpkin faces! If you're not on Classlist yet, join [here](#) and keep in touch with everyone in our school community in an easy and safe way.