



# Newnham News

Friday 26 May 2023

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents/carers,

Thank goodness for some sunshine - what a lift to the spirits, and just in time for half term.

It was wonderful to see all the children enjoying the charity afternoon today - all the more enjoyable as it is very much their own project. In their School Council groups, they chose the fundraising activity (from throwing wet sponges to face painting) and then the older members of the SC groups ran the stalls this afternoon. The children also voted on the charity - Cancer Research.

In other news, we need to say a big thank you to the team in the kitchen. The oven broke last Thursday and, despite promises being made by the engineers to come and fix it, it remains un-fixed. This has led to 6 days of reimagined menus, the use of various other ovens (some with disappointingly tepid 'hot' settings) and much running around to ensure the meals are produced - and the school filled with full-up children. Good work!

Finally, I just wanted to highlight the PTA notices at the end of the newsletter. They are running two great events after half term – a Family Bingo Night and the annual Summer Fete (which is always brilliant). Please get in touch with the PTA if you can help in anyway; volunteers are always needed for the successful running of these events.

I hope you all have lovely half terms. Don't forget that Monday 5 June is a training day, so we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6 June.

Kind regards  
Eddie Ferguson

## Fundraising in Year 5

At their recent class performance, refreshments sold to the audience raised £104 for the Red Cross.

## Classroom news:

### Reception

Reception have been thinking about internet safety this week. The four important rules when using the internet are: Always ask a grown-up for help if you see something strange or unusual; do not download or install anything without asking a grown up first; remember, not all games and videos are for children; don't talk to strangers online and don't tell them where you live.

## Years 1 and 2

Key Stage One have had a very active final week of this half term and the sunny weather has helped. They've built on from their swimming and football skills; harvested their grown cress to make egg cress sandwiches and finally raised money by taking part in lots of fun activities arranged by the Year 6 Council House reps, as part of Newnham Croft's charity afternoon. In Maths, Year 1s have continued to apply their number bonds to 10 to add and subtract either to or from multiples of 10. They then moved on to explore adding and subtracting numbers which bridge ten using their number bonds to 10 to help them. In Year 2, the children have continued to explore using their own strategies to add two 2-digit numbers together and they finished the week by working out change from a given amount. In English, all classes have written up their fact files or non-chronological reports on their chosen mini-beast. In Geography, we all looked at the features of aerial views and labelled some photographs. We finished the week by making egg cress sandwiches as part of this term's DT. The children enjoyed peeling the shells off their eggs; mixing the egg with mayonnaise; carefully adding the mixture to their buttered slice of bread; and finally sprinkling on their grown cress before eating their delicious sandwich. Well done for a fantastic half-term KS1. There will be no spellings or times tables sent out during the half term break.

## Year 3

Year 3 have worked really hard over the last week. In History sessions, we looked at how the justice systems in Viking times compared and contrasted with those we find in modern times. In our Maths sessions, we started the week by identifying different types of lines and angles. Later on in the week, the children used partitioning to help multiply 1 and 2-digit numbers. In our English sessions, the children enjoyed explaining how the machines they had invented worked. In our Science session, the children used diagrams and text to describe the life cycle of a flowering plant.

## Year 4

This week, in English, we have been writing biographies of other people in the class, using the notes we took last week when interviewing each other. We have been focusing on splitting the information into different paragraphs with subheadings and doing peer editing. In Maths, we have been learning and practising different methods of multiplication and division, including the grid method, the ladder method and the bus stop method (short division). In History, we wrote a diary entry from the perspective of someone aboard an

invading Viking long ship, while in Science, we learned about the life cycle of a flowering plant and concluded our 5-week-long experiment into plant growth. We also created some beautiful dragon sculptures using Modroc in Art.

### Year 5

In English this week, Year 5 have been learning about persuasion. By looking at examples of flyers, magazine adverts, letters and TV advertisements, they have thought about the purpose, audience and common features. They had a go at coming up with convincing and creative ideas for alternative lessons to be taught at school and tried to expand on them to help credibility. In Maths, they have been looking at scaling with fractions, squared and cubed numbers and various methods for multiplication. Their progression of skills in techniques needed to play rounders in PE has been impressive. They've mastered batting, bowling and fielding skills which we'll be putting into action when we play games after half term.

### Year 6

On Monday, Year 6 worked on informal informational texts about British monarchs. On Tuesday, the class took a trip to Grantchester Meadows to look at water for an Art project. On Wednesday, we did magic squares (Sudoku) and in English practised our inference skills looking at a picture book called Flotsam. On Thursday, the class wrote about the setting for the Flotsam book and in Music made a video using Garage Band. Finally, on Friday we ran a charity afternoon, raising money for Cancer Research. *By Diogo and Nico*

### School Meals

The menu for the first week of next term 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](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk).

### Diary Dates

Y2 swimming ..... 6, 13, 20, 27 June, 4, 11 July  
Y3&4 swimming..... 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 5 July  
Half term week.....29 May - 2 June  
Staff training day – school closed.....5 June  
Family Fitness afternoon 1.30pm.....9 June  
School open afternoon 3.15pm.....9 June  
Co-op/Y6 breakfast café 8.30am.....16 June  
PTA Family Bingo Evening 6pm .....16 June  
Meeting for new Reception parents 2pm .....22 June  
PTA summer fete..... 2 July  
Co-op/Y6 breakfast café 8.30am..... 7 July  
Y6 play ..... 13 July  
Y6 leavers' party ..... 18 July  
Y6 leavers' assembly ..... 19 July  
End of term..... 19 July

### PTA NEWS

Thank you to those who attended the recent AGM and a big thank you to those who will form the committee for next year. There's always an opportunity to get involved though, so please get in touch with us (details below) or have a chat in the playground to see how you can help in upcoming events.

### Family Bingo Night

Save the date for a night of bingo fun - our 70s themed bingo night will be on Friday 16th June from 6pm, with retro food and drink, music, games and, of course, bingo and prizes! Bring the kids, get dressed up in your flares and tie-dye and have a laugh. Tickets will be available soon on Classlist. We will need a handful of groovy volunteers for this event - keep an eye out for the Slottr sign up sheet.

### Summer Fete

Sunday 2nd July will be our Summer Fete - we have just started planning this and will have a meeting after half term to get things properly sorted. We will need your help to make sure things run smoothly. It's a fun event and we are always keen for new ideas, so please get in touch if you want to run a stall or arrange an activity: [newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com](mailto:newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com)

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Cambridge Diving at Parkside Pool

We have space in our Learn to Dive programme which offers weekly sessions for anyone aged 5+ who is water confident and would like to try diving. We offer free taster sessions for anyone who'd like to give it a try before signing up. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

#### Cambridge and Oxford Summer Singing School

**Junior Course** - 24 - 28 July 2023 (Monday - Friday) for those aged 7-12

**Senior Course** - 24 & 25 July 2023 (Monday and Tuesday)

**Where:** St Catharine's College, Cambridge.

**How:** booking is via our website

<https://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk/courses/cambri>  
[dge-choral-singing/](https://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk/courses/cambri). See poster for further details.