



# Newnham News

Friday 4 November 2022

Interim Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents/carers,

A week that started with the chilling goblins and ghouls of Halloween will end with the warmth and light of fireworks at the PTA bonfire night.

Thank you so much to Louise Brayshaw, Aleks Jach (our site manager) and all the other volunteers who have been working so hard to make sure tomorrow's event can take place safely and with the required pizzazz.

On Tuesday, along with our usual Reading Assembly, the KS2 children had an assembly by Jasmine, who works for the UK parliament outreach program. From choosing whether crisps or chocolate were the better snack (I know, I tried to tell her we were a healthy school!), Jasmine very effectively linked the debating skills used to a discussion about whether health, education or the environment were more important. As you'd expect, there were divergent and salient opinions expressed throughout, and the difficulty of finding common agreement was clearly demonstrated.

Reception and Year 5 had the first Forest School sessions of the year; I was enlightened as to what happened in the Reception version by two extremely animated young children who had clearly enjoyed their morning activities.

I hope you all have lovely weekends, whether that is watching fireworks or hiding from them,

Kind regards, Eddie Ferguson

## Thank you to the Co-op and its members, ie you!

Co-op members have raised £1661.60 as part of the Co-op's local community fundraising scheme. The money raised for the school's charitable arm NET (Newnham Educational Trust) will be used to enhance the learning of children at Newnham Croft. Thank you to Mark and Simon at the Co-op who are incredibly supportive of our school.

## Anti-Bullying Week

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is taking place from Monday 14th to Friday 18th November this year and it has the theme 'Reach Out'. At school we'll start the week with Odd Socks Day. To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 14th November. The day sends an important message to

pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. During the week, children at school will take part in assemblies and lessons which help them to understand bullying and feel confident to know what to do to ensure it doesn't happen. There is a parent pack from the Anti-Bullying Alliance attached with more information.

## Classroom News:

### Reception

This week Reception had their first encounter with the character Maisy the mouse from our class book. The class book is linked to our topic this term, Celebrations and Festivals. The children were eager to know about her job, her feelings, where she lives and asked lots of questions about her. In Maths, the children were using number bonds and finding out about subtraction. In class, we also talked about what friends are, why we like to have friends and how to make more friends.

### Years 1 and 2

KS1 have had a busy start back. We have introduced the topic of Toys Old and New. We have been reading the story Lost in the Toy Museum, by David Lucas. In English, we have been learning how to accurately punctuate a sentence and we edited part of the story adding in full stops and capital letters. In Year 1, our Maths has been looking at 2D shape and symmetry. In Year 2, they have been adding and subtracting multiples of 10. In Computing Year 1, are learning how to create digital art and how to use different freehand paint tools. In Year 2, they are looking at different technology to take photographs. In History, we are thinking about ways to find out about toys from the past. Your child has written you some questions to find out about the toys that you used to play with. Please answer them and send them back into school. Thank you for your support.

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a really impressive week. In Maths lessons, we focused on creating multiplication and division sentences that relate to the 3 and 4 times tables. We also started to look at dividing numbers where there is a remainder left over. In our English lessons, we started to define what is meant by the terms fact and opinion and looked at some of the features that you might expect to find in a non-chronological report. In our DT lesson the children enjoyed practising how to do a running stitch. Our History sessions focused on why and how the Romans built roads. In Science we started our unit on sound and looked at how sound travels.

#### Year 4

This week, we have been continuing with our Romans topic and have been learning about how the Romans built their roads. We have continued to practise our time maths using the 24-hour clock and have used our skills to solve problems. During our English lessons, we have started to prepare for writing our own non-chronological reports on the Romans and look forward to continue working on them over the next two weeks. A great start back after half term.

#### Year 5

Year 5 started the week off with a brilliant talk about coding from Zoe's dad, Dr Jossy Sayir. This captured our interest and supported our understanding of coding before our visit to Bletchley Park next week. Using rabbits and carrots as examples, we were able to see how parity checks are used and explored Caesar's Cipher as a simple technique for encryption. We then looked at how coding progressed, had a go at deciphering a coded message and gained an understanding of its importance during WWII when the Enigma machine's code was cracked. In Maths this week, we have been looking at fractions, converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. After exploring the use of propaganda in WWII, the class produced their own propaganda posters in Art based on the main messages conveyed in Britain during the war. In PSHE, we started looking at anti-bullying by looking at the common incidents of falling out with friends. We started to come up with ideas about what issues can cause problems in friendships and how we can aim to solve them.

#### Year 6

Throughout the week, Year 6 have been doing multiples and prime numbers in Maths. In English, we have been writing biographies and on Friday we were writing a letter or a diary entry about evacuees. In Science, we have been working on an experiment including how different materials affect sports. In PE, we have been working on our football skills: accuracy, passing and shooting. *By Carmen, Monty W and Saffran*

#### School Meals

The menu will be week 3 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](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk).

#### Diary Dates

Y5&6 to Bletchley Park.....	7 Nov
Y6 swimming.....	9 Nov
Forest School Rec am, Y4pm .....	11 Nov
Y6 WWII restaurant.....	11 Nov
Rec-Y6 flu vaccinations .....	14 Nov
Y5 Bikeability training.....	14-18 Nov
Y6 WWII restaurant.....	11 Nov
Forest School Y2 am, Y1 pm.....	18 Nov
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 3.15pm.....	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
Last day of term .....	21 Dec

#### PTA NEWS

##### Firework Night

We are really looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the school Firework Night. This event is now sold out. We will open the gates at 5.30 and probably finish at around 7.30. Please read the below and follow to make sure it's a safe and fun evening!!!

1. You are responsible for your children at all times during this event. Please do not let them use the play equipment in the dark and stay with them at all times.
2. We now have sufficient volunteers to go ahead - thank you so much everyone. If you have volunteered please report to the front gate and ask for Louise when you arrive. Her number is 07980 627 680. If for any reason you can no longer help please contact her urgently.
3. Finally have fun! And also please thank Simon and Mark at Newnham Co-op when you see them. They have donated some of the wine and food for the evening.

See you there!