



Newnham News

Friday 12 November 2021

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Lunch menu
- Letter from the Local Authority

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to have some milder weather this week, and along with it no further cases of Covid in the school. You will find attached to this newsletter a letter from Jon Lewis (Director of Children's services) explaining in a little more detail than I did last week, what it means to be in an ERA.

We have also now put into classrooms CO2 monitors, to enable class teachers to make better judgements on the balance between keeping classrooms well ventilated and keeping the children warm.

As usual we are continuing to try to keep the education for the children as normal as possible. We had a beautifully respectful remembrance assembly on Thursday and next week we will be focusing on Anti-bullying week with the theme of One Kind Word. We have asked children to show their solidarity with this cause by wearing odd socks on Monday and during next week.

We also have Children in Need next Friday (19 November). This year the children will be able to pay £1 to wear crazy hair and the kitchen will be running a coffee morning for parents until 9.30 and with pastries for the children before school. We are also asking parents and children to bring in pound coins to help us draw out a 'Pound Coin Pudsy' on the school playground (other coins welcome too). This should be a great fundraiser for a truly great cause.

Classroom Round-up:

Reception

It was good to see so many of you at the fireworks display last Saturday. To follow on from this, Reception have been creating fantastic firework pictures using pastels, cutting skills and even with the use of the computers. In Maths we have been looking at a repeating pattern, using colour, shape, fruit as well as people! In Phonics we have now learnt the following phonemes, with the focus phonemes of the week in **bold**: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, **ck**, **e**, **u**, **r**. We have also learnt to spot the tricky words 'I' 'no' 'go' 'to'. It is great to see that so many children have been accessing the home reading (Big Cats) which supports the phonics session each week. We cannot emphasise enough the value in reading with your child each day, including re-reading books and it is great to see their confidence and enjoyment of learning grow as a result of your daily support. If you are unsure about accessing Big Cats, please let Ms Mangera know. Mr Jach, our premises

manager, has just built our class an amazing new mud kitchen. We need a broken microwave oven to be part of our mud kitchen, so do let us know if you can help.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 Maths, we have been looking at ordering our day and how a clock works. This would be a great discussion to continue at home. In English, we have been reading the story *The Night Pirates* and predicting what might happen next. We also wrote about what the moon saw in the story, which we wrote in the first person. In Phonics we learnt the sounds oy, ir, ue and aw. In Geography, we have made maps of treasure islands and learnt how to add a key. In Computing, we are starting coding and this week learnt how to follow instructions on a grid. If your child has any Pirate stories at home they are welcome to bring them in to share with the class.

Class 1/2N & 1/2C

In English, we read the beginning of *The Night Pirates* by Peter Harris and wrote a prediction about what Tom's adventure might be. In Phonics, Year 1s have continued to learn reading and writing the alternative sounds (oe, au, ey, and the split digraphs a-e and e-e). They also practised spelling verbs with the suffix 'ing'. It would be great if you could help your child spot and recognise some of these graphemes and words in their reading. Year 2 have been focusing on spelling words ending in 'el' (squirrel, towel, camel) and learning how to use an apostrophe to show possession. Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading at home and learning their spellings. We are starting to learn how to give a BBot an algorithm in Computing. In Science, we named and described different types of everyday material and grouped them together. We designed a bird feeder in DT. In Maths, Year 1s looked at time, ordered events and learnt about the different numbers and hands on the clock face. They also explained their mathematical reasoning about different numbers in their own words and practised recognising 3D shapes. Year 2s learnt to count in pounds and pence and how to select the correct money to make totals. In PE, we practised jumping and landing with control in gymnastics and enjoyed playing a team game called Steal the Pirate Treasure. Well done to everyone for a very productive week! Please note that our Forest School sessions will be on **3 December** for **1/2C** and **10 December** for **1/2N**.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been learning about Egyptian pyramids. They learnt that the most famous pyramids are in

Giza and that the tallest is the pyramid of Khufu, which is 146 metres tall. The class also learnt that most of the Egyptian pyramids are over 4,000 years old. In English, the class have been learning about subordinating conjunctions and they have been applying these conjunctions to retell the beginning of The Wizard Of Oz, which is our new class reader. One child wrote: "Because he was frightened, little Toto started barking at the storm." In Maths, the class have been working on subtraction using the column method and have been learning how to borrow tens and hundreds. The class have also been working on cube puzzles. In Science, Year 3 conducted an experiment to test for how permeable sandy, silty and clay soil is. Well done Year 3 for a hardworking week.

Year 4

Year 4 were delighted to attend the Sports Festival on Parker's Piece on Thursday. The event was run by some students at Parkside School and comprised of several different activities taken from skills in three sports. The class behaved wonderfully and were a credit to the school on their first walking trip of Year 4. In English, we have been continuing our non-fiction work on recounts and learning about the features of newspaper reports before planning our own. Our Maths work for the week has been focused on long division using items, number lines and finally a more concise written method.

Year 5

In Science this week, we have been using our knowledge of how shadows are formed to create a shadow puppet theatre showing one of the Greek myths we have been learning about. We have also been comparing toys from Ancient Greece with the ones we have today. In English, we have written newspaper reports on the Walrus and the Carpenter. In Maths, we have started using a protractor to measure angles and have been using the bus stop method in division, converting remainders into decimals or fractions.

Year 6

In Year 6 we have done a lot of fun things this week. These are a few.....in Science we have learnt about evolution, adaption and inheritance, such as cheetahs have flexible spines to adapt with running. In English, we were learning about a book called Clockwork which is set in Germany in Glockenheim and it is set in the 1900s and in the White Horse Tavern. In Maths, we have been learning about division and the different methods for division. *Imogen and PJ*

School Meals

The three-weekly school lunch menu is attached. Next week will be the week 3 menu. 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

Yours faithfully,
Andy Matthews, Headteacher

PTA NEWS

Bonfire Night

Thank you to all of you who attended Bonfire Night at the weekend - and a big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped. We raised £1787 and most importantly we came together and celebrated safely as a school community. Thank you to Mr Matthews, Ms Wakelen and Ms Mangera who helped on the night and a special thank you to Mr Jach and Mr Pinnock for creating the wonderful firework display. The whole event was coordinated by Louise Brayshaw, who did a wonderful job keeping us safe, entertained and catered for. Thank you!

PTA Meeting

We are having our next meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 17 November. This will be a Zoom meeting (link below) - all parents and carers are welcome to join.

Emma Laughlin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PTA meeting

Time: Nov 17, 2021 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75114453521?pwd=Q3hISERFRTljRG90Y2hZdGNKWFJGQT09>

Meeting ID: 751 1445 3521

Passcode: J4HPFB

Christmas Trees

The PTA are really pleased to be selling wonderfully-fresh, locally grown Christmas trees again this year. Order forms should have come home this week. If you haven't already received yours, don't worry! Full details and the ordering form are also available here www.bit.ly/NewnhamTree. Trees can be collected from school on Fri 3rd Dec and Sat 4th Dec. We are also offering **contact-free delivery** again this year if you live within 1 mile of the school. **Orders need to be received by 26 November (midnight cut-off)**, but early orders are really appreciated. If you have any questions about trees please email Dani on dani@meeprophone.com.

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