



Newnham News

Friday 24 September 2021

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Lunch menu

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been the final week of our whole school topic of 'Healthy Me' and yesterday we enjoyed a class sharing assembly, where we all found out about the different things that the children have been learning. These range from how our teeth work in Years 3 and 4 to the workings of the circulatory system in Years 5 and 6. Across the school, all the children have been learning about the importance of a healthy diet and in keeping a healthy lifestyle. This afternoon we've all been putting our healthy lifestyle into action during our Family Fitness Day. Hopefully those of you who came along had a brilliant time engaging in all the activities with your children.

Fortunately (as I write), we've had no further positive Covid tests and lots of negative tests from Year 5 children who were instructed to book a test. Long may this situation continue.

I'd like to flag up that we currently have two school vacancies, one for a Teaching Assistant and another for a Lunchtime Assistant. If you are interested in either post please look on our school website for details or contact the school office.

It's also that time of the term when I need to remind parents that driving down Chedworth Street to drop off your children is not helpful. The road gets very crowded now that we are back to one start time and there is no place to turn at the school end. Please drop or park on the roads around Chedworth Street.

Next week our Year 6s are looking forward to their first overnight residential stay. Both their Year 4 and Year 5 residential trips have been limited due to Covid, so it is wonderful that they get to stay overnight for a proper residential experience.

We are also welcoming in all of our Reception children into school full time from Monday, and looking forward to them enjoying full days at school.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder that nominations for the Parent Governor vacancy should be received by 1 October 2021. Nominations should be emailed to office@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk.

Classroom Round-up:

Reception

The past two weeks of the children attending on a part-time basis has been really valuable in their transition and it has been wonderful to spend this closer time with them. Now the children are more independent, they are ready to attend full-time from next Monday, including lunch. The children will find this very tiring, even if they are used to attending their previous settings for longer hours. Please be mindful of this and aim for an early bedtime. Also, please do ensure water bottles are sent to school every day and supply a change of clothes in a named bag to be left at school.

Year R/1

This week the children in Year one have been looking at the story 'Handa's Surprise'. They have been using adjectives to describe the different fruits and rewriting part of the story. In PSHE the class have been discussing how to keep their teeth healthy and how to brush their teeth properly for 2 minutes - a discussion that could be continued at home! In Maths the class have been working on 1 more and 1 less, and in PE this week the class have been running and talking about how exercise keeps us fit and healthy.

Year 1/2N

This week in English we enjoyed reading 'Handa's Surprise' and were inspired by the rich vocabulary used to write our own descriptive sentences. In Phonics, we continued to recap previously taught phonemes and identify words containing these sounds. In Maths, Year 1 have been working on representing numbers to 20 using a range of objects that represent tens and ones. They finished the week working on language such as 1 more and 1 less. Year 2 have been working on representing numbers to hundreds with tens and one blocks (Dienes). They also worked on finding 10 more and 10 less of numbers to 100 and used this knowledge to help them find 11 more and 11 less. In Topic, we practised some strategies for relaxing and we found that after working hard in PE, we felt calm and happy. The children ended the week by joining the other KS1 Classes to sing a song in assembly based on 'If you're happy and you know it' about ways to keep yourself healthy by recognising different feelings.

Year 1/2C

Year 1/2C have been working really hard throughout the week on the following areas: In Maths, Year 1 have been working on representing numbers to 20 using a range of objects that represent tens and ones. They finished the week

working on language such as 1 more and 1 less. Year 2 have been working on representing numbers to hundreds with tens and one blocks. They also worked on finding 10 more and 10 less of numbers to 100 and used this knowledge to help them find 11 more and 11 less. In English, we really enjoyed reading 'Handa's Surprise'. The children sequenced the main events of the story using a picture board and used adjectives to describe the fruits and vegetables they would have in their basket. In Phonics we have continued to recap previously taught phonemes and identify words containing these sounds that are fake or real. In Art, the children were inspired by the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and created collages of their faces using fruits and vegetables. The children ended the week by joining the other KS1 classes to sing a song based on 'If you're happy and you know it' about ways to make yourself healthy.

Year 3

As we approach the end of our first whole school topic Healthy Me, Year 3 have spent this week applying their Design and Technology skills to plan, prepare and evaluate a healthy meal. The class designed a pizza with their favourite vegetable and salad toppings and wrote about how they would plan to make them. Year 3 were then given the ingredients to create pizzas and in groups, they each had a go at mixing, kneading and chopping all of their ingredients to create their pizzas. In groups, they each discussed the outcomes of their pizzas and next week these evaluations shall be written up. In Maths, the class have been recapping their number bonds to 10 and 20 and working on doubling by making the connection to the 2 times table. We've also been working on the place value of 3 - digit numbers and working out hundreds, tens and ones of set numbers. In English, we've been exploring fronted adverbials and used these to write the setting of the first chapter of 'I was a Rat!'. Well done Year 3 for a very hardworking third full week back at school.



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed their final week of the 'Healthy Me' topic by creating a range of eye-catching and informative posters to teach people about sleep hygiene and sleep cycles. In Science we will begin our tooth decay investigation and look forward to observing this in the coming days and weeks. We have also enjoyed making our own pizzas in DT and learned how to measure out ingredients, chop vegetables and assemble the finished pizza. Thank you to Miss Wilson, Mrs Burke and Ms Noble for making this possible.

Year 5

In Science this week, we had nutritionist Rosemary Ferguson on Zoom, sharing her knowledge of the 6 different types of nutrients and how they support a healthy body. In our writing this week, the children then completed a piece of writing

about an area they have learnt about during our Healthy Me topic. In Maths, we investigated decimals and place value at the start of the week and then looked at converting the 12-hour clock to the 24-hour clock and revising the link between analogue and digital clocks. Some of the class would benefit from looking over it at home to help their confidence. This interactive clock is useful to get them to see the link between different ways of representing the time:

<https://www.visnos.com/demos/clock>

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Visnos Interactive clock. Simple to teach telling the time using a colourful classroom analog clock. Show equivalent digital clock time. Step by step learn about hours, minutes and seconds. Simply click and drag the movable hands. The clock can also be used to teach about fractions and angles.

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Year 6

In DT Year 6 have been designing and making healthy wraps to sell at this afternoon's Family Fitness Day. In PSHE, we have been learning about food hygiene. We have also been getting ready to help Miss Wakelen run all the activities today. In Maths, we have been learning how to solve algebra problems. In English, we have been practising our comprehension skills. In French, we have been asking questions. In Art, we have been creating still life pictures inspired by Leonardo de Vinci. Lastly, we have had swimming, cross country and basketball lessons in PE. We had two very interesting talks this week: one about the circulatory system from Dr Buss and one from nutritionist Rosemary Ferguson.

School Meals

The school lunch menu is attached. Next week will be week 3 of the 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

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

Yours faithfully,

Andy Matthews, Headteacher

PTA NEWS

Class reps wanted!

The PTA are looking for 2 volunteer parents/carers from each class to be Class Reps and take on a few responsibilities throughout the year, including managing Treat Stall, arranging teacher cards and collections and generally improving communication between your class parents and the PTA. It's not a hugely time-consuming role and helps your children and their classmates stay in the loop with upcoming events and activities. To volunteer or for more information, check out our recent post on Classlist or get in touch with us: newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com.