



Newnham News

Friday 1 October 2021

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Lunch menu
- Y6 half term taster hockey camp

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen the start of lots of new topics across the school from The Enchanted Woods in Years 1 and 2 through Natural Disasters in Years 3 and 4 and The Ancient Greeks in Years 5 and 6. I'm sure that your children will come home buzzing with things to tell you in the weeks ahead. We've also been enjoying seeing the Reception cohort starting to settle into full time schooling, and being really impressed with their ability to already know their way around.

Our Year 6s have been up at Hilltop on the North Norfolk coast are having a superb time completing all the activities. Some photos are included further down this newsletter and more have been shared if you follow me on Twitter ([Head@NewnhamCroft](https://twitter.com/Head@NewnhamCroft)).

Next week is the start of Black History Month, so there will be assemblies focusing on this during the week. The following week will include our Harvest Festival. Unfortunately, parents will still be unable to be part of this celebration at the present time. As usual we will be accepting any donations to be donated to Jimmy's Night Shelter. More details about what they would like you to donate will be circulated next week.

I'm afraid I again need to remind parents about the traffic around school at the start and end of the day. Please don't drive down Chedworth Street to drop off your children, as it is often quite dangerous when cars try to turn in very cramped circumstances. Also I do need to ask parents not to park right by the Chedworth Street junction, as this creates blind spots for cycling children and pedestrians. There is plenty of room to park away from congestion in the nearby streets.

As you know, the works on our boiler room will be nearing completion in the next two weeks and following that our new shed will be finished. A key feature of this shed will be an open hanging area for lost property at the left hand end of the shed. This should really improve the ability for parents to locate lost items quickly. In the meantime, we have a growing collection of left lunchboxes on the tables by the kitchen. Please take a look at these and reclaim whichever are yours, as we will not keep these here forever waiting to be collected. I would also like to point out to parents that, along with fuel, we are also having issues with our food deliveries. Therefore, please be aware that the published school menu may be subject to change at short notice should we not be in a position to provide the meals stated on the menu.

Sorry for the moans, but I'll finish on a positive note. Thank you all so much for the positive feedback after our Family Fitness Day last week. It was a wonderful event and you all obviously agree that it was a roaring success. Hugh thanks must go to Miss Wakelen for organising such a brilliantly engaging and worthwhile afternoon of fitness and well-being. Please rest assured that we are planning that this kind of event starts to become a regular feature in what we are offering in our provision.

Classroom Round-up:

Reception

The children in Reception have adapted really quickly to the demands of attending school for the full day. School lunches have been enjoyed and the routines of this time have been learnt quickly. Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to attend the Early Years workshop on Wednesday evening and I hope you found it useful. We were not able to record the session, however the presentation is on the school website. Please follow this link for the phonics presentation: <http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk/web/workshops/373428> and this one for handouts mentioned during the workshop: http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk/web/ey_workshop_documents/574919

Home Folders have been sent home this week and include the access to Big Cats e books (see inside the Reading Record). We do not expect your children to be able to read the key words sent home just yet, so keep them in a safe place until we have introduced the class to phase 2 phonemes. We will let you know when this happens via this newsletter.

Year R/1

In Year 1 we have started our new topic 'The Enchanted Wood'. We have labelled and learnt the different parts of the tree and what they do. In Art we are learning about Andy Goldsworthy and his leaf art. In Maths we have been learning to use the language and symbols of greater than >, less than < and equal to =. In PE we have started gymnastics and this week have focused on jumping.

Year 1/2N and 1/2C

The children have really impressed with the enthusiasm they have shown for our new topic this week. In English, the children used the front cover of Christine Butterworth's book 'What I love about trees' to inspire them to write their own sentences about what they liked about trees, particularly at this time of year. In Art, the children looked at artwork

created by Andy Goldsworthy using materials obtained from the outside environment. They then went outside into the playground and created their own compositions using a selection of leaves and berries. In Maths, Year 1 have compared numbers using the greater than, less than and equals signs. The Year 2s have also compared numbers and sums and used their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help them quickly recall their number bonds to 20. In Phonics the Year 1s and some Year 2s have worked on recapping the digraphs 'ai', 'ea', 'igh' and 'oa'. They might want to look out for these in their reading books this week. The Year 2s worked in grammar lessons on recognising vowels and consonants and in spelling lessons on words where 'n' is made using the digraphs 'kn' and 'gn' and 'r' is made using the 'wr' digraph.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have begun their new topic, 'Natural Disasters' and the class have started learning about human-made and natural rocks in Science by classifying the rocks into those categories. In Geography, Year 3 learnt about hurricanes and created fact files about them. The class learnt about what causes hurricanes, why they occur, the names of some very famous and historic hurricanes and finally the impacts that they can have on the environment, people's lives and their homes. In English, Year 3 used imperative verbs and adverbs to write instructions about making pizzas. They also wrote evaluations about the pizzas they made last week and thought about what went well and what they would do differently next time when making pizzas. In Maths, Year 3 have spent a lot of this week learning about time. The class revised o'clock and half past and then worked on 5-minute intervals using analogue clocks. Year 3 also worked on doubling 2-digit numbers (odd and even). Well done Year 3 for a hardworking week!

Year 4

Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed working together this week when we came together for our Science and Geography lessons. Our new topic, Natural Disasters, began by learning about the eruption on La Palma and thinking about how this relates to rock formation. We learned about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks and the different ways in which they are created. In Geography, children were fascinated to learn about hurricanes, their impact and how they develop. We are currently in the process of producing a fact file all about these weather systems to contextualise our learning.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have been immersing ourselves in our new topic, Ancient Greece. We practiced our internet search skills by researching and comparing the city states of Athens and Sparta. At the end of this, we completed a piece of persuasive writing, hoping to sell one of the city's systems and structures over the other. In Science, we have started to learn about light. This week we looked at how light travels and wrote and presented an educational piece that was recorded on the iPad. We revised place value in Maths, and also looked

at interpreting timetables and applying our knowledge of the 24-hour clock.

Year 6



At Hilltop, Year 6 have been challenging themselves on the climbing wall and learning about coastal erosion.



School Meals

The school lunch menu is attached. Next week will be week 1 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.newnhamcrofptpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully,

Andy Matthews, Headteacher

Community News

Year 6 Hockey Camp

Please see a flyer attached advertising this half term club.