



Newnham News

Friday 18 March 2022

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Lunch menu

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to feel that Spring has finally arrived, and the children have certainly been enjoying the improved weather. Thank you all so much for the donated money towards today's Red Nose Day appeal. This morning we celebrated this day with a jokes assembly, where some really brilliant jokes were delivered with confidence and style. Here is Nathan's joke: *The existence of a water melon means there is an earth melon, fire melon and air melon. These are the elemelons!*

We also had the chance to celebrate some excellent sporting achievements by our school sports teams recently, with our table tennis team winning 5 medals yesterday at Coleridge School's inter-school tournament. Well done to our two netball teams for their performance in the recent netball tournament too.

Next Tuesday 22 March, we will be having a day to promote world unity and think about the impact of conflicts around the world. For KS2 children this will include an assembly focusing our thoughts on those around the world who have suffered through conflicts. This will be in the style of a remembrance assembly but with a global feel. For all children in the school this will include a request to dress up in as many different bright colours as possible, to reflect all the flags around the world and celebrate the unity and communal spirit we would all like the world to show. We are asking for a donation of £1/£2 for this day, which will be added to the money already collected in support of Ukraine. This money will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, where the UK Government will match fund any donated money. If your family has been impacted by conflict, you may want to talk to your child about the KS2 assembly in advance and the fact that we are aiming this assembly to be about global respect, thinking about those people who have suffered and aiming at a better world for the future.

Finally, before Covid we had a brilliant team of library volunteers who came into school every morning (from 8.40 - 9.20am) and we are looking to start this up again. The volunteer role includes helping children choose books and helping to keep the library organised. Mrs Passey is already a regular helper and does a brilliant job, but we would love to hear from you if you are interested and have a morning you can offer each week. Please let Mrs Bracey (at the office) know if you have a day you are available to meet Ms Mangera

or Ms Holliday to discuss the role. It would be really helpful to have these responses during the next week or so.

Maths Workshop

A reminder that on Tuesday 29 March, 1.30-2.30pm, we will be running an online maths workshop. We will be looking at the curriculum elements of reasoning and problem solving. The session will be recorded, for those of you unable to make the time above. A zoom link will be sent out closer to the time.

Summer Music Festival Sign Up

All children who are learning a musical instrument (either at school or privately) are invited to play in next term's Music Festival, which will be held on **Friday 22 April 3.30-4.30pm**. The festival will take place IN PERSON. Please sign up by 19 April. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wEgbqRk-yY-qCe4BzSGGWmKhKoAJmhTbExixxTnypl/edit?usp=sharing>
Any questions, please email Dani dani@meeprophone.com

Classroom News:

Reception

We have started our new class book called Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max. Astrid, otherwise known as Astro Girl, loves finding out about Space and one day, she would like to be an astronaut. We have therefore been thinking about our own hobbies and interests. Hiro wrote that he is interested in trucks and trains and Evelyn likes finding out about butterflies. In Maths, we have been looking at counting backwards and finding the number which is one or two less than a given number. To help support this, we even played snakes and ladders backwards from 100 to 1! Please note that your child will have brought home their phase 4 high frequency words, which can be attached the phase 2/3 words sent home previously. Please support your child by reading these words daily until they are confident with reading them by sight.

Year 1

In Year 1 we have really enjoyed making our finger puppets and adding the features of our chosen animals. In Maths, we have been learning how to double and are starting to learn about the concept of multiplication, using arrays. In Science, the class have been classifying animals by what they eat, ie whether they are carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. During Computing lessons we have learnt to copy and paste images of animals from the internet, and in English find out facts about them to make our own non-fiction class books.

Class 1/2N and 1/2C

In Maths, Year 1 have been learning how to double numbers. They have also continued their work on making and understanding arrays and are beginning to learn about repeated addition number sentences (and the link to counting in 2s, 5s and 10s) as an introduction to the concept of multiplication. They also used their knowledge of measuring weight to solve some problems. Year 2 have been measuring and drawing lengths in centimetres, estimating and measuring in metres and ordering and comparing lengths. In Science, we learned about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. In English, we have continued to research facts about animals and have made notes and written fact sentences. We have also been learning how to group our ideas when we are writing non-fiction. In phonics, Year 1 practised reading and spelling words using the alternative sounds j/dge (badge, Jack) and n/gn/kn (knife, gnome). Year 2 practised spelling words that have the 'or' grapheme after the letter 'w' making the 'er' sound (word, worm, work, world). In PSHE, we learnt about e-safety and in PE, we concluded our dance sessions 'at the African waterhole' by working in groups on our control and coordination and remembering repeated actions. Thank you for your continued support with your child's daily reading at home and spelling and number facts practice. Please remember to send your child's reading record log book and reading books in every Friday.

Year 3

Year 3 have spent a lot of this week working on poetry. They compared the two poems, Jane Goodall and another poem about robots. Both poems are written from the perspective of robots and chimpanzees, rather than humans, about their feelings about humans. The class finished the week creating a shape poem of their choice applying ideas from the poems we'd explored in the week. In Maths, Year 3 have been working on subtraction by finding the difference using a range of strategies, such as the frog method or column subtraction, then using addition to check their answers. In Geography, the class continued to explore The Giants Causeway in Northern Ireland. The class learnt about the volcanic hexagon rocks and the legend of Finn Macool, which are connected to this beautiful destination. In Science, the class have learnt more about protecting and looking after our environment by creating posters to encourage others to reduce their use of fossil fuels and plastics. In Art, Year 3 used chalk and charcoal to recreate the sky from the painting A Shipwreck in a Storm by Claude-Joseph Vernet. Thank you for supporting your child with helping them to practise and prepare for their weekly spelling and times tables test. I've been really impressed with their spellings and their multiplication tables. Well done Year 3 for a very hard working week.

Year 4

Year 4, in Maths, have been focusing on decimals and money, calculating the difference between items from different shops. In English, we have been reading, performing and comparing poems. We discussed and learnt about how authors often write from somebody else's point of view - even

animals and robots! We have also been very busy rehearsing for our class play, Explorers! Memorising lines, dance moves and song lyrics has been a lot of fun and we cannot wait to share it with you! Finally, we have been exploring the sunny outdoors today with our Forest School instructor.

Year 5

In English, we began looking at our new story from a Faraway Place, Mysterious Traveller by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham. We explored the vivid imagery and discussed why the authors chose the language they did. In Maths, we revised written methods for subtraction and used them to investigate problems; we also looked again at equivalent fractions and multiplying fractions by whole numbers. In our topic, we have been learning about, and writing instructions for, Shang divination ceremonies.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have done many exciting things, such as starting our revision in Maths for SATs as we have calculated that we have 24 school days until the SATs start. As well as that, we have had two successful competitions in netball and table tennis. In table tennis 5 out of 9 competitors from our school won medals. In Computing, we have been adding effects to our Scratch maze games. *Emilia, Eliot, Avigail and Alex*

School Meals

Next week will be the week 2 menu of the three week cycle (attached). 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Navroz Celebration

Cambridge Central Asia Forum, and GCRF COMPASS, Centre of Development Studies invites you to a cultural evening to celebrate Navroz. As you know Navroz transcends religious, ethnic, linguistic, and national divisions and brings people together. It showcases the region's rich tradition and mythology for the world to experience. Above all else it is an occasion for celebration. This year the programme focuses on music and cultural performances from the countries which celebrate Navroz.

19th March 2022, 7:15-9pm at Jesus College Chapel, Jesus College, Jesus Lane, Cambridge CB5 8BL

Places are limited. Registration is mandatory. Please email pk315@cam.ac.uk to confirm a place. Please make sure not to arrive earlier than 7:15pm. It is free seating. We request everyone coming to ensure they have a negative lateral flow test result taken shortly before coming to the event. We look forward to hosting you.

Brownies for girls aged 7 to 10 meet on Mondays at the Scout and Guide Centre on the school site. We have a small and growing unit and are looking for some more girls to join us. We're inviting those who might like to start Brownies next term and would like to find out more to come along for a taster meeting on Monday 28th March at 6pm. If you are interested, please email Clare, the Brownie leader: 30thcambridgebrownies@gmail.com.

FREE Multi-Sport Camps this Easter

Cambridge City Council & Anglia Ruskin University are pleased to announce the return of the ARU Multi-Sport camps this Easter. The Sport students from ARU will be delivering three FULL DAYS of activities for young people aged 8-14 years to enjoy with friends. The camps will be multi-sport and will be both inside and outside, so there is something for everyone to get involved with and perhaps even try their hand at a new sport. From 10am-4pm.

- Monday 11th April, at Coleridge Community College Sport Centre
- Tuesday 12th April, at Orchard Park Sports Ground
- Wednesday 13th April, at North Cambridge Academy Sport Centre

Booking is essential as places are limited: To sign up see <https://bookwhen.com/camsport>. Questions or enquiries to ARUEasterCamp@aru.ac.uk.