



Newnham News

Friday 16 June 2023

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents/carers,

A glorious week of sunshine in school, topped off with some extra Golden Time earned by all those enthusiastic participants in last week's Family Fitness Afternoon.

Thank you to all the parents who came - the vast majority of families managed to come along and made it such a positive community event.

However, in a sign of our times, rumours swirled soon after, highlighting the perils of unverified whispers heard on social media (in this instance Classlist).

The rumours suggested that the Family Fitness afternoon and Sports Day were one and the same! Let me state categorically that this is not true. Sports Day lives on in its usual guise, celebrating all that the children have learnt in P.E. and allowing all the children to take part in some racing, throwing and jumping. This will be followed, in KS2, by the usual House relay races and for Reception and KS1 the usual parent races. It's such good fun (tinged with a healthy competitive edge)!

The date is set for the 12 July, with the KS2 event in the morning and the Reception/KS1 event taking place after lunch; parents are very welcome - a cheering crowd always adds to the atmosphere. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards, Eddie Ferguson

Parent Survey

Staff and governors would be very grateful if you please spend a few minutes completing an online survey regarding your child or children's experiences of school. The survey covers many aspects of school life and your feedback is important to us, helping us plan for next year's development targets. Follow this link to the questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/PFhRR8Yph24NM4Br6>

Please submit your response by Friday 30th June.

Responses are anonymous unless you choose to give your name. If you would prefer to not complete the questionnaire online, please ask at the school office for a hard copy. Many thanks for your support with this.

Classroom news:

Reception

After a few particularly inspirational weeks of P.E./sport, from the skipping man to family fitness day, the children in Reception were given the task of crossing a 'river' in teams in their P.E. session. For this the children had to work out how to get everybody in their team across the 'river' by building a bridge using flat, circular dots, without anybody stepping off the bridge. Sound complicated? Well, it was! However, the mission was successful and all teams safely made it across the 'river' and cooled down with a refreshing drink of water after their thirsty work.

Years 1 and 2

We've had another very active week; building on our cricket skills or confidence in swimming, and completing a circuit with a GB athlete. In Maths, Year 1s have been using money to work out which coins make amounts up to 20p and then they explored working out change from 20p by using subtraction. They finished the week by looking at adding groups of the same number, in preparation for exploring multiplication. Year 2s have been finding the difference by counting up, putting numbers on a number line and rounding 2-digit numbers to the nearest multiple of 10. In English, all classes have been looking at the story *Betsey's Birthday Surprise* by Malorie Blackman. We discussed the first two chapters and then all classes completed a Big Write. They used their imagination to create a story based on the book to write about their birthday party, or a birthday party they would like to have. In History, we have continued with exploring Nurses, as part of our topic, Healthy Me. The classes looked at the nurse Florence Nightingale and explored how she had made circumstances for injured soldiers better. In Science, building on from the last lesson, all classes compared different animals within their set animal groups, such as humans, dogs, cows and mice. Well done for a hardworking week. Please could we remind all children to make sure that they have water bottles, sunscreen on when they come to school, sun hats, trainers and T-shirts that cover their shoulders, to keep them protected against the sun. Please find attached spelling and division work for all Year 2s.

Year 3

Year 3 have worked really hard throughout the week. In English sessions, the children have enjoyed listening to poems by Valerie Bloom. They consolidated previous learning on the use of prepositions and used them to adapt and edit some of

the texts we shared in class. In our Maths sessions, the children used column addition to solve problems. In our Computing session, the children navigated their sprite through a maze using the codes they had put in place. In Science sessions, the children learnt about food labels and what they tell us about the foods we eat. In Art, the children enjoyed drawing pictures inspired by the natural world.

Year 4

This week we finished our shape topic in Maths by looking at lines of symmetry and the properties of quadrilaterals. In English, we are continuing to look at the poetry of Valerie Bloom and have had a go at writing some new stanzas for her poem, 'We don't laugh when Grandad sings', using her style and structure. In Science, we explored the nutrition labels on food, including the colour-coded label at the front and the label on the back showing amounts per 100g. We also enjoyed a gardening session as well as a visit from a GB athlete, so have had lots of excitement this week. Our swimming is progressing really well and all groups are working extremely hard on improving their technique.

Year 5

Despite the class feeling lethargic from the heat, Year 5 have worked hard in class. They have been making their electrical buzzer games for D.T., mastering their woodwork skills by preparing their wooden bases and sawing and nailing dowel rods to make feet for the game. They had to create a working electrical circuit by stripping and connecting wires, batteries, buzzers and lamps and creating a complete circuit with their wand.



There was a lot of determination shown when circuits didn't work, which reinforced the athlete Victoria Ohuruogu's inspiring assembly on patience and perseverance. Also this week, Year 5 learnt the role of blood vessels and blood in the circulatory system in Science, analysed famous persuasive speeches in English and calculated time intervals using a 24-hour clock in Maths. They have started playing full games of rounders in P.E., which helped them to think about game playing strategies and how they can improve their performances when batting and fielding.

Year 6

This week, we started reading a new book called 'There is a boy in the girl's bathroom'. Based on the book, we have written diaries about the different characters. In Geography, we have continued our writing about 'Saving Water'. During Maths, we have started a new topic – Logic Problems. This week, we made buzzer games in our DT project. In RE, we had our last lesson on the Creation stories. Lastly, we had another

RSE lesson about how babies are made and the parts of the body. We earned 1 hour of Golden Time! *By Luciana and Danielle*

School Meals

The menu for next week is 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.

Diary Dates

Y2 swimming..... 6, 13, 20, 27 June, 4, 11 July
Y3&4 swimming 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 5 July
Meeting for new Reception parents 2pm..... 22 June
Co-op/Y6 breakfast café 8.30am 23 June
PTA summer fete 2 July
Co-op/Y6 breakfast café 8.30am 7 July
Sports Day..... 12 July
Y6 play..... 13 July
Y6 leavers' party 18 July
Y6 leavers' assembly 19 July
End of term 19 July

PTA NEWS

Bingo Night - 16th June

There are still a few spots left for our 1970s Bingo Night, **tonight at 6pm** in the school hall!

We will be travelling back in time for an evening of retro food, drink and entertainment for the whole family. Tickets are £4.00 per adult and £1.00 per child (includes all bingo tickets and dabbers) - only available on Classlist. If you have any issues or are not yet signed up to Classlist, contact us at newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com.

We are also looking for a handful of volunteers -sign up on Classlist or contact us directly.

Look forward to seeing you there - wear your flares and tie-dye!

School Disco

Kids - get your dancing shoes on next **Friday 23rd June!** **5.30pm - 6.30pm** for Reception and KS1, then **7pm - 8pm** for KS2. Tickets are £3 per child and again, available on Classlist. Water will be available and the music won't be too loud so it's suitable for everyone. Children can be dropped off but need to be picked up by a known adult. We will also need adult supervisors for this - please sign up here <https://www.slottr.com/sheets/18277531> and you can show the kids how to really move on the dancefloor!

Summer Fete

Our annual Summer Fete is on the horizon too - **Sunday 2nd July, 12pm to 3pm**. Games, music, stalls, food, drinks and fun in the sun - tickets are available on Classlist. Again, we can't run events without volunteers - sign up here: <https://www.slottr.com/sheets/18277561>

COMMUNITY

Cambridge open studios 2023

Artists will once again be opening their studios to visitors for up to 4 weekends in July.

Locally there are 4 studios:

At 22 Marlowe Rd (no.69 in the guide) 2 artists will be exhibiting their work: Ruth Schmid upcycles materials to make unique and functional bags and accessories, and Sue Lawley is showing atmospheric contemporary oil paintings.

At 47 Granchester St Harriet Lintoff (no.68) will be showing her paintings of still life and landscape.

Neil Warmsley (no.2) will be showing his work and the gardens that inspire it at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, 12 Grange Road.

Rani Drew (no.70) at 10 Fulbrooke Rd paints landscapes and nature in vivid watercolours.

Further afield there several exhibitions in Granchester - find more info in the yellow OS booklets you will see around or go to <https://camopenstudios.org/july-open-studios-2023/>

You are very welcome to come and meet the artists and have a look around these and other studios in July.

Newnham band night: Three Phase

Local rock band Three Phase are on at the Newnham Croft Social and Sports Club on Hardwick Street on Saturday for 8:30pm, to play your favourite rock classics from the 70s to the 00s. Come along with friends and find out more about the club. Entry is free <https://fb.me/e/wiaxYuhK>