



Newnham News

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Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the parents who have made sure their children are jewellery free. Although there have been some issues over young ears healing properly which have required tape, it has been a very good start.

Mrs Palmer, our language subject leader, is looking for some parent volunteers to help her with an assembly on Tuesday 26th September 10-10.30am, celebrating European Day of Languages. If you speak a European language (not English) as your first language, and would like to take part in an assembly celebrating the amazing number and variety of languages spoken across Europe and in our school, please email epalmer@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the notice concerning the appeal that Queens' College have submitted for their development of Owlstone Croft. You can click [here](#) for the link to the appeal documents. Also attached is a document with some key words for our new language of the month, Turkish.

Next week, we are really looking forward to welcoming our Reception class in on a full time basis (the Year 1s will feel SO grown up). Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Eddie Ferguson

Classroom news:

Reception

It has been a good first week in Reception, with children attending half-days so that they can gradually get used to the routines and expectations of being at school. There has been so much for them to find out and remember, from knowing where to place belongings, finding out where important



places are in the school and getting to know their new teachers and friends. Together we also talked about the class rules, which are quite simple really, 'Kindness: kind hands, kind words and kind feet'.

Years 1 and 2

This week in Geography, Year 1 and 2 have been looking at Google Earth and locating our school and local area. They have been labelling an aerial-view map of the school grounds. In Science, we have been testing simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. In English, we have been looking at using adjectives to make our sentences more interesting. In Maths, Year 1 have been practising writing numbers and partitioning teen numbers. In Year 2, they have been estimating and looking at place value of 2-digit numbers. The Collins eBooks are ready for you to start reading with your child; please let us know if you have any problems logging in. Also, please remember home folders and library books every Friday.

Year 3

Year 3 have had another busy week. In Maths, the children used their knowledge of hundreds, tens and ones to help add and subtract 3-digit numbers. In our English sessions, they started to learn about how to punctuate direct speech. Later in the week, we worked on recognising and using some of the powerful verbs found in I'll Take You to Mrs Cole by Michael Foreman. In our Geography sessions, the children enjoyed learning about how mountains are formed and using maps to identify where the world's highest mountain ranges are found. The Maths challenge and spellings are attached to this newsletter.

Year 4

In English, we have been learning about how suspense is built up in the Iron Man by using longer sentences, and how these contrast to shorter sentences that stop the reader and make them wonder. In Maths, we learned about place value to 10,000 and how to use time number lines to calculate time intervals crossing the hour. We also recapped how to convert from analogue and digital time to the 24-hour clock. We learnt about how mountains are formed in Geography and tested the permeability of rocks in Science. Year 4's official day to change their library reading books is Wednesday, although they are able to change their books more frequently if needed. Please find attached the Year 4 spellings to focus on this week and thank you for your continued support with your child's home learning.

Year 5

In Maths, we have been exploring the place value of 6-digit numbers and rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000. In English, we have been learning about personal, possessive and relative pronouns, possessive determiners and relative clauses and writing our own sentences using these. In History, we planned our own mini-lessons and taught each other about different aspects of ancient Greek life, practising our live note-taking skills in the process. We enjoyed our trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum where we learned lots more about our ancient Greece topic through a range of different artefacts.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been doing a piece of writing on ancient Greeks' daily lives and we've also been working on our SATs practise tests. We have been doing our Percy Jackson comprehension in English. In DT, we made sandwiches for our Fitzwilliam school trip, where we are going to learn more about Ancient Greece. In Maths, we have been doing column addition and subtraction.

By Zoe and Jomanah



School Meals

The three weekly menu rota is attached. Next week will be week 3. The cost of a school meal is £2.50.

Diary Dates

Y6 start weekly swimming on Wednesdays 20 Sep
Y3/4 Booknic 3.15-3.50pm 26 Sep
Early Years coffee morning 8.45am..... 27 Sep
Early Years curriculum parents meeting 9.15-10.15am 27 Sep
Y3/4 to Natural History Museum 2 Oct
Open afternoon for parents 3.15-4.15pm..... 9 Oct
Pret a Portrait pupil photos..... 10 Oct
Y6 cross country run..... 12 Oct
Y6 evening event for parents and children 13 Oct
Parent teacher consultations 17-19 Oct

Half term23-27 Oct
Flu vaccinations whole school 21 Nov
Rec and KS1 performance 2pm..... 12 Dec
Rec and KS1 performance 9.30am..... 13 Dec
Last day of term 20 Dec
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 NEWS

We are still looking for Class Reps to act as liaisons between the PTA and each class. It's an easy role with only a few responsibilities. More information on Classlist. Any questions, contact newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com.

If you haven't joined us on Classlist yet, follow this link to get started:<https://classlist.page.link/3Mg33sQts4V2HfoeA>

It's a secure platform for parents and carers of Newnham Croft that makes it easy to keep in the loop with school activities and events.

Community News

Cambridge United Match Day Vouchers

Please see the attached leaflet (2 sided) You will be able to collect the physical voucher from the ticket office, based at the stadium from Thursday 14th September. Any questions or queries, please contact anthony@cambridgeunited.com

The Little Makery Art and Design Clubs

The Little Makery's latest series of art & design clubs are running over the autumn half term holiday at St Matthew's Primary School, Cambridge. Our website www.thelittlemakery.co.uk contains full details of our approach.

- Autumn Art & Design Clubs are for children who are currently in Year 1 - Year 8
- We are offering:
- Two clubs for children in Year 1 - Year 3: 23rd and 24th October
- Two clubs for children in Year 4 - Year 6: 23rd and 24th October
- One club for children in Year 7 - Year 8: 25th October
- The clubs are open to children from any school
- Each club is different and runs from 10am to 3pm
- There is also an option of early drop-off (9am) and late pick-up (4pm)
- There are a limited number of FREE places for children who get Pupil Premium funding