



# Newnham News

Friday 7 July 2023

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents/carers,

A busy and, at times, frantic period of school life can lead to a loss of perspective.

Possibly unexpectedly, I managed to regain a sense of equilibrium this week by reading through all the reports. With each report, I was reminded of the individual children we have in school and their uniqueness. Whether that was as simple as the way they smile or try not to smile, the way they play, their energy, their laid-backness, their ambition, their kindness, their friendships or any of the countless other mannerisms and behaviours, it was a reminder of what makes primary school children (mostly) delightful.

In a reversal of the saying, it reminded me that, at times, I forget to see the trees for the wood.

I hope you found the reports to be informative and wish you all a happy weekend.

Kind regards  
Eddie Ferguson

## Classroom news:

### Reception

This week, the children in Reception have been thinking about and writing their own version of The Gigantic Turnip, with different vegetables or fruit and a change of character in the story. After watching a variation of this traditional tale, we discussed which of the versions we preferred and why. In Maths, the children helped the shopkeeper, Funky Monkey, to find the change for the customers by using our number bonds for 10 facts. Also, in PE, we practised some activities for Sports Day, as well as working on our core strength by riding on the balance bikes.

### Cooking in Year 1

A huge big thank you to Mr and Mrs Maio for coming in on Thursday to cook broccoli and cheese scones with Year 1. The children thought they were delicious.

### Years 1 and 2

We've had a busy week writing up an extended chapter to the story book Betsey's Birthday Surprise. Some children imagined that Betsey had a pet or that she went to visit the zoo for the day with her friends. Year 1s used adjectives to add further description to their stories and the Year 2s used

open noun phrases and conjunctions to extend their sentences. Year 1s continued building on skills involved in 3 tees cricket, while at Parkside Pools, the Year 2s continued to work on how they'd seek help if they found themselves in a difficult position in the water and needed rescuing. They also practised swimming a longer length of the pool doing a variety of strokes, such as breast stroke, and some used a noodle or float for extra support. In Maths, Year 1s added hands to analogue clocks to show o'clock and half past and the Year 2s worked out how the time on an analogue clock would change if 15 minutes passed. In Science, all classes looked at the senses and wrote about what each one meant and where they are found on the body. We ended the week preparing for Sports Day, which is next Wednesday afternoon for KS1. Well done for a hardworking week KS1. There will be no division or spelling tests for the rest of this term for Year 2s.

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy but enjoyable week. In Maths we have focused on work involving fractions. In our English sessions the children enjoyed using similes to describe their unseen character. In Science, the children learnt how muscles work together to create movement. In Art, the children enjoyed creating moving puppets for their animations using split pins. In Computing, the children continued to add features using Scratch. We had an enjoyable last session at the Leys Pool where we focused on life saving skills.

### Year 4

In Maths, we have been converting between millimetres, centimetres and metres and deciding which unit would be most appropriate for measuring different things. In English, we started our new narrative topic, focusing on books by Satoshi Kitamura, comparing and contrasting his books and having a go at writing our own versions of his stories. In Science, we explored how muscles work together with our skeleton to allow movement and built working models of the human arm with biceps and triceps.

### Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have looked at more examples of classic poems, this time by Hilaire Belloc. We analysed the style of his 'cautionary tale' poems and the way rhyme and rhythm are used for impact. We then had a go at planning and starting to write our own 'cautionary tale' poems about modern foibles such as spending too much time gaming, eating too much fast food or chewing gum. In Maths, we finished off adding and subtracting fractions and completed

our assessments for the term. Our Science topic on 'Animals including Humans' focused on diet and exercise and how health can be related to ensuring that energy consumed balances with energy used.

### Year 6

This week we have been writing bio posters about famous sports people. In our Art lesson we made paintings inspired by water. We have also been practising our school play. It is a bit chaotic but it is slowly coming together. We are working hard in PE preparing for Sports Day, doing speed bounce, hurdles, sprinting and more. *By Luciana and Nefeli*

Year 6 have been writing for a purpose as part of their Water topic in Geography. Some sample letters to Newnham parents and carers encouraging them to save water are attached to this newsletter.

### 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](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk).

### Diary Dates

Y2 swimming .....	11 July
Y4 swimming .....	11 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

#### Summer Fete

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer Fete on Sunday and a **huge** thank you to all of you who volunteered to help - without you, we couldn't have done it and we are very grateful. It was lovely to see so many of you there enjoying the food and fun, and we have raised roughly £1000 so it was profitable too!

#### Community News

Please see attached newsletter from the New Croft Club advertising their summer holiday club.