



# Newnham News

Friday 14 October 2022

Interim Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Harvest assembly was such a lovely start to the week - it quite transformed Monday morning! Thank you to those of you who were able to attend and enjoy the singing - it was lovely to have so many of the school community coming together. Thank you also for all of your generous donations to Jimmy's - as always, they were really appreciated (see attached letter).

On Thursday, the children joined their school council groups (made up of representatives from every class) to discuss various school issues. This happens at least once a half-term and is a way to ensure that pupil voice feeds into the decisions being taken about the school.

In Thursday's session, they were asked to share what made them feel safe in school and the Year 6 children, who lead and minute the sessions, introduced the school's new lanyard system. All adults in the school will either wear a black 'staff' lanyard or a red 'visitor' one, so that everyone is able to identify who is who.

Don't forget parent consultations are next week. If you haven't signed up, please do, and if you need to cancel or move your appointment, please let Mrs Bracey know so someone else can have your slot.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Eddie Ferguson

## World Mental Health Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed in yellow for World Mental Health Day on Monday. During the day we talked about strategies we have for managing uncomfortable or overwhelming emotions. The children were excellent at sharing their ideas which ranged from listening to music, exercising, spending time alone, being creative and spending time with animals. Thanks to all those who donated too. We raised £35.33 for Young Minds.

## Music Festival

We are really looking forward to listening to our budding musicians playing this afternoon in our first Music Festival of the year. If your child is learning a musical instrument, do save the dates for our upcoming Music Festivals, which will be held on the penultimate Friday of each half term: 9th December, 3rd February, 24th March, 19th May and 7th July. Sign up details will be advertised in newsletters nearer the time.

## Lost Property

Lost property is once again building up. Please check for any missing clothing in the lost property shed, before it is sorted and taken to charity at the end of this half term. Thank you.

## Classroom News:

### Reception

This week, children in Reception had their first experience of joining in the whole school council meetings. In Maths, we have been learning about time by investigating how long one minute is. Sitting quietly for a whole minute can feel like a very long time! We went on an autumn walk around the playground and spotted orange, red and yellow leaves. We read the story 'Gotcha Smile', by Rita Phillips Mitchell and Alex Ayliffe and discussed how to make new friends. In phonics, the children have learnt ck, e, u and r and have also started their group guided reading sessions. The children have been really enjoying this and can share the books they have been reading with you on the ebook platform.

### Years 1 and 2

We've had another busy week in KS1. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about partitioning numbers and pairs of numbers to 10. Year 2 have started a new addition and subtraction topic. It would be good if you could support your child in learning their quick recall of pairs of numbers totalling 10 and 20. In English, we have been designing our own villain, inspired by the witch in the Hansel and Gretel story and wrote a description of our villainous creation. In Religious Education, we have been learning about Sukkot, which is a harvest festival celebrated by people who belong to the Jewish faith, and we made models of a sukkah. A sukkah is a temporary shelter used to celebrate the week-long festival of Sukkot (see photo).



### Year 3

Year 3 have had another busy week. In Maths, we have focused on 2D and 3D shapes. The children learnt to sort and recognise differences between shapes based on their properties. In English lessons, the children wrote instructions on how to set out a letter and were inspired to write their own letters home having read Letters from The Zoo by Ruth Merttens. In Science lessons, the children considered the impact humans can have on plant and animal habitats. In computing sessions, the children looked at the different

functions of digital devices and learnt to draw a Celtic Roundhouse using Microsoft Paint. In our History session, the children enjoyed seeing how the Romans eventually conquered Britain and enjoyed using maps of Europe to record how the Roman Empire spread over a period of time.

#### Year 4

This week, in English, we have started to look at letter writing and have written our own letters from different zoo animals. In Maths, we have been converting between am and pm times and the 24-hour clock and have used this knowledge to understand train timetables. In History, we began our study of the Romans by using maps to show how the Roman Empire gradually spread across different parts of the world. In PSHE, we discussed qualities that make us good friends and things that we like about each other and ourselves.

#### Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have written our own flashback stories, being careful to link our paragraphs. Maths work has involved adding and subtracting money. In DT, we did our market research by tasting and evaluating different examples of shop-bought cereal bars. By discussing our preferences, we then looked up different recipes and adapted them to create original recipes for a healthy cereal bar in our groups. Next week we'll be making our own cereal bars, designing packaging and will enjoy eating them to refuel after our Cross-Country run in Grantchester Meadows on Tuesday morning.

#### Year 6

Recently, we have been learning about BODMAS and how in a calculation you always do the brackets first. In English, we have been answering questions about the book we are reading, *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds. We are also currently learning about biographies and about their structure. We are making a bio-poster since it is Black History month.

*By Nefeli, Theo and Nico*

#### School Meals

Next week will be week 1 of the menu cycle (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

Parent consultations face to face 1.30-4.30pm .....	17 Oct
Parent consultations via Zoom, 3.30-6pm .....	18 Oct
Y5&6 cross country, Grantchester Meadows .....	18 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	19 Oct
Y6 swimming.....	26 Oct
Half term week.....	24-28 Oct
Y5&6 to Bletchley Park .....	7 Nov

## PTA NEWS

### Firework Night

We are really looking forward to seeing parents and children of the school at our Firework Night event on 5th November. Tickets are now on sale on Classlist:

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/897760779>

A few key things:

The event often sells out so please book tickets early to avoid disappointment. If you are having any issues with Classlist please contact Louise Brayshaw who will be standing outside the gate at pick up next Friday PM and every Friday until the event.

This event cannot be run without parents. If you have another adult who can supervise your children for an hour while you volunteer please sign up on Classlist for a volunteering slot. If we don't get sufficient volunteers this event will not go ahead.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Treat Stall

We are excited to announce the return of Treat Stall! In case you aren't familiar with Treat Stall, or have forgotten (the last one was a very long time ago!), each class takes a turn to bring in baked goods, crisps, fruit, breadsticks etc (ensuring no items have nuts, kiwi or sesame) and sells them at the end of the school day. The first Treat Stall will be on **Friday 21st October at 3.15pm** and **Year 3** will be hosting it. Bring a few coins to buy a treat for your children and get the half term off to a sweet start.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Cambridge Zero Climate Change Festival

We would kindly like to invite you to the third Cambridge Zero Climate Change Festival to take place from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th of October, 2022. There is a variety of in-person and online activities with many of them taking place at the Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge.

You can find more information in our festival website here:

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