



Newnham News

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Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Dear parents/carers,

A very soggy business in school, this week, and a definite feeling of seasonal change - welcomed by lovers of falling leaves and changing seasons.

The gusting wind has caused its usual creative havoc in the children's behaviour, sending them swirling and hurtling round the school and playground in the highest of spirits.

The newly expanded After School Club is working well, with the playworkers and leaders keeping an ever-watchful (and patient) eye on all the children; the clubs are up and running, allowing budding potters, chefs, sports people and mathematicians, amongst others, to hone their crafts and expand their interests; and the newest and smallest members of our community have had their first full week, scattering their bashful joy amongst older children and staff alike.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Eddie Ferguson

Classroom news:

Reception

The first week of being full time has been very exciting, with lots of new things to experience. The class have had lunch in hall, enjoying the tasty meals that our school chef Ms Noble, and her team create daily. They also have had their first taste of P.E. at school when we played games, where good listening skills for following instructions are needed. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Early Years Curriculum workshop. The presentation that was used during the workshop is accessible on the school website under the Parents tab/Workshops.

Years 1 and 2

This week, KS1 began their DT project by designing a windmill. They drew on all the features, such as a door and window and coloured in their roofs. In English, the children have been applying their understanding of similes. As an extension to this, Year 2 included adjectives to their simile sentences to describe their emotions based on the story, What makes me, a me? In Maths, Year 1s have been ordering and counting numbers to ten and 20. They also counted in 10s and used a number grid to 100 to work out what the missing numbers are. In Year 2, the children have been working on

their place value of 2-digit numbers, by working out the value of tens and ones in numbers, such as 57. In Geography, all classes created a messy map by using objects from around the classroom to represent chairs and tables. In Science, all children experimented with balloons to see what happens to their shape when squeezed, twisted, stretched and bent. Lastly, in PE all children practised doing a variety of jumps using the mats. We'd like to remind all parents that your child's book from their Reading sessions this week have been uploaded to the Big Cat Collins e-book portal, so please ensure you're reading with them and if you have any issues logging in, please let us know.

Well done for a hard working week KS1!

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have finished their unit on place value. In class, we looked at how to write different sums of money in pounds and used inequality sentences to compare amounts. In our English sessions, the children enjoyed writing their own versions of 'I'll Take you to Mrs Cole' by Michael Foreman. In our Geography sessions, the children learnt how different volcanoes are formed and enjoyed researching where to find active, dormant and extinct volcanoes in the world. In our Science sessions, the children learnt about different rock types. The children had lots of fun in art experimenting with different textures.

Year 4

In English, we have planned our own version of The Iron Man and started to practise writing in the style of Ted Hughes to describe our own character. Calian wrote: 'Taller than the Shard, The Diamond Dog stood at the top of the embassy'. In Maths, we worked more on place value with 4-digit numbers and answered some problem-solving questions. We also practised reading timetables and drawing number lines to work out time intervals crossing the hour. In PE, we practised the techniques needed to perform a squat or straddle jump on to a vaulting box. We explored hot and cold colours using watercolours in Art and Design. This week's spellings for home learning are attached.

Year 5

In English, we explored different types of travel writing, including adventure writing and comic writing. In Maths, we converted between equivalent fractions and decimals and used our place value knowledge to use tenths and hundredths in both fraction and decimal form. In History, we had a class debate to decide whether it was preferable to live

in ancient Athens or Sparta and whether our own interests or gender impacted our decision.

Year 6

This week we have been focusing on performing and reading poems eg The Highwayman. In our topic Ancient Greece, we have been learning about their life and comparing it to our own. We have also just started our restaurant Tip Top Temple, and have been sorting out the bookings. In Maths, we have been looking at finding difference. *By Charlotte and Dunya*

Owlstone Croft Appeal

The Owlstone Croft Appeal will open this Tuesday 26th September at 10am and will be held in The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Hall, CB2 3QJ. It is scheduled to last for 8 days and will be in person only. Members of the public are strongly encouraged to attend, with the opening representations held between 10-11am on the 26th Sept. Documents relating to the appeal can be found here <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/owlstone-croft-public-inquiry>. It will be helpful to show the Inspector that there is significant local interest in this application, so please feel welcome to attend if you can, even if you only come to the opening statements.

School Meals

The three weekly menu rota is attached. Next week will be week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.50.

Diary Dates

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 term	23-27 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

Lots from the PTA this week - have a read and see if anything appeals to you. As ever, more information on Classlist or email us on newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you.

Gardening Club

We are back in the school grounds on **Sunday morning (24th September, 10am - 12pm)** to tidy up, trim back and plant daffodil bulbs for next year. Drop in, all welcome. If you have gardening gloves, bring them along too. We usually incentivise ourselves by going to the Red Bull for a bowl of chips afterwards, so come along to that too.

PTA Meeting

Our first meeting of the school year will be on **Wednesday 27th September, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**, in the school hall and on Zoom. We will be publishing our events calendar for the year and discussing funding requests from the school. Everyone is welcome and there's no pressure to commit.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73953758490?pwd=1X0lbIttaJgU6d4b9zJgPVVNezMat6.1>

Meeting ID: 739 5375 8490

Passcode: k6nzRX

Coffee and Chat for all parents and carers

Stay in the school playground **after drop off on Friday 29th September**, until 9.30am for a quick coffee or tea and catch up with other parents and carers. We will serve tea/coffee and a slice of cake for a suggested donation of £1.00, so bring along a coin or two and find out how everyone else is settling into the new term.

Wine & Crisps Pairing

Our first PTA event of the year is a fun one - an evening of wine and crisps! On **Saturday 7th October, 7pm - 9pm**, we will be sampling 6 delicious wines and pairing them with 6 different kinds of crisps, using the principles of food and wine matching. Do Skips pair with rose wine or white wine best? Will Wotsits taste good with a full bodied red? Do Pickled Onion Monster Munch go with everything or nothing?! This is a fun and casual evening, for adults only. Tickets are £20 each and we can also offer a non-alcoholic beverage pairing for £15 each. Available on [Classlist](#).

Community News

Live musical event for children this Sunday

Come and enjoy an hour of live original music this Sunday 11am-12pm in Eddington with legendary local band, Shake Rattle & Roll. Suitable for primary aged children. Tickets can be purchased online <https://www.shake-rattle-roll.org/> See attachment for further details.