



Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

A sunny end to a very satisfying 5 days. I had to check that it was only last week that I was bemoaning the pitiful summer - so much has changed for the good in the meantime.

Obviously, the OFSTED visit has dominated the week. As we settle into our post-inspection reality, and the official affirmation of what we are doing, we are now planning for our future direction with confidence and not-a-little enthusiasm.

As can be seen below, the children continued to live full and varied lives in school this week, learning inside and out. They were mostly oblivious to the extra scrutiny the school was under - which is just as it should be - and were a constant source of respite from the intensity of Tuesday and Wednesday.

Enjoy the updates to your child's learning below, thank you for your support and have wonderful weekends.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Eat lunch with your Year 5 child	12.15pm	Mon 24 June
Y2 swimming	be at school hall for 8.30am	Tues 25 June
Y3 swimming		Wed 26 June
Y4 swimming		Wed 26 June
Eat lunch with your Year 5 child	12.15pm	Wed 26 June
Y3/4 scooter workshop		Thur 27 June
Reception new intake (2024/25) visit	1.45pm	Thur 27 June
Y6 play	children at 5.15, adults at 6.15pm	Thur 27 June
Y3 forest school	morning	Fri 28 June
Reception forest school	afternoon	Fri 28 June
Eco picnic	3.15 - 5.00pm	Fri 28 June

Please check the school calendar on our website, which is updated regularly.

Classroom news

Reception

As part of their learning on maps with Mrs Marroncelli, the children in Reception built a model of a familiar place. They used toy vehicles, wooden blocks and other small world resources to create their environments, adding roads, bridges and natural spaces. Their plans were amazing, as was the collaboration of ideas.



Reception and their maps

KS1

It has been a week full of fractions, fauna and non-fiction! In maths, Year 1 has been learning to add to the next multiple of 10. Year 2 has been learning to calculate fractions of amounts including $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$. The children showed excellent resilience when we challenged them to describe number patterns and make connections between previous and new learning. Our English learning journey continues with learning to write in the first person as Henry VIII himself! The children role played interviewing King Henry who was in the hot seat and received some very challenging questions about his behaviour. We have learnt about our sense of smell in science and the history of the University of Cambridge in history. What do Henry VIII, a chair leg and Isaac Newton have in common? We challenged ourselves in art this week, trying blind observational drawing and using charcoal to create outlines of insects and oil pastels to add colour and texture. Our PE lessons practised sports day athletics and Year 2s continue to improve in swimming as they develop this important life skill. As you can see, we have been busy!

Year 3

Year 3 has had another busy week. In maths, the children started off the week by looking at time problems involving Roman numerals. Later in the week the children worked on comparing and ordering the size of fractions. In our English sessions, we looked at some of the features of formal and informal letters and started to write a letter of apology containing some of these. In our science lesson, the children enjoyed using mirrors to count how many teeth they had and looked at how they differed in terms of shape and functionality. In our geography lesson, we focused on locating different features on an OS Map using 4-figure grid reference numbers. Year 3 and 4 need activewear, closed toe

shoes, socks and long hair tied up for Thursday's scooter workshops.

Year 4

Well done year 4 for another busy week. In computing we have studied different kinds of controlled loops we might include later in our own game. In DT we have had an exciting time trying to fit a pneumatic system into our models so that they move in the right way. For our topic about where we live, we located different features on a local OS Map using 4-figure grid reference numbers. In English we have planned each paragraph and some illustrations for our own sea myth and practised using speech punctuation correctly. In maths, we have been deciding whether we need addition, subtraction, multiplication or division when solving word problems. We have also been trying to convince each other that our way of calculating the answer was the most efficient. In our science lesson, the children enjoyed using mirrors to find out about different types of teeth and their function. We also looked at how animal teeth can be different to human teeth. The attached spelling words to practise this week again contain the suffix -ous. Year 3 and 4 need activewear, closed toe shoes, socks and long hair tied up for Thursday's scooter workshops.

Year 5

In maths, we learned how to interpret line graphs (including conversion graphs converting between metric and imperial units) and how to read intermediate points. We then had a go at drawing our own line graphs to represent data from a table. In English, we recapped adverbs and modal verbs and how they can alter the meaning of text. We also practised writing polite refusal letters to invitations and began reading our new class book, *The Hobbit*. In science, we designed and carried out an investigation into which material is best for making carrier bags and discussed the properties of various materials and why they are chosen to make different items. In PSHE, we discussed scientific names for body parts and the reasons why some people can feel uncomfortable talking about them.

Year 6

This week, Y6 has been working very hard on the school play. In maths, we have been doing colour sudoku, and also trying to fit pentominoes into a grid. In English we have been looking at a book by Shaun Tan. It is called *The Arrival* and it is a book with no words. In computing, we have been doing 3D modelling using Sketchup.

Choir assembly

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers coming to join the assembly on Monday to hear the incredible voices of the choir. The complex harmonies, upbeat songs and talented voices were a wonderful start to our very busy week.

Eco picnic - rescheduled for Fri 28 June!

Next Friday is our Eco Picnic! Stay after school for some eco related activities and fun in the sun! Bring along your own food, and consider ways to make it more environmentally

friendly by reducing the packaging and choosing locally sourced, seasonal food. We hope for good weather (surely there can be no more rain!) and look forward to seeing you after school on Friday next week.

Summer Music Festival

We are delighted to announce our Summer Music Festival, which will take place at 6.30pm 16th July in the school hall. Featuring the Newnham Croft Orchestra, any child that is learning an instrument in school or privately is welcome to play to our friendly audience. To sign up or for more details, follow this link https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Z1JFujPwwFywFYAEI4JjAyCbNoKtgO2AhVh_3dBGtjM/edit?usp=sharing.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached. The menu next week will be Week 1. 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.

PTA NEWS

Newnham Croft Primary School PTA Summer Fete

Sunday 7 July 12 noon – 3pm

Adults £4.00, children £2.00 (includes inflatable), under 2s go free

It has been another exciting week of Summer Fete prep.

Thanks to all the Class Reps, volunteers and teachers who have agreed to coordinate their year groups running stalls and games.

On that note... One of the year groups will be running a book stall at the fete, and we would be really grateful for donations. A donations box will be left out at drop off from next week, so please do bring in any books you no longer want.

Local businesses have also been amazing in their support, and we are excited to launch the Summer Fete raffle, which has prizes totalling over £1,000! Spa treatments, a computer, bike accessories, hair styling treatments, hampers, vouchers and more... Please see the attached poster for more details about some of the prizes on offer. Information about how to purchase raffle tickets will be circulated next week.

For anyone trying to buy a ticket, the QR code has now been updated and you can select both adults' and kids' tickets when booking.

Finally... you will soon spot posters, designed by some of the children, dotted around. For now, we attach one by Flora (Reception). Thank you for your fantastic poster, Flora!

COMMUNITY NEWS

HAF summer programme

Cambridgeshire County Council runs a funded summer holiday scheme and eligible children can take part in a variety of fun activities for free. See the [website](#) and attached poster for more information.