



Newnham News

Friday 16 March 2018

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments:

- Whole School Story
- 3 apps parents should know about
- Leys Leisure

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week we had a meeting with our Education Welfare Officer; our school attendance is below national average and we have a higher number of persistent absentees than the national average. Under 95% is now considered as poor attendance (previously it was 90%) and persistent absence is now under 90% (previously 85%). We do recognise exceptional circumstance, particularly as we are such an international school, and also that children cannot help being ill or having other medical conditions. However unauthorised absences, such as term time holidays, may risk a penalty notice being issued against parents. We have 13 weeks school holidays per year so please make sure your family holidays are not during term time. Thank you for your support in improving our attendance figures and thereby children's learning.

Currently our greetings are in Turkish:

Welcome	Hoşgeldiniz (Hosh gel din iz)
Hello	Merhaba (mehr hah bah)
Good morning	Günaydın (Guen eye duhn)
Good afternoon	İyi günler (Tuen eye duhn)
Good bye	Hoşçakalın (Hosh cha kaluhn)

Please see this link for help with pronunciation:
<http://www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/turkish/player.html>

Next week the music in assembly will be Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring'.

Year 2 End of Year Statutory Assessment Meeting for Parents

A reminder for parents of Year 2 children that an assessment information meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 March at 9am in the school hall.

Year 3 and 4 Play

Next week we are looking forward to Year 3 and 4's production of 'Around the World'. Both performances are on Tuesday 20 March and we are not issuing tickets but would ask that, particularly for the evening performance, you limit yourselves to two seats per family so everyone can squeeze in the hall.

Sports Relief 17-23 March

Next week we are taking part in Sports Relief; staff are organising the following activities during lunchtimes: Monday – running, Tuesday – Skipping, Wednesday – Hula hooping, Thursday – Football, Friday – Dance. Please encourage your

child to join in. Donations for Sports Relief will be collected at the gate at the end of the school day.

Science Week

Over the last two weeks we have had a variety of scientists in school – thank you to all the parents who have given up their time to come in and share their expertise. On Wednesday Mr Goller led an assembly on women in science. He drew the attention of the children to Google images:

Job Role	Men	Women
Footballer	20	0
Ballet dancer	1	20
Builder	17	0
Receptionist	1	19
Scientist	18	3

The children heard about Elizabeth Anderson, Diane Fossey, Marie Curie and Kalpana Chawla. Mr Goller suggested the children create a poster, leaflet or mind map with details of why people, especially women should become scientists.



During our science morning the children worked in their school council groups on an engineering task – building a bridge and a science investigation - water filtration. In one of the experiments (picture below), the children designed and created a water filter which they used to clean dirty water with. They learnt about how 2 million people per year die from water born diseases and that over one billion people in the world do not have access to clean water.



Newnham College Student Visit

Two undergraduates, Amy and Bethany, came in to talk to Year 5 and 6 about their degree courses – Maths and

Classics. The children asked many questions about the subjects and university life.

Amy runs the after school Latin Club and we are also fortunate that a teacher from Parkside has been teaching Year 6 Ancient Greek once a week during this half term.

Library

Our volunteer on Tuesday mornings is not able to assist in the library – is there anyone else available to help the children return and issue books from 8.40 – 9.30 am on Tuesdays? Please contact the office if you can help. Many thanks! NB Don't forget parents can come in with their child to change books on Mondays after school 3.10 – 3.30 pm.

E- Safety - Three Apps Parents Should Know About

Keeping up with social media trends can be difficult, not least when young people flock to the latest apps and platforms offering new and innovative ways to interact online. To help you out, Parentzone have created a digital resilience parent guide '3 apps parents should know about' which offers the lowdown on three of the most popular new apps: Yubo (formerly Yellow); Monkey and Musical.ly. This guide is attached to the Newsletter.

Christianity Talk in Year 4

On Monday 11 March Joe Hughes' dad came in to talk about Easter and the Church because our topic this term is Christianity. He showed us which robes are worn on certain days and he also had a big selection of crosses. They were heavy but also beautiful. He told us about the Bible and what happened to Jesus just before he died. We all found it very interesting and had lots of questions. We are so glad that he could come in to help us learn more. *By Norah Oosterhoff*

Table Tennis Competition

We went to Coleridge School together to compete in a table tennis competition. We think that we all did very well and all tried our best. Thanks to our coach Mr Jach! *By Rory and Reuben* An after school table tennis club is available at Coleridge 4-5 pm on Thursdays – just turn up!

Netball

On Tuesday 13 March, a group of Year Sixes went to Netherhall to compete in a netball tournament. We were 1 point away from getting to the play-offs and had lots and lots of fun. *By Katherine*

Hockey

On 15 March 2018 members of Year 6 entered and competed in a hockey tournament. The B team came 11th out of 12 teams and the A team came 4th out of 11 teams. *By Sofia*

PTA Disco

Disco tickets are now on sale! Tickets cost £3 each, and you can buy them from the office. Friday 23rd March, Reception and KS1: 5.30-6.30pm, KS2: 7-8pm. **All children except Year 6 must be collected by a responsible adult known to the school please.** Approximately 6-8 volunteers needed for each session: please contact Kate at

evanskatef@hotmail.com NB Adults are not expected to stay (there is no space), but if you do want to stay you will need to be on the volunteer's lists

School Meals

The school lunch menu for the week beginning 19 March will be Week 1. Cost per meal £2.30. Last week's children's choice suggestions were Mexican food and strawberries, which were a great hit with both kitchen staff and children!



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.

Yours faithfully, Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Y3/4 dress rehearsal 1.30pm..... 19 Mar
Y5 & 6 Chemistry lecture 1.30pm 19 Mar
Y3/4 production 2pm, 6pm..... 20 Mar
Y2 parent information meeting 9am..... 21 Mar
PTA Disco KS1 5.30-6.30pm, KS2 7-8pm..... 23 Mar

Community News

Jungle Book Workshop (Age 6 - 9) This Easter Holiday the creative team from Nasu Enzuru will be running a musical theatre workshop based on the Jungle Book in the performance hall at Comberton Sports & Arts Centre. For anyone wishing to join in; this workshop will run from Tuesday 3rd through to Friday 6th April and will be in operation from 9am till 3.30pm each day. As usual there will be an end of workshop performance for parents, family and friends to attend. For more information about this workshop or to book a place, please email Ella at nasuenzurutheatre@gmail.com £85

St Mark's Messy Church Join us this Tuesday, 20th of March, for Messy Church at St Mark's where we'll be doing all sorts of Easter activities! You'll especially want to see our special food craft for the theme. As always, we'll begin around 3:30pm and finish around 5pm, though you are welcome to arrive at any time. All are invited to stay after for a meal in the community centre. Messy Church is free, and any donations are gratefully received.

Easter Holiday activities at the Leys – see attachment.