



Newnham News

Friday 20 May 2022

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Lunch menu
- PTA Bake Off

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are special mentions all around the school this week. Firstly, can I congratulate our Year 2 children for completing their SATs tests so brilliantly. They showed what really hard workers they are in all their tests and they should be very proud of themselves. They have also spent today in the rain representing the school at the Year 2 sports festival on Parker's piece, so they've been amazing in many ways this week.

The Year 5 children also need huge praise for the thoroughly excellent play they put on this week. It was an incredibly imaginative tale, full of humour, great acting and some superb singing too. It certainly made the audience laugh out loud on numerous occasions, which is testimony to both the children's script writing skills and also their comic timing.

Notable mention should also go to praise the Year 6 girls' football team for winning the interschool tournament yesterday. By all accounts the team played superbly and were a credit to the school. This triumph was on the back of lots more success in the recent interschool dance contest, where one of our teams won the best Key Stage 2 dance across the whole of Cambridge! Well done to all those pupils, who have shown fabulous sporting attitudes and achievement recently.

Tonight the Year 6s will be continuing our return to all those precious school events by putting on a pop-up Greek restaurant for parents. I'm sure it will be another roaring success.

I'll just remind all parents that the school will be closed on Monday 6 June, with the children starting back on Tuesday 7 June.

Finally, as the weather is improving we are finding more and more items in the lost property store. Could parents please take a few minutes to check the hooks for coats and tops before this starts to become overly full, as we don't want to go back to items being buried under other things.

Classroom News:

Reception

We have been celebrating the mighty achievement of gaining 200 smiley faces (whole class rewards) this week. The children chose to create their own fruit salads for the event

and also enjoyed some popcorn. If that wasn't exciting enough, we went on our first class visit to a museum. At the Fitzwilliam Museum, we looked at nature within art. The class were particularly taken by a painting of a strong oak tree that broke in the wind and saw the thinner reeds beside it, which were able to withstand the storm. The other highlight was of course, eating our packed lunches on Lamas Land! Thank you so much to the volunteers who accompanied us on the trip.



Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children have been learning the features of a letter and wrote letters to their parents (hopefully the letters made their way home!). In Maths we have been partitioning numbers to 100 and enjoyed an investigation using coins. In Phonics we have been doing lots of practise for our phonics screening test. We finished the week with a forest school session with the Year 1s from the other two classes.

Class 1/2N and 1/2C

In Maths, Year 1s have been working on place value including comparing numbers up to 100 and counting forwards and backwards within 100. They also investigated the different combinations you can make using three coins and tried doing this systematically. In phonics, the children learnt about the alternative way to spell the 'or' sound using 'al' (e.g. always, talked) and recapped the split digraph 'i-e' (e.g. bike, smile). Year 2 have worked really hard on their assessments this week and should be really proud of their achievements. It was good to round off the week with the Year 2 sports festival at Parker's Piece. In Art lessons, children enjoyed finishing their oil pastel details of a sunflower. In English, all of the children in Years 1 and 2 continued to learn about how to set a letter and wrote you a letter inviting you to a booknec next Thursday after school 3.00 – 3.30pm. They are looking forward to sharing a favourite book and a sandwich they will have prepared with you.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been researching birds and reptiles as part of our Living Things unit in Science. One child enjoyed learning about how a boa constrictor can reach 9 metres in

length once fully grown. In English, we've started exploring instructional writing and the class had a go at writing a set of instructions, teaching someone how to draw a cartoon, make a favourite dish or simply how to brush your teeth. The class had to remember to include clear chronological steps, containing imperative verbs and adverbs. Once these had been created, Year 3 used the iPads to film themselves instructing someone how to do their chosen task. In Maths, we've started our unit on multiplication and division and the class have explored the inverse relationship between the two operations by writing out multiplication number sentences and changing these to division number sentences. To tie in with Bikeability, the class explored the history of the bicycle and we all agreed that the Penny Farthing was our favourite, even if it looked very difficult to operate and ride. We ended the week with Bikeability, which the class thoroughly enjoyed and have all mastered the basics of how to ride a bike safely. Thank you to the instructors who spent the day with us. Well done Year 3 for another hard working week!

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been very busy learning about instructional texts. We were able to merge our English learning with DT and Computing. After learning about the features of instructional texts, we wrote instructions for ourselves to follow when we make our own instruments. We also filmed instructional video tutorials on iPads. In Maths, we have been finishing our unit on two-place decimals and are now looking at multiplication methods. We ended our week with forest school, using rope and natural resources to make levers, lifting objects up from the ground. I would also like to remind parents that next Friday (27 May) Year 4 will be participating in Bikeability training. Please ensure your children bring a bike and helmet to school if they have them.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week the children have been perfecting their play, The Unknown Game, for the grand performance to family and friends yesterday evening. The play was written entirely by the children and they performed with great enthusiasm with plenty of singing and dancing thrown in. They did a fantastic job, well done Year 5. In Maths this week the children learnt different ways to calculate addition and multiplication problems, including chunking and mental strategies.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been mostly focused on one single thing – their Greek-style pop-up restaurant, filled with delicious food. The class have been working non-stop and their determined spirits have not once left them. We look forward to welcoming many Year 6 families later this evening. In Maths we designed theme parks. We knew how much each ride cost, so we had to work out how much profit we would make and how many rides we could buy. In Geography we learnt about fair trade. *By Nadav and Marielle*

Year 6 selling pastries before school on Friday 27 May

On Friday 27 May before school, the Year 6 class will be selling pastries and coffee! Come along and take the chance to chat with other parents. Don't forget your change! Year 6 are raising money for their end of year activities. It's the morning you will be able to drop off your 'bakes' for the PTA bake-sale too.

School Meals

Next week will be the week 3 menu of the three-week cycle (attached). The cost of a school meal is £2.40.

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,
Andy Matthews, Headteacher

PTA NEWS

Garden Club

We are back in the school grounds on Sunday 22nd May at 10.30am for more gardening, weeding and a cup of tea at the end. All welcome. BYO gloves and secateurs.

Bake Off

Don't forget about our Bake Off next Friday - bring a bake in the morning to be judged by teachers and staff, with the winner being announced at home time. Cakes will be available to buy by the slice so even if you didn't enter, you can have a tasty treat after school. See attached poster for more details.