



Newnham News

Friday 19 May 2023

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

Dear parents/carers,

The 15 May marked the start of foster care fortnight - <https://thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/foster-care-fortnight-2023>. The campaign showcases the commitment, passion and dedication of foster carers. It also supports fostering services to highlight the need for more foster carers.

In discussions with colleagues in the local authority, it is clear that thousands of new foster families are needed every year to care for children, with the greatest need being for foster carers for older children, sibling groups, disabled children and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. We have a continued need in both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for more foster carers to keep children as close to their homes and communities as they can be.

If you have you ever thought about being a foster carer but wondered how this would fit with your work commitments, or doubt that you could be a foster carer, then please click on the link below to find out more information www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering, or email fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 0800 052 0078.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards, Eddie Ferguson

School Website

For further information on termly curriculum topics, please refer to the website under the Curriculum tab/Topic <http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk/web/2022-2023/620383>. A reminder also that in addition to the above, there is a lot of information on the school's website which you may find useful.

Family Fitness Day

We are very excited to inform you that the Family Fitness day is back on 9 June, from 1.15 - 3.15pm. You are invited to come along and join in with lots of fun activities, some of which will be organised by our local sports clubs and others by staff and children. We hope to see as many of you as possible to take part with your child. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Change of date for Open Afternoon

The Open Afternoon on 12 June has been brought forward to coincide with the Family Fitness Day on Friday 9 June. The Open Afternoon will start immediately after school.

Playtime and lunchtime guidelines

The School Council, which is made up of all the children in the school, has written new guidelines for playtime and lunchtime behaviour. The Year 6 School Council leaders are holding a competition to draw illustrations to go with these guidelines. We are extending the competition deadline to next Friday, so if your child would like to do a drawing at home, they can give into Year 6 next week. The guidelines are attached.

Classroom news:

Reception

We wrote a class poem based on our topic of the Wonderful Outdoors and linking to our class book *Aaargh Spider* by Lydia Monks.

The Spider Poem by Reception

When people see spiders, they....
say 'out you go'!

How do you think a spider feels?
How do you think a spider feels?

I think spiders feel exhausted.
I think spiders feel sad because people might sweep away their wonderful webs.
I think spiders feel sad because people shout at them.
I think spiders feel lonely because they don't have any friends.
I think spiders feel frightened of people shouting.

How do you think a spider feels?
How do you think a spider feels?

I don't want to be a spider because people are unkind.
But maybe its ok to be a spider because I can try again.

Years 1 and 2

We've had a busy full week, filled with warmth and sunshine to help our plants grow, ready to be harvested. In addition to observing our healthy plants, we've been thinking about why some of our plants didn't grow and wrote about this in science as part of our ongoing experiment. In Maths, Year 1 have been recapping their number bonds to 10 and 20 and applied their knowledge of this to help them with their bar models to other numbers, containing multiples of 10. Year 2 have been selecting their own strategies to add two 2-digits together. In English, both classes have been doing some extra research to add to their fact file or non-chronological reports

on their chosen minibeast using i-pads and class library books. They all practised extending their sentences and changing their notes to excite and hook the readers. Year 2 enjoyed their fourth session of swimming. Some had a go at jumping in the deeper pool and practised swimming over to the edge of the pool. Lastly, in Geography all classes located warm, cold, tropical and temperate parts of the world and thought about the different animals that exist in these parts of the world and why. Well done for a fantastic week Key Stage One. Please find attached 4 times tables and spellings for all Year 2s.

Year 3

Year 3 have worked really hard throughout the week. In our History session the children really enjoyed compiling a dinner menu based on the types of food and drink that would have been available in Viking times. In our Science session they enjoyed dissecting a flower into its various parts and learning what role each play in the process of pollination. In Maths, we started the week by comparing durations of time. Later on in the week we looked at properties of 2D shapes. In our English sessions the children enjoyed explaining how a frog grows from an egg into an adult using numbered paragraphs and label diagrams. In Art, the children used Modroc to cover their dragons. It was a very messy lesson but also enjoyable.

Year 4

Year 4 had a wonderful trip to Grafham Water last week. It was great to see the children challenging themselves and pushing themselves beyond what they thought they were capable of. There was lots of team-building and cheering each other on as well as an evening full of cooperative games. All the adults were very impressed with the children's achievements. This week, we began our much-awaited art project, crafting the shapes of our dragons ready for Modrocing next week. In English, we are looking at biographies and their features, while in Maths we have begun a multiplication and division topic, starting with multiplying by 10 and 100 using our times tables knowledge. In History, we created our own restaurant menus, using ingredients that were available in Viking times and in Science we dissected flowers to identify their different parts. In PSHE we explored what makes someone grown up and how different people might define being grown up with some interesting and insightful contributions to the class discussion.

Year 5

Thank you to everyone who was part of the audience for Wednesday evening's performance of the Year 5 Play; your enthusiasm and participation made the class perform the best they have ever done and the atmosphere was full of positivity and fun. As well as rehearsing and performing, Year 5 have been looking at 3-place decimals in Maths, being careful with place value as they multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Our Science lesson involved testing to see how components in electrical circuits were affected by the number of wires used. The focus was on collecting trustworthy data by measuring carefully, repeating the tests and being honest

about results. They began their DT project by thinking about how electrical buzzer games work, and designing their own game, which we hope to start making next week. Our PSHE lessons started to explore how the body changes during puberty.

Year 6

On Tuesday, some Year 6s were involved in two sports tournaments. There was a netball B team competition and a cross-country relay race. On Wednesday there was another netball tournament for the netball A team in the County finals. On Thursday, Year 6 worked on non-fiction formal historical writing assessments. The class also worked on their non-linear stories (also known as choose your own adventure stories). On Friday, Year 6 worked on nature-inspired vector drawings. *By Diogo, Elsa and Mariya*

School Meals

The three-weekly cycle of menus is attached; next week will be Week 3. 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.

Diary Dates

PTA AGM 7pm at school 24 May
Y2 swimming 23 May, 6, 13, 20, 27 June, 4, 11 July
Y3&4 swimming 24 May, 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 5 July
Half term week 29 May - 2 June
Staff training day – school closed 5 June
Family Fitness afternoon 1.30pm 9 June
School open afternoon 3.15pm 9 June
Co-op/Y6 breakfast café 8.30am 16 June
Meeting for new Reception parents 2pm 22 June
Y6 play 6 July
Co-op/Y6 breakfast café 8.30am 7 July
Y6 leavers' party 18 July
Y6 leavers' assembly 19 July
End of term 19 July

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cambridge Diving at Parkside Pool

We have space in our Learn to Dive programme which offers weekly sessions for anyone aged 5+ who is water confident and would like to try diving. We offer free taster sessions for anyone who'd like to give it a try before signing up. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

Cambridge and Oxford Summer Singing School

Junior Course - 24 - 28 July 2023 (Monday - Friday) for those aged 7-12

Senior Course - 24 & 25 July 2023 (Monday and Tuesday)

Where: St Catharine's College, Cambridge.

How: booking is via our website

<https://www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk/courses/cambri-dge-choral-singing/>. See poster for further details.