



Newnham News

Friday 27 May 2022

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Lunch menu

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fabulous week to end our half term on, and it was great to see the KS1 booknic being so well attended yesterday. We also had a Jubilee assembly yesterday highlighting the significance of the Queen's reign. I'm sure many of you will be continuing these celebrations in the week ahead.

A huge thanks should also go to all of you who baked cakes for the PTA cake competition; the school staff certainly enjoyed tasting all of your hard work. It's great to be having PTA events again around the school and we can now set our sights on whole school events such as the summer fete.

All of our Year 3 and 4 children have been completing their Bikeability training during the past two weeks, and we hope that this helps with their overall safety when cycling in the community as well as on their way to school.

I also need to let you know that Miss Sheridan, who has been such a great addition to the school since January, will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. She has taken the decision to go back to Canada and continue her travels there. We all wish her well (aside from being very slightly jealous) in her travels. We do hope to be able to see her again when she returns. This week we were able to appoint her replacement, a fantastic and enthusiastic teacher named Miss Barrow. There will be time later this term when she will be able to visit the school and get acquainted with her new class.

We are also saying goodbye today to Miss Gourley, who has been a lunchtime supervisor and part time TA in various classes across the school. We are delighted for her that she will be taking up a full time position at Comberton Village College after half term. We all wish her well in this next step in her career. We've also recently welcomed Mrs Maio to the lunchtime supervision staff, and she's started her role brilliantly in looking after your children at that time.

I will wish you all a fantastic half term break and an enjoyable Jubilee celebration.

Classroom News:

Reception

We packed so much into our final week of this half-term! First of all, meet our giant house spider (*Eratigena atrica*). We found her in the sand pit and brought her in to the classroom to observe her - don't worry, we have set her free now. Here she is making a delicious meal of a house fly. We have also got caterpillars in our classroom, who have grown so much in the past 2 weeks. Watch this space for more news on their development. In Maths we have been doing 'clever counting'. We have begun to look at counting in 5s and 2s as well as counting in 10s which we are experts in.



Year 1

Thank you all for coming to the booknic this week. It was lovely to see everyone together enjoying a book. In English, the children have really enjoyed writing instructions on how to make jam sandwiches and have loved trying to follow different types of instructions. We have been doing lots of practise for the phonics screening after half term. In Maths we have been recapping on the past 6 weeks of learning as well as counting money, so any practical experience handling money over half term would be great. In PE we played 3 tees cricket. I look forward to seeing them all in the cricket team in Year 6, as they were all fantastic! I hope you all have a great and restful half term.

Class 1/2N and 1/2C

Year 1/2 have had another busy week. In English, the children worked on recognising the different features of instructions before writing their own for the sandwiches they made for the booknic on Thursday. In Maths, the Year 2s have worked

on positional language to get from one point on a grid to another (including left, right, above and below and turns both clockwise and anti-clockwise). The Year 1s have worked on recapping the work they have done on money and worked on place value. In Spelling lessons, the Year 2s have focused on homophones (there, their and they're, to, too and two). In phonics the Year 1s have recapped the phase 3 and phase 5 phonemes. In History lessons the children learnt about Queen Elizabeth II and recorded some of the main events in her life on a timeline. Thanks once again for all your support and help this half term.

Year 3

Year 3 have been very active this week as we had our fifth session of swimming and our Parkside Sport's Festival. To end our topic of 'Inventors and Inventions,' we planned and constructed musical instruments (percussion/string/brass) using a variety of recyclable materials, the hot glue gun, masking tape, split pins and a craft knife with adult support. In English, Year 3 have been exploring some poetry written by the poet Valerie Bloom. We looked at the poem Nothing to do. The class enjoyed the use of personification found in the poem, particularly "Lady Vacuum cleaner." In Maths, Year 3 have been using the grid method to solve multiplication number sentences. This morning, we visited Parker's Piece where the class enjoyed the Sport's Festival presented to them by the students of Parkside School. The class enjoyed the different sporting activities, which tested their ball skills, agility and stamina. A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us. Well done Year 3 for a very busy and hardworking half term. I hope you all have a wonderful and well deserved break.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been continuing to work on multiplication methods and took part in breaking a Guinness World record for the most viewed timestable roll-call livestream! In English, we have been working on our SPaG and independently using these skills by writing a story based on a piece of art. On Thursday, Year 4 spent the day designing and creating instruments. With the help of Mr Jach, we were able to use tools such as wire cutters, pliers, stanley knives and hand saws. We also had 'Bikeability' today, learning some road safety skills. I would also like to remind parents that the Year 4 Times Table Check will be taking place after half term. Please do encourage your children to practise their timestables any way they can over the break. Children will be sent home with reminders of their TTRockstars usernames and passwords. I hope you all have an enjoyable half term!

Year 5

We started the week investigating materials for Science. We set up tests to discover which materials made good thermal conductors, explored dissolving and looked at factors which may impact the speed of dissolving and had fun creating electrical circuits with materials that provided least resistance. Year 5 used great scientific questioning, predicting and questioning. As is often the case, the results weren't

always as we expected so we discussed how we may re-test and improve the investigation. In Maths, we continued to practice counting up with decimals and, in Geography, we finished looking at world trade, the global supply chain and Fair Trade.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been working hard on their writing, having two pieces on the last week of this half term. They have written a letter of complaint and explanation text on how trade has changed over time. Lastly, Year 6 would like to thank the Co-op, Ms Noble, Ms Harper and Mrs Elbourne for making the Greek pop-up restaurant possible. *By Nadav*

Fundraiser for Year 6

Anna Slupik, a Year 6 parent, is offering a special deal to school parents to help the class in their fundraising efforts. Anna has recently set up a new beauty business and will donate £50 to the Year 6 fund for every microblading treatment booked by a parent or friend of the school during June. To find out more about her special reduced prices for parents and how you can support Year 6 in this way, contact her via her website annaslupik.com.

Year 6 are keen to hear from other parents and business owners if you are able to support their fundraising efforts in some way. Please contact the class reps in the first instance on dianehird@gmail.com.

Sheep's Green Learner Pool

This wonderful, free children's swimming pool is opening this Monday 30th May! You can find the pool alongside the river Cam, just behind the paddling pool at Lamas Land. Full details of opening times can be found here: <https://sheepsgreen.wordpress.com/>

Dani Redhead is organising a small Friends of the Learner Pool 'planting' party on the 6th June to help tidy up the flower beds and add some flowers donated by Scotsdales to the containers. If you are wondering what to do on the inset day and would like to join in, please email dani@meepphone.com. Children welcome!

School Meals

The first week of term will be the week 1 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