



Newnham News

Friday 18 June 2021

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Lunch menu
- Athletics and netball summer camps

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a lovely week in school with two year groups having enjoyed residential trips. Below you'll see a couple of pictures of just how lovely Grafham Water was on Monday and Tuesday and Hilltop was over last weekend.



We have all been assimilating the revised DfE and LA guidance for managing the Covid situation through until the summer. We've explored the viability of many of the things such as sports day, leavers BBQs, summer fêtes and school plays and

are currently exploring what we can do. We will be holding a sports day for the children this half term, but I'm afraid parents will not be able to attend. Instead we will be scheduling a sports day for September, so that you will all get a chance to enjoy a sporting day with your children then. The Summer fete will also be rescheduled to something different in September. Year 5 and 6 school plays and the leavers BBQ will all be possible if performed outside and we'll provide more details when we can.

I'd finally like to congratulate the Year 6 football team on their two matches on Wednesday in our first inter-school sporting event in a long time. They won one game and drew the other. They showed brilliant sportsmanship and teamwork and we were very proud of them. In the next few weeks I'll hopefully have more great sporting news to share.

Classroom Round-up:

Reception

We had a wonderful forest school session with Mrs Bicknell this week, which was perfect for our minibeast topic. Mrs Bicknell is always very careful to remind the children that our body temperature is higher than that of the minibeasts we are looking at. Therefore it is best to handle the creatures using a tool such as a spoon which is much cooler. The nettles in the forest school area are very tall at the moment so please do ensure your child is wearing long trousers and sleeves as well as closed shoes for our next session, which is on the coming Monday. In maths we have been learning to half numbers and worked out that it is much easier to half an even number. We also read a really enjoyable book in maths called 'Two of Everything' by Lily Troy Hong.

Reception/Year 1

This week in Reception/1 we have been looking at the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. We have been identifying and organising them as well as looking in more detail at the features of a non-fiction book, such as contents page, labels/captions and images. In maths we have been using positional language such as: under, behind, in front of, above etc. This has been very practical and can be done in games at home too. We have also been learning about the body and identifying the external parts. Next week we will be introducing the senses and how they help us to understand our world. Have a great weekend!

Year 1

This week in year one has been a very successful trip to Lammas Land litter picking. The children did a fantastic job and were an absolute credit to the school. In science we have been

classifying animals and learning the difference between mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish and we have labelled the important features of our favourite one. In Maths we have been consolidating our knowledge on money and identifying coins and notes. We have been looking at the rules on spelling plural words and looking at irregular plurals eg goose becomes geese.

Year 2

Year 2 have worked really hard this week and should be proud of their many achievements. During our forest school session on Monday morning, the children enjoyed making dragons using natural materials they found in our wildlife area. Mrs Bicknell also touched on wind dispersal of seeds and finished the session with a story about what chlorophyll does to the colour of leaves. In Maths the children recapped some of the calculation strategies they had previously been taught and revisited how to find fractions of quantities and make half turns and quarter turns in a clockwise and anti-clockwise direction. In English the children continued to work on learning our class poem about 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' and thought about actions to accompany the various verses. In Spellings the children learnt how the 'ai' sound is sometimes made using 'ea' in words like 'great', 'break' and 'steak'. In Reading the children have enjoyed listening to 'Dragons and other Beasts' by Kenneth Grahame and trying to predict what might happen. In History we focused on the life and achievements of Joan of Arc. In RE the children learnt about what the 5K's are in Sikhism.

Year 3

Year 3 have had another very busy week. The class spent Thursday afternoon with Year 4 at Lammas Land doing orienteering. Even though it was a cloudy, wet day, the class really enjoyed their time navigating their way around Lammas Land searching for their check points using clues and maps. In English, the class have been working on interpretive poetry and explored the poem *If* by Rudyard Kipling. The class talked about what the poem was about and selected their favourite lines and discussed the lines which were confusing. In Writing, the class wrote their own versions, using repetition and rhyme. One child used their favourite sport, football and wrote about the stamina and sportsmanship required even when you lose a game or feel tired. In SPAG, we've been looking at the oa vowel diagraph and the class discovered words, such as 'approaching' and 'tomatoes.' In Maths, Year 3 have been revising their preferred methods to work out addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We also revised making wholes with fractions. In Art, Year 3 went outside with watercolours to paint the trees and flowers at the back of the field in an Impressionist style inspired by Claude Monet. Lastly, in Athletics, Year 3 have continued to work on relay running, working as part of a team and throwing foam javelins. Well done Year 3 for another very hard-working week.

Year 4

Year 4 have had an adventurous week with a visit to Grafham Water on Monday and Tuesday, which included lots of exciting activities like sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding and low ropes. The children enjoyed staying overnight and were keen to write about and recount their experiences during English lessons later in the week. We are enormously grateful to Mr Matthews, Mrs Burke and Mrs Cullen for accompanying the children and to Mrs Palmer for organising the visit and making it all possible.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have looked at data handling and using factors to help with multiplication in maths. In English, we have continued to work on our play scripts, developing the language we are using to reflect the style of Alice in Wonderland, as much as possible. In DT, we finished designing and then made our healthy(ish) cereal bars, and we dodged the forecast monsoon and lightning to have a lovely PE morning, orienteering in Lammas Land.

Year 6

At the beginning of the week, Y6 returned from Hilltop. On Monday we were all exhausted after our brilliant but energy eating trip. We continued our detective stories and looked at shape problems in Maths. On Tuesday, we looked at the classic maths puzzle: The Towers of Hanoi <https://nrich.maths.org/10220/solution> and wrote more of our detective stories. We also learnt about coastal erosion in Geography. Wednesday was our DT day and we made our cereal bars. It was also our first mini football tournament which was: 'fun and competitive' said Flora and 'it was hard but fun' said Adam. Thursday was orienteering, which was a great chance to use our map reading skills and we only got a bit soggy. Friday was Forest Schools, which was brilliant and very soggy. *Written by lots of Y6*

School Meals

The school lunch menu is attached. Next week will be week 3 of the 3 weekly cycle. 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

PTA website: <http://www.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully, Andy Matthews, Headteacher

Cambridge Open Studios 2021

Artists will be opening their studios to visitors for up to 4 weekends in July. This year the listings information and maps are all online and details can be found at www.camopenstudios.co.uk. At 22 Marlowe Rd (no.75 in the guide) 3 artists will be exhibiting their work: Ruth Schmid upcycles materials to make unique and functional bags and accessories, Betka Milligan has a new collection of ceramic objects and sculptures and Sue Lawley is showing atmospheric wild swimming and other paintings. Come and have a look around this and other studios in July.