



Newnham News

Friday 14 June 2019

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments

- Changes
- Summer library activities and Reading challenge
- Sponsored practice form
- Summer Solstice Picnic
- Oxford & Cambridge Singing School

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week we welcomed Mr Matthews, who will be the Headteacher in September, into school. He was able to meet our new September Reception parents during the induction meeting and say hello to the staff and children. Mr Matthews will be coming to our school fete on Sunday 30 June and to the open afternoons on 1 and 2 July so that parents can meet him before September. We are both determined to make the transition as smooth as possible for the school.

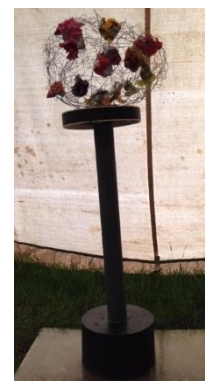
The assembly music for next week will be Vivaldi's Oboe Concerto in D Minor.

Our language for greetings is Norwegian.

English	Norwegian
Hello	Hallo
Goodbye	Ha det bra
Good morning	God morgen
Good afternoon	God ettermiddag
Thank you	Takk

Year 6 art project using recycled material – Changes

Five Year 6 wanted to make another art work (they had previously created the weaving, Four Seasons, from recycled materials in Year 4) before leaving Newnham Croft and chose to make the change from primary school to secondary school the theme of their art. They have used the sculptures of Phyllida Barlow RA, the graffiti art of Banksy and the paintings by Jackson Pollock as their inspiration. A full description of the project is attached to the Newsletter and you will be able to see the art for yourselves during the Eco Picnic. A huge thank you to Veronica for all her time, energy and inspiration; she provided a wonderful learning opportunity for the Year 6 involved which the whole school community can enjoy too. I was so impressed by the amount of work, thought and



creativity that has gone into all the different pieces and loved hearing what the children had to say about each piece. Do try and come to the Eco Picnic and have a tour!

Egg-citing news in Reception

The chicks are hatching! They cheer loudly. They have an egg tooth to help them crack the egg. By Leela



Summer Reading Challenge

On Wednesday Anna and Sara from Cambridge's Central Library came into assembly to tell the children about this year's summer reading challenge, called Space Chase, and other activities offered by the library during the summer (please see the attached leaflet for details).

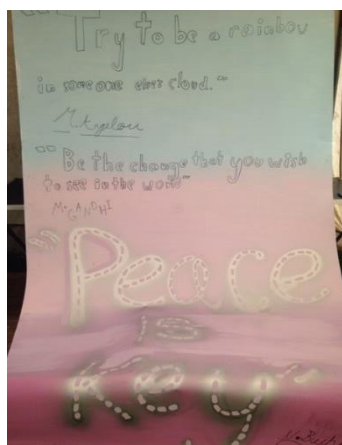
Water Safety

The dangers of open water:

- The water is often far deeper than people think.
- It's very cold, and can quickly cause cramp and breathing difficulties.
- It may contain hidden rubbish and debris such as shopping trolleys and broken glass which can cause injuries and drowning.
- Sometimes it can be polluted and makes them very ill.
- During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children are drowning. On average, there are 50 of these tragedies each year in the UK.

Please read the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents water safety information with your child.

<https://www.rosipa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/leisure-safety/watersafety-children-young-people.pdf>



REMINDER - Leaving Celebration for Mrs Williams

On Friday 12 July from 3.15pm – 5 pm there will be a tea party in the playground to which children, parents, staff, governors and former colleagues are invited to celebrate Mrs Williams' retirement from teaching. The PTA have kindly agreed to provide tea and soft drinks and will be in touch via ClassList in order to ascertain how many people will be providing baked goods. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to join us for this celebration.

Year 6 Engineering Project

On Wednesday, Year 6 enjoyed a grand finale to their engineering projects. Their vehicles were clothed in outrageous designs (with full sponsorship) and then a series of races were held going over ramps (sometimes with a little helping hand). There was a lot of cheering, a lot of fun and a lot of proud teams. Thank you to John and Gleslie (our volunteer engineers), and Miss Wilson for all her effort to bring this project to fruition.



Eco Picnic

On Thursday 27 June we will be holding our annual Eco Picnic from 4-6pm. This is an opportunity for families and members of the community to come together in our beautiful school grounds. Feel free to bring along a blanket and a picnic to enjoy. Gardening Club will have a range of activities on offer, there will be some Eco activities to take part in and you'll be free to tour the school grounds, including an exhibition of Eco Art created by some Year 6 children. Some healthy snacks will be available to buy too. We look forward to seeing you there.

Music Room Piano

The beautiful Yamaha U1 piano for the music room has arrived! Cambridge Pianoforte in King's Hedges have been very generous in supporting our school and delivering the piano in time for it to be used in today's Music Festival. We were also really delighted to receive two donations - one of £80 and another of £50 - and to hear that quite a few children have taken up the **Sponsored Practising** challenge to help us raise the last few hundred pounds needed. Thank you to all of you. Donations for the sponsored practice will be collected on Monday 24 June, so there is still time to take part (see attachment).



Pond Dipping

On Thursday, nine children from Year 4 donned wellies and waterproofs and braved the weather to join Veronica in gardening club to do a survey of pond life in the wildlife area. We were given expert guidance by a visitor from the U3A natural history group. Paul identified species and demonstrated the collection to Mr Pinnock's class. He has cameras with very high powered magnification which help him with identification from the smallest water flea (pictured) to the top of our pond's food chain, the dragon fly larva.



The children were very excited to see a beetle larva (above) making a meal of one of the smaller larva. They also saw leeches, flat worms, beetles, water snails, pond skaters and boatmen and were amazed by the richness and diversity of life in their little pond. A big thanks to Paul for giving us such an interesting session.

School Meals

The school lunch menu for the next week will be Week 2. Please remember to pay for school meals in advance. We have an excellent take up of school meals - on average 78% of children. Well done and thank you to our fantastic catering team! Don't forget to encourage your child to request their favourite dish.

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

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Y5 Kettles Yard.....	18 June
Y2 swimming.....	18 June
Y4 swimming.....	19 June
Y5 to Caythorpe Court PGL.....	19-21 June
Y6 Kettles Yard.....	20 June
Y3 swimming.....	21 June
Forest School Rec am, Y6 pm.....	14 June

PTA Summer Fete Sunday 30th June 12-3pm

VOLUNTEERS needed please! As we always say at about this time before the fair, we cannot hold the event without volunteers to help out, for some of the time on the day, and we don't have enough help yet.

Please use this link to sign up on a list

<https://www.slottr.com/sheets/16560789> or contact Louise Brayshaw (louise.brayshaw@outlook.com) or Mary Hansford (maryhansford@gmail.com) directly.

DONATIONS needed - Items we still desperately need for the various stalls being run. ITEMS to donate...

- **Homemade Produce** (Do you make jam, crafts, toys, anything handmade ? we want it to sell and show off a variety of talents hiding out there)

- **TOMBOLA = Bottles of drink or Packets of sweets** for prizes on the Tombola

- **Plants** (to sell on Plant stall please contact mary.hansford@gmail.com to arrange collection/drop off of these, so they can be looked after)

Please bring your items to the school and place in the box near the fish tank.

The **Bake Off** details have been announced on the PTA noticeboard and on Classlist, "Get Baking". And don't forget now the rains have stopped to fuss over those roses as the we will be the plant stall will be holding a '**best rose**' **competition** for the finest single stem brought on the day.

Raffle tickets have gone home in bookbags today.