



Newnham News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the children had an assembly about emotional wellbeing and the things we can do to support it; these included things such as exercise, creating, calming exercises and talking. The children were also reminded about ways they can get support in school if they're finding things difficult.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme explores the importance of belonging to mental health and wellbeing. During the week we will continue to think about how we support ourselves and others. On Friday 13th February, we will have our half-termly 'mindfulness afternoon' where children will get to choose from a selection of mindful activities such as yoga, meditation and mindful colouring. Below are some helpful websites.

I hope the weather becomes more mindful of how it's affecting our mental health! I also hope you all have lovely weekends.

Kind regards,
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Year 5 swimming	Tues 10 Feb
Year 2 forest school	Fri 13 Feb
Year 6 bake sale	3.15pm Fri 13 Feb
End of term	Fri 13 Feb
Back to school	Mon 23 Feb

Please check the school calendar on our [website](#), which is updated regularly.

Whole school news

Children's mental health

The Place2Be website has some useful advice for families: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>. The BBC also has

a helpful website for parents and carers to support their child's mental wellbeing:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cw9v6l8d0q6t> and the Childline Toolbox has helpful strategies and resources for children to use: <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/>

New secondary school

The council is holding a forum on a proposal for a new secondary school in north-west Cambridge. For more information, please see the attached documents.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week will be Week 3. The cost of a school meal is £2.75.

Classroom news

Reception

This week in maths, we have been learning about *one more* and *one less*. The children have been practising finding these amounts and writing the number sentences to match. In English, we have started writing a continuation of *The Naughty Bus* story, called *The Naughty Night Bus*. The children have enjoyed using their imaginations to think about what adventures the bus might have after dark! We also had an exciting visit from Miss Blake this week, and the children really enjoyed spending time with her. We are looking forward to welcoming her back again next week. In Understanding the World, we explored a world map and talked about where our families come from around the world. It was lovely to celebrate the different places that are special to our class community. During handwriting, we have been practising correct letter formation for **c, a, o and g**. Please continue to support your child at home by encouraging careful letter formation. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1

In English this week, Year 1 has been enjoying the story *Ruby's Worry* by Tom Percival, a popular and much-loved book in our year group. The children have been exploring how Ruby feels and learning that worries can grow bigger

when we keep them to ourselves, but feel smaller when we share them.

The children have had thoughtful discussions about their own worries, which often relate to fears of the dark, monsters at night, and being away from parents. We have been reinforcing the importance of talking about worries with trusted adults and friends. It has been wonderful to see the children putting this into practice during the school day, supporting one another and showing growing confidence in sharing how they feel.

Year 2

Year 2 has been very busy this week. In English, we planned and wrote a poem about someone who is special to us. We used co-ordination to join similes and created beautiful imagery. After editing our work, we wrote our final drafts for our class poetry book. In maths, we have been reading digital and analogue clocks and have begun ordering different times. A highlight of the week was playing *Time Bingo* together as a whole class, which helped us practise our time-telling skills in a fun way. In art, we evaluated our monoprints, while in science we created posters using secondary sources to show the basic needs for survival of humans and animals. During Forest School, we had another exciting week investigating our local habitats and recording our findings. In computing, we designed our own mats for the Bee-Bots and wrote algorithms to direct them around obstacles.

Year 3

This week in maths, Year 3 used number lines to calculate answers to division problems that extend beyond the times tables (with and without remainders). They also consolidated previous learning on how to recognise, order and compare unit and non-unit fractions. In our English sessions, the children were inspired to write their own calligrams based on *The Apple* by S C Rigg. They thought about the adjectives they wished to use and attempted to use repetition and humour to add rhythm and entertainment for the reader. In our geography session, the children really enjoyed listening to a recording of Ernest Shackleton's voyage to Antarctica and using 4-figure grid numbers to help plot his route.

Year 4

In maths, we continued practising drawing circles with specific radii and diameters using compasses and then moved onto identifying properties of polygons. We also practised facts for the 9x and 7x tables and began looking at factors of numbers. In English, we were so proud of the amazing explanations we have written. We have started reading a new book called *Leon and the Place Between*. We thought about how the author intended the reader to

feel, how she used the senses and collected examples of rich vocabulary. In RE, we considered whether you can see a person's beliefs just by looking at them. Spellings this week were adding a suffix to a word ending in y.

Year 5

Year 5 has had another productive week. They enjoyed their fourth swimming session and have begun writing a blurb in preparation for their mystery stories. In maths, they have been working out change from £100 using the frog method, as well as exploring the place value of numbers containing 10, 100 and 1,000. In science, the children had a go at creating sundials. In History, Year 5 explored secondary sources to help them learn more about the Sikh Empire. In RE, they examined the role of forgiveness for some people across different worldviews. Well done to Year 5 for such a hardworking week!

Year 6

This week, Y6 has once again been very busy and excited! First of all, on Wednesday the basketball tournament was held. Newnham Croft did very well and got lots of praise. Secondly, we all are very excited (and maybe a bit stressed) about the 8th annual Film Festival! This Friday we will be showcasing our films. From ordering decorations and making banners, Y6 worked very hard! Finally, things like Miss Baxter teaching more and preparing for the dance competition is very fun! That was our week.

By Ahyun

PTA news

Readathon

Please see the attached information and flyer from the PTA regarding their upcoming Readathon.

Community news

Children musical recital

Next Friday after school (13th of February - 4:30pm), school children will have the chance to perform on their instrument in front of a friendly audience of parents and friends in the school hall. Please fill the form if your child would like to take part to this recital :

<https://forms.gle/R2zozEWGPWqgbvtm9>