



Newnham News

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Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been reading through all the children's reports over the past fortnight and it is a time of the year and a part of my job that I really enjoy.

It is a chance to think about each child as an individual - as opposed to a member of a class, a group, a circle of friends or part of a family. Without fail, it is a time when I reflect on the affection I feel for each of them.

When in groups, children pose all sorts of wonderful challenges and surprising vexations as they learn to negotiate peer pressure, team work and relationships.

But as individuals they are, almost without fail, sweet, vulnerable and delightful - the very essence of why I choose to work in a primary school.

Even more so than in the termly pupil progress meetings, where time constraints necessitate a briefer reflection on certain children within the class, it is a moment to stop the tyranny of the immediate, to step away from the whirl of emails, meetings and "just-a-quick-words" and dwell for a moment on the great wonder of children.

I hope you find your child/ren's reports informative and helpful.

Enjoy your weekends.

Kind regards,
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Y6 enterprise project - bring coins	3.15pm	Thurs 9 July
Sports Day	KS2 9.10am	Wed 15 July
	KS1 1.20pm	
Y6 leavers' assembly	9.05am	Fri 17 July
Last day of term		Fri 17 July

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

Whole school news

Charity afternoon

The children have enjoyed a sunny afternoon welly wanging, having their faces painted and completing obstacles courses, all in the name of charity. We don't yet know how much money we raised for the East Anglian Air Ambulance but we will hopefully know for next week's newsletter.



Extra-curricular clubs

All extra-curricular clubs are now finished, with the exception of dance on Monday.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week will be Week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.75. Please note that, due to rising costs, the price of a school meal will increase to £2.90 from September. If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office in confidence, as support may be available.

Classroom news

Reception

Reception have had a fantastic week enjoying a range of exciting maths investigations. The children have been exploring shape and number through fun, hands-on

activities, while developing their problem-solving skills. They have particularly enjoyed working together to solve challenges and play maths games, demonstrating excellent teamwork and perseverance. We are also incredibly proud to celebrate that Reception has successfully completed Phase 4 Phonics. The children have worked so hard throughout the year and have made wonderful progress. They are feeling confident and ready to begin Phase 5 Phonics when they move into Year 1. Well done, Reception!

Year 1

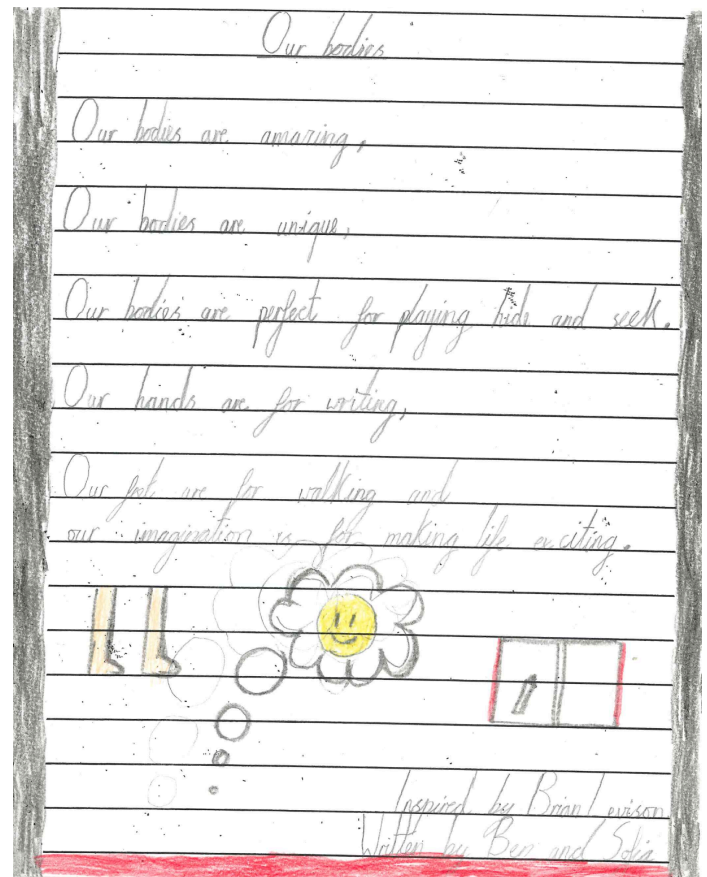
This week in science, Year 1 has been learning about different groups of animals and how they can be classified according to what they eat. We explored the different types of feeders, including herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. The children enjoyed a fun challenge where they selected different ingredients to create a meal for an animal. Their classmates then had to use the clues to guess whether the meal was for a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore. It was a fantastic way to develop their scientific thinking while having lots of fun! To finish our learning, we made bird feeders using pine cones, oats, seeds and banana. We can't wait to hang them outside and see which birds come to enjoy our tasty treats.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we compared monarchs to evaluate how the monarchy has changed over time. The highlight of our week was completing our DT project! After designing our healthy wraps, the children prepared the ingredients, made their wraps, enjoyed eating them on the field, and evaluated their finished products. In maths, we recapped telling the time in 5-minute intervals up to half past. In English, the children completed and edited their exciting superhero stories. In PE, we practised skipping, sack jumping, and underarm throwing. Year 2 have worked incredibly hard this week and should be very proud of themselves!

Year 3

Another hot week in Year 3 but another very productive week where all of the children coped really admirably with the conditions. In maths, the children learnt to recognise horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines in a range of 2D shapes. In our PHSE lesson the children learnt the scientific names of various parts of their bodies and how some of them will change and grow as they get older. They enjoyed reading *Hands* by Brian Levison and were inspired to write their own poems about their own unique bodies. Towards the end of the week the children learnt about diseases that affected children in the Tudor and Victorian times.



Year 4

In maths, we practised adding and subtracting 2-place decimals. In English, we got our persuasive letters ready to send. In PSHE, we discussed puberty in more detail and looked at a variety of period products. We also enjoyed our morning in our new Year 5 classroom and the whole school charity afternoon.

Year 5

Year 5 has had a very active and warm week. The children have been preparing for Sports Day (keeping cool in the shade), starting a new English module called *Campaign*, inspired by the television show *Dragon's Den*, and beginning their DT projects, either a slipper or a stuffed toy. Ms Holliday kindly sourced all the materials that the children requested. In maths, we have been revising 12- and 24-hour clocks. The class has been applying this knowledge to train timetables, working out journey intervals and identifying the times of day that trains run. In PSHE, the class had their final RSE session with myself, Mrs Turner and Mr Ferguson. The children were given the opportunity to ask questions about puberty, and we were all very impressed with their mature attitudes and thoughtful questions. In RE, we have been exploring different interpretations of the Bible, particularly around Pentecost. The class has coped really well with the heat. Well done, Year 5, for a fantastic penultimate week.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been doing many fun things including planning a sleepover and doing it. We all made our slipper/stuffed toy design. We made/cut out the felt but did not start stitching yet. This week on Friday we had a moving up morning and a charity afternoon. In maths we are doing Pentominoes. Overall we had a great week.

By Francis and Tianqu

PTA news

Summer Fete Smash

What a wonderful and joyous summer fete! Thank you to everyone who came and participated in all the fun stalls run by each of the classes, to the children who helped, and to the teachers who also gave their support. A massive thank you to everyone who put in the extra effort to help set up, take ticket and raffle sales, serve food and ice cream, keep an eye on the mega inflatable, and also cleared up too. It couldn't happen without you! We're pleased that the fete raised just over £1700, which will be put into the pot for the renovation of the school playground. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Community news

Special summer prices at Clip 'n Climb

See [this link](#) for more information on an unlimited summer pass for climbing.

Free summer activities

See the attached PDF for details on free activities for children over the summer.

Summer reading challenge at Cambridge library

See the attached leaflet and this link for details on reading over the summer.

Thinking about a different way to do the school run next year, without the hassle of parking and traffic?

Outspoken Cycles, your local independent bike shop near Cambridge North train station, is offering free family cargo bike test rides with friendly 1:1 support, space to try different options safely and time to ask questions before the new school year. We recommend booking in advance so you can get the best out of your visit. We also offer repairs and servicing for all types of bikes, if your current bike needs a little pick-me-up.

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