



Newnham News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am often frustrated with myself for being so easily manipulated by something that is 93 million miles away. I honestly love the winter months and the variety of our seasons, but there is such delight in these first few sweeps through spring. I find the improvement in my mood fickle!

Having spent a week on various sunny break- and lunch duties, with children gamboling about and their faces reflecting sunny expressions back to our distant star, I mused that it is, after all, only natural to enjoy the sunshine like we do.

Almost all living things do, after all, and we are not above nature, where displays of joy and pleasure at the first warmth and light are commonplace. As is often the case for me, taking my brain out of the occasion and simply being allows a more fundamental truth to reveal itself.

Anyway, these appear to be my thoughts for this week - thank you to those of you who are kind enough to read them.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter and have very wonderful weekends.

Kind regards,
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Y3 swimming		Tues 28 Apr
Y4 swimming		Tues 28 Apr
PTA meeting	6pm	Tues 28 Apr
Year 5 trip to Thorpe Woodland		Wed 29 Apr
Y1 trip to museum		Wed 29 Apr
Y6 netball club	8am	Thur 30 Apr
Eat lunch with your Y3 child	12.15pm	Thur 30 Apr
Year 5 return from Thorpe	approx 4.15pm	Fri 1 May

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

Whole school news

Pret-a-Portrait class photos

The early bird discount for families wishing to buy a copy of the class photos taken last term will expire soon. Head to www.pret-a-portrait.net and enter your sitting ID, the discount will automatically be applied.

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 Reception, we have been making the most of the sunshine by getting involved in gardening and developing our outdoor area. A big thank you to the parents who have kindly given their time to help and donated plants—we really appreciate your support. We have also been enjoying learning the story of *The Enormous Turnip*, using actions to help us remember it. Ask your child to share the story with you at home! In maths, we have been exploring the 100 square, identifying patterns, and practising counting in 10s. In addition, we have been learning about different fruits and vegetables—thinking about which ones we already enjoy and which ones we might need to try again before deciding whether we like them or not!

Year 1

This half term, Year 1 has been busy exploring a new English unit all about letter writing. We have been learning about the different features of letters and thinking carefully about the purpose of writing to different people. So far, we have written postcards and invitations, using our phonics, handwriting and punctuation skills to make our writing clear and exciting. We are very excited about our special writing projects, but we can't tell you who the postcards and invitations are for just yet... we don't want to spoil the surprise!

Year 2

This week, Year 2 has been recapping how to partition numbers to add and subtract amounts of money. Using our prior knowledge of fractions from last week, we also practised halving and doubling, developing our reasoning using number facts. In English, we ordered the events of a story using a story map to show the plot, and the children practised punctuating questions while developing their prosody and oracy skills through a drama activity. We also continued our work on past tense verbs and adverbs. In geography, we located different coasts in the UK using Google Maps and, as a class, identified key features of a coastline. In art, we explored the textures, shapes, and patterns of fruit through observational drawing. In science, we were introduced to scientific enquiry, and the children wrote their own enquiry questions. In RE, the children identified reasons why some people choose to talk to God. Well done Year 2!

Year 3

This week in maths, Year 3 has focused on telling the time. At the start of the week they consolidated telling the time in 5 minute intervals using a clockface with Roman numerals. Later on in the week, they worked on telling the time using the 12 hour and 24 hour clock. In English, the children enjoyed listening to *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall. They learnt to recognise some of the features that are found in personal narratives and enjoyed writing about what a character's inner thoughts might be if they suddenly found themselves separated from an adult. In geography the children enjoyed learning to locate the different counties that make up the UK and in DT finding out about the different benefits of eating seasonal food.

Year 4

In maths, we practised identifying acute, obtuse and right angles in both triangles and quadrilaterals, using right angle checkers for ones that we weren't sure about. We then classified quadrilaterals in different ways using a Venn diagram. In English, we continued work on our Antarctica travel brochures and moved onto editing them. In science, we conducted an experiment to test how distance affected how many decibels were picked up on a decibel detector.

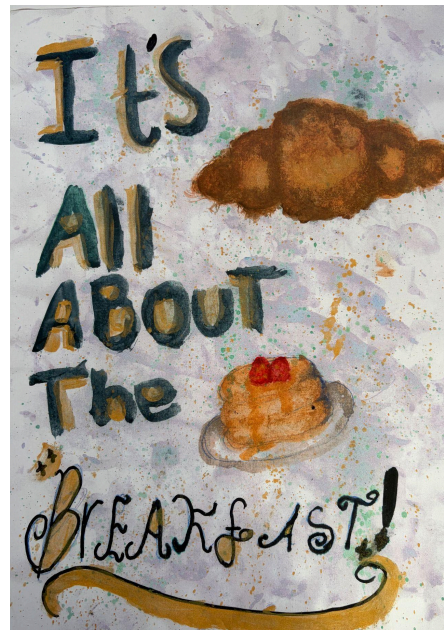
Year 5

Year 5 has had a great week, filled with Bikeability, building on their new topic of Local History, playing rounders, and conducting an experiment to test air resistance. In maths, Year 5 has been working on short division involving 3- and 4-digit numbers divided by a 1-digit number. In English, the class has been building on their learning of the poem *Cloud Busting* by Malorie

Blackman. They practised performing parts of the poem and then wrote their own sections using similes and metaphors. Bikeability took place from Monday to Thursday, and Year 5 did brilliantly. They enjoyed going out on the road and developing their cycling skills and road safety awareness. Well done to Year 5 for a brilliant week.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been taking over the roles of photographers by taking photos of nature: flowers, trees and bugs. This Wednesday we finally reached our



checkpoint of 50 stars! Stars are things we collect if we have been good and when you get to 50 and 100 you get PRIZES! In preparation for our SATs we have been making (might I say brilliant) "It's all about the breakfast" signs.

By Lyra and Ahyun

Community news

Half term tennis at CLTC

Please find attached a poster for tennis camps

Booking links can be found on our website

<https://www.cambridgeltc.com/coaching/half-term-tennis-camp/>

Half term camp at the Spinney

See the attached poster for more information.

Local yoga classes



YOGA
Classes With Monika
Friday Lunchtimes
@the Breathing Space,
Grange Road, Newnham



Hatha Classes suitable for beginners or those seeking to deepen their understanding of yoga
www.monikamakesshapes.com

