



Newnham News

Friday 29 March 2019

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

Attachments

- Fund our Schools Flyer
- Children's events at Cambridge City and Central Libraries

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This week we all enjoyed the Year 3 and 4 production 'Who's got talent'. The children made the most of the opportunities provided by their teachers to create a wonderful show. They wrote the majority of the script and chose all the songs except one. They sang and danced with great enthusiasm and their sense of humour was very evident and enjoyed by the audience. Many thanks to Year 3 and 4 who all supported each other and made a great team. Thank you also to all the staff involved – Mr Jach for the stage and chairs, Ms Noble and Ms Harper for refreshments, Mrs Wood, Mrs Fang and Mrs Mac for supporting the children and excellent props, Mrs Palmer and Miss Holliday for directing and allowing the children to be independent and Mrs Onatskaia for all the fantastic singing and dancing. Thank you for all the generous donations towards equipment for our sensory room which have been added to the other money raised through breakfast cafes and Year 5's play.

Don't Take Us For Fools!

On Monday all the teachers will be joining the march for properly funded education (see attached flyer), starting at Parker's Piece at 4 pm. Please do join us and spread the word! 'Why I have organised a march against UK-wide school funding cuts':

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/29/march-uk-school-funding-cuts?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

Next week is the last week of the Spring term so please claim all lost property and lunch boxes by the end of Friday.

Assembly music next week will be Beethoven's Symphony No 6 in R Major, Pastoral.

Our language for greetings is Finnish.

English	Finnish
Hello	Hei
Goodbye	Näkemiin
Good morning	Hyvää huomenta
Good afternoon	Hyvää päivää

Sensory Room Fundraising

Over the past term Years 3, 4 and 5 have been raising money for brand new equipment for the Sensory Room. Your donations will help to by projectors, colourful lights and speakers for calm and soft music. So far we have raised £1046! Thank you for all of your donations. *Art and Dylan*

Open Gardens

Reminder our school gardens will be open to the public on Sunday 28 April 10–5 pm as part of the National Open

Gardens scheme. Please put the date in your diary and come and enjoy our wonderful grounds – teas provided by the PTA.

Before School Clubs

Please look out for the two new clubs run by Premier Sport – drama and dance. Next term we would like to build up the numbers for the before school clubs which will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Netball

On Wednesday a group Year 6 children went to a netball competition at Netherhall. They played 4 games and came second in our group of 5, winning 2, losing 1 and drawing 1. Overall we came fifth and everyone got a lot better and enjoyed the experience. *Annabel, Poppy, Chloe*

Amey Cespa

On Thursday, Year 6 went to the recycling centre (Amey Cespa) in Waterbeach. We learnt that it was smelly because people don't clean their recycling. We got to see the sorting machine, the landfill and the compost. Everyone learnt a lot, including how to make decomposing plant pots and we also learnt that Coca Cola produces 30 billion plastic bottles each year.

'If you were an engineer, what would you do?'

This week all Newnham Croft children completed their designs for the 'If you were an engineer, what would you do?' competition, with the help of John Sheppard, an engineer, and some parent engineers, Mrs Farrukh and Ms Diaz-Anadon. All competition pieces have now been sent off to be graded by the organisers. Fingers crossed that the children of Newnham Croft may have some winning designs or possibly be shortlisted for Primary Engineer of the Year 2019. There have been some incredible designs for this competition, from machines that can tidy bedrooms, to bins which collect litter from the beach and machines which are able to filter and clean dirty water to provide clean drinking water. A huge thank you to all the children for taking part and especially to our wonderful engineers for helping and inspiring the children with their engineering designs. *Miss Wilson*

Careers Assembly

Today we had our third careers assembly; three parents spoke about their very varied career paths, emphasising that jobs and careers change over time depending on circumstances, interests and opportunities. Thank you to Jim Bellingham, former scientist (physicist), former civil servant, stay at home parent now university administrator and teaching fellow; Joel Clayton, part time stay at home parent, freelance musician, computer technician and owner of a record label producing CDs and vinyl records;

Nick Whitehead, archaeologist, chartered surveyor, Italian banker, property investor, company manager, stay at home parent.

Eco news – next week ...

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2019, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge. We're running the challenge all of next week, from 1 to 5 April. We're hoping to get most pupils and staff cycling, walking or scooting to school. It's a great way to get more of our children travelling actively to school and is a simple way to boost their physical and mental health. The Eco Committee surveyed every class a few weeks ago about the way they came to school, in order to compare how many more make active choices during the Big Pedal. At the School Council meetings last week Year 6 promoted the event and discussed how children who live far away could park closer to school and then walk, scoot or cycle the rest of the way if their journey would be too far. All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle, walk or scoot to school on as many days as possible next week, and join them on their way.

Last chance to sponsor Miss Wakelen!

Miss Wakelen would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who have sponsored her white collar boxing fight this Sunday 31 March. With two days to go the nerves are really kicking in, but there is still time to donate to her Just Giving page where she is raising money for the Alzheimer's Society. Good luck Miss Wakelen!

Italian Lunch Club at Newnham Croft

Let your children connect and learn Italian language, culture, food and heritage. Classes will run every Monday from 12.30 to 1.15 in the school. All welcome! For more details and courses in other schools please contact Mrs Triola on marika.triola@gmail.com Thank you very much and looking forward to seeing you!

School Meals

The school lunch menu for the next week will be Week 3. Please remember to pay for school meals in advance.

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.newnhamcrofptpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Y5 swimming.....	2 Apr
Headteacher interviews	3 Apr
Y4 visit to Amey Cespa waste recycling centre	3 Apr
Y3 visit to Amey Cespa waste recycling centre	4 Apr
Y6 dance assembly.....	5 Apr
End of term	5 Apr
Staff training day.....	23 April
Children return to school.....	24 April
Open Gardens	28 April

Community News

Sale of paintings and drawings by Olga Holbek 5-7 April – all proceeds to Newnham Croft Primary School

10 Derby Street, Friday 2-4pm, Saturday and Sunday 11-4pm

Islay Currie was Chair of Governors at Newnham Croft Primary School some years ago. His three children Fleur, Amy and Belle, were all at the school for the whole of their primary education. He died 18 months ago. Fleur Currie is running in the London Marathon on 28 April in his memory and in support of the charity Prostate Cancer UK. She has a moving letter about this at <http://www.justgiving.com/FleurLouise>.

Trumpington Meadows WT Reserve

On Saturday we are holding an event at Trumpington Meadows aimed at primary school aged children. Many of our pupils live close to the reserve, so do come along!

<https://www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2019-03-30-magnificent-march-hares-wildlife-watch-family-event>

Classical Guitar Concert

Save in your agenda: MONDAY 1st July 2019 ALL FAMILIES WELCOME Classical guitar concert FREE OF CHARGE offered by Simonetta Camilletti from the Italian Conservatorio Santa Cecilia in Rome, IN CAMBRIDGE, at St Alban's Catholic Primary School, in Lensfield Road CB2 1EN from 5.30 to 6.30pm.

PLEASE feel free to pass the information on relatives and friends. PLEASE contact for the programme Mrs Triola on marika.triola@gmail.com

Children's events at Cambridge City and Central Libraries

Attached you will find our programme of children's events for Cambridge Central and City Libraries from April to June, which includes the Easter holidays and May half-term events. Highlights include a Harry Potter quiz (11th April), an Origami workshop (18th April) and a celebration of the 30th anniversary of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* (15th April).

PTA NEWS

PTA AGM - Minutes

The minutes of last week's AGM will be sent out on email and Classlist soon - please have a look to see what we discussed.

Disco The disco last week was really fun AND it raised a profit of £252! Thank you to everyone who came, all the volunteers who helped out at the KS1 and KS2 events (and got made to dance!), and the children for all their awesome dancing.

Open Gardens event - 28th April

The weekend after school comes back from the Easter holidays is when our beautiful school grounds will be open to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Come for a relaxed wander and pop in for tea and cake at the PTA tea rooms at the same time. Watch out for appeals for cakes and volunteers nearer the time!

Events for the rest of the school year:

April - Sun 28th - National Garden Scheme, school gardens open to the public - PTA serving teas, coffees, scones and cakes
Tue 30th - Social for parents (time and location TBC)

May - Tues 14th - PTA meeting, 8pm start

June - Sun 30th - Summer Fete - put the date in your diaries - our biggest get-together of the year!