



Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

This week we celebrated the children's developing PE skills in the various events at our sports day, skills they have worked on over the term.

That's the curriculum reason for having a sports day.

However, that possibly underwhelming description does not do justice to what a wonderful day it was.

A morning and afternoon of activities with your classmates followed by the crescendo that is the parent races/tug-of-war or the relay races (for Rec./KS1 and KS2 respectively) is always a fantastic part of the end of year celebrations.

It was lovely to see so many of you finding time in your busy lives to come and share the excitement. For the children, having parents there to watch makes the event so much more special. Thank you.

I hope you all have lovely weekends and I look forward to seeing you all at various points over the next week, as we say goodbye to this year and turn our thoughts to a well earned break.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Charity afternoon	<i>bring some 20p coins</i>	Mon 15 July
Y6 leavers' party	5.30pm	Thurs 18 July
Y6 Leavers' assembly	9am	Fri 19 July
Last day of term		Fri 19 July

Please check the school calendar on our website, which is updated regularly.

Medication

We will be sending all medication home next Friday. Please check they are in date and ensure they come back into school on the first day back - Thursday 5 September.

Payments

Please ensure that all of your debts are settled for the academic year, including dinner money. Log into the SchoolGateway app to check.

Classroom news

Reception

As you will have read, it has been a busy and exciting week across the school. In Reception, we took this to another level! The children managed to achieve 200 smiley faces on their class reward chart and as their chosen treat, made and enjoyed apples dipped in chocolate. This was very well deserved, so well done Reception.

KS1

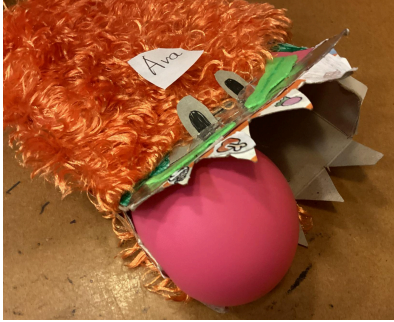
KS1 have had yet another busy week filled with sporting activities; finalising art projects and writing up their non-fiction pieces on Henry VIII. On Wednesday, KS1 and Early years had their Sports Morning and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Miss Wakelen kindly joined us, the weather held up nicely, everyone tried their best and it was great to watch parents taking part in the running and the tug of war. In English, we've all been writing up our non-fiction pieces of Henry VIII. Year 1s have used a range of conjunctions to extend their sentences and Year 2 have had a go at including subheadings to provide their writing with sections as seen in a non-chronological report. In maths, Year 1 and Year 2 have been working hard on time. In history, all children consolidated their understanding of the history of Cambridge and some even spoke about a lady called Jane Goodall. Lastly in art, all children applied their pressed flowers to their painted watercolour backgrounds as inspired by Jan Van Kessel. Some children chose to draw around shells and build on their drawing skills. All eBooks and home reading books have been allocated to your child. Please could we remind everyone that home reading books will not be sent out during the summer holidays, so please ensure that these books are brought back next week. eBooks will be added to the Big Cat Portal next week. Well done KS1 for an excellent week!

Year 3

Year 3 has had another busy week. At the start of it, they got the opportunity to visit Mrs Cullen in their new classroom. In maths lessons, they continued to work on adding and subtracting mass and solving problems involving it. In English lessons, the children enjoyed finishing their persuasive letters to Mr Ferguson. During the middle of the week they enjoyed helping the City Rangers collecting rubbish on Lamma Land and of course taking part in the KS2 Sports Day. Well done to all of you!

Year 4

What an exciting and busy week for Year 4! On Monday the children met their new teacher and spent some time in their new classroom. We also had sports day this week. The children were excited to show off their skills in all the events after practising for the last few weeks. In swimming the children had free play and it was wonderful to see how much more confident everyone is. On Thursday we learnt all about the dangers of litter and how long different materials take to degrade. We then explored the local area and did an



excellent job of litter picking to make it safer. We also added finishing touches to our pneumatic models. In forest schools the children voted for swing making and den building. Please send children in with 2

strong carrier bags next week as we have lots of wonderful work to send home. Please also look out for the list of statutory words for year 3 and 4, with outstanding words to learn highlighted, coming home this week.

Year 5

In maths, we learned to add and subtract fractions and then multiplied fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers. We then moved onto revising short division (bus stop method). In English, we looked at expanded noun phrases and how we can get a lot of descriptive information concisely into one sentence. In science, we explored sifting and filtration and carried out an investigation to find out which material was most effective at filtering and cleaning dirty water. In PSHE, we discussed how to keep our bodies clean when starting puberty and how we can be positive about our bodies and physical appearances. Within this topic, we talked about social media pressure, the fashion industry, make up and photo editing.

Year 6

This week in maths, we have been making theme parks and calculating the profit, we have also been doing murder mystery papers by having to do different types of equations to find clues. Y6 also has been busy making slippers or plush toys in DT. They have used up much time making these, so hopefully they are good....

This week most of the school attended Sports Day on Wednesday. In KS1, Fire and Water came first, drawing in the top position. In KS2, Air won the competition with Water second, Fire third and Earth in fourth.

There are only 5 more school days left for Y6. We got 160 stars on Thursday. This means we get to watch a movie with the Summer Rabbit (summer secret Santa) and also get to go to Lamas Land for an afternoon or morning.

By Sam and Noam

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached. The menu next week will be Week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.50.

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 NEWS

Summer Fete

Thanks to everyone who attended the summer fete last Sunday. Although the weather was mixed, the vibe was all sunshine! Much food and drink was consumed, the year group stalls were a huge success, and kids and adults alike got stuck in with the arts 'n' craft and games. A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out before, and on, the day. And again to the local businesses who donated so generously to the raffle, and to Banquet Inn (who run Crofters) who very kindly provided all the ice cream for free! We are delighted to say that the event raised over £2,300, which will be a huge help to the school going into 2024/25. Emma Teichmann (PTA Co-Chair)

Community news

Newcroft Club

Please see the attached information from the Newcroft Club regarding after school childcare.

Summer events

Please find a number of posters for various summer holiday activities.

Tiger Bus pass

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority have introduced a scheme to help young people use local buses cheaply - see attached poster.

Summer Music Festival

We are delighted to announce our Summer Music Festival, which will take place at 6.30pm 16th July in the school hall. To sign up or for more details, follow this link https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Z1JFujPwwFywFYAEI4JjAyCbNoKtgQ2AhVh_3dBGtjM/edit?usp=sharing.

Smartphone free childhood

Wednesday 17 July

8:15-9:15am and 3:15-4:15pm

Some of you will be aware of the "Smartphone free childhood" movement that has sprung up across the country in the past few months, that aims to address some of the challenges we all face in deciding if/when to give our children smartphones and access to social media. There is an active "SFC" group amongst parents at Newnham Croft and we would love to have a wider conversation to find out the broader views of Newnham parents on this issue. Therefore, we will be holding an informal event at the benches at the end of Chedworth Street at both drop-off and pickup on Wednesday of next week. Please stop by and say hi! We know there are a range of opinions on this topic, and we would love to hear them all so please do stop by and chat if you have time.

(Link to whatsapp group if anyone is interested: <https://linktr.ee/smartphonefreechildhood>)