



Newnham News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move through this busy part of the summer term, I wanted to let you know about two forthcoming events.

Next Thursday after the final SATS assessment, we will be holding our Dance for Diabetes assembly, bringing the whole school together to raise money for diabetes charities.

The staff and children will be performing the same dance as countless other schools across the country which you can practice at home by clicking on [this link](#). However, worry not if your child/ren doesn't practice - nor will I, so we can all master it at the live performance!

We are also looking forward to our Summer Term Public Speaking Assembly, open to children in Years 2 to 6, on the theme "A Significant Person." Some pupils are already busily preparing speeches about individuals who inspire them, and it has been interesting to see what 'significant' means to different people. The class finalists will be performing to the rest of the school on Wednesday 20th May.

Good luck to all our Year 6 children for next week's SATS. A very exciting week for them all!

Finally, please make sure you have a lovely weekend and enjoy whatever you do.

Kind regards,
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Y6 SATS breakfast	8am	Mon 11 May
Y6 SATS breakfast	8am	Tues 12 May
Y3 swimming		Tues 12 May
Y4 swimming		Tues 12 May
Y6 SATS breakfast	8am	Wed 13 May
Y6 SATS breakfast	8am	Thur 14 May

Y5 running club

Y6 forest school

Y2 forest school

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

8am Thur 14 May

morning Fri 15 May

afternoon Fri 15 May

Whole school news

International afternoon

Not long now until our International afternoon on [Friday 22 May at 2.30pm](#). Our theme, as you know, is South Korea and there will be musical performances, Korean food to buy (bring some cash!) and you will be able to see our displays showing you everything we have learned about South Korea. We plan to entertain you until 3.45pm, so don't rush off!

RSE workshop

Thank you to the parents who came along to the session this afternoon about Relationship and Sex Education. The presentation is on the school website [here](#) for those who missed it.

Volunteer gardeners

Are there any gardeners in our community who would like to take over the management of the school's various flower beds? There are four main beds, and it is tricky for staff to find time to properly manage them. Pre-Covid, we had a couple of amazing grandparents who came in and tended them. We are hoping someone will want to come in and continue their good work. Please get in touch with the office if this might be you.

EIFA workshops for parents

Please see the attached file for more information on parenting workshops.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week will be Week 2. The cost of a school meal is £2.75.

Classroom news

Reception

This week in maths, we have been learning to quickly recall number bonds to 10. The children practised writing the matching number sentences and worked hard to improve their confidence and accuracy. In Literacy, we completed our story maps for our adaptation of *The Enormous Turnip*. The children enjoyed retelling the story and sequencing the events using their own ideas and illustrations. In our PSHE and Understanding the World learning, we continued discussing dental hygiene. We talked about which foods are good for our teeth and which foods can harm them. The children also learned why it is important to drink water after eating to help wash away leftover food and keep our teeth healthy.

Year 1

We are very excited to share that the first of our butterflies has emerged from its chrysalis! The children



were thrilled to see this special moment and have been carefully observing the butterfly as it stretches its wings and becomes stronger each day. We are currently feeding it small

segments of orange and a sugar solution to help give it the energy it needs. We are eagerly waiting for the rest of the butterflies to emerge and will continue to learn all about their life cycle together.

Year 2

It's been a great week in Year 2! We started the week by recording radio adverts to encourage tourists to visit Weymouth. The children were so persuasive that I now have plans for the weekend! In maths, we continued to draw arrays and link them to division and multiplication facts. In English, we received some very exciting letters from Year 1, and Year 2 were super meticulous in writing

their responses, telling the Year 1s all about their favourite parts of Year 2. In PE, the children played Kwik Cricket, where they worked excellently in teams and applied all the skills they have been learning this term.

Year 3

Year 3 have been really engaged in their learning throughout the week. In maths they worked on problems connected to money that required them to multiply 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. Later in the week, they revisited measuring length in centimetres and metres and understanding how to measure and calculate the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes. In English, the children enjoyed planning their own personal narratives. In science we spoke about how water is transported around a plant and set up an investigation to demonstrate this.

Year 4

Our main news is, of course, Grafham Water. We had a great time learning how to kayak and sail and also some brave people tried jumping off a giant paddle board into the lake. Everyone got at least some sleep and there was general excitement and buzzing for the whole time we were there. Great teamwork and perseverance all round! Spellings are attached.

Year 5

After a fantastic three days at Thorpe Woodland Adventure Park, Year 5 have settled back into classroom life. They have been developing their class play and planning ideas for public speaking and a DT project for International Afternoon on 20th May. In English, pupils finalised figurative poems inspired by *Cloud Busting*, writing about friendship or themselves. In maths, they explored negative numbers, counting across zero. In science, they investigated water resistance using different-sized pieces of playdough. In history, they learned why some women refused to complete the 1911 census. Well done on a brilliant week, Year 5!

Year 6

This week we were very busy. In maths, we are working on algebra and SATS practice. In English, we finished the tragedy of Macbeth and have started writing our own story with a dilemma. On Thursday, a group of children performed a phenomenal play of Hamlet written by William Shakespeare inspired by our English topic. We are looking forward to forest school with Ms B (our forest school teacher). Finally, we are all getting very excited for the SATS, but much more importantly, the SATS breakfast which a lot of our class has made wonderful posters for and if you would like to see some of them, they have been displayed in the kitchen windows. Thank you for reading!

By Phoebe and Spica

Community news

SEN support group

It's a monthly support session for parents of children with SEN.

The Big Survey

Dame Rachel De Souza, the Children's Commissioner, is asking all children under 18 to take part in a survey, [The Big Future](#), asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, she wants to know what they think a good childhood should look like today. The survey is quite short and can be completed by the child independently or with parents inputting their answers.

Half term tennis camp

See the attached poster for half term activities at the Cocks and Hens Club.

Museum of Technology half term activities

See the attached poster for half term fun at the Museum of Technology.