



# Newnham News

Friday 28 April 2017

Headteacher: Mrs S Williams

## Attachments:

- Parent Survey results
- The Shrinking Teacher
- NET information
- NET donation form

## Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are delighted to have been chosen as a local cause for the Co-op's Local Community Fund until October 2017. If you are a member (joining fee is £1) as well as other benefits you can choose a cause to support and every time you shop at Co-op, 1% of what you spend on own brand products and services goes to the cause. Our cause is Newnham Education Trust (NET). The Co-op website says: *We want to build a new play structure for the children at Newnham Croft Primary School to encourage imaginative, fun and inclusive play.* £350.82 has been raised already since April 2017! To select NET go to:

<https://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund>

NET Newnham Educational Trust is a way of donating money to the school and if you are a tax payer we receive gift aid on your donation. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have made donations and/or set up a standing order. Last financial year we raised over £9000 and in addition about £1500 gift aid! If you are interested in making a donation to school there is a leaflet attached to the newsletter and hard copies in the school foyer.

For the rest of this half term our greetings will be in Lithuanian. They are pronounced phonetically.

Hello	Labas
Good morning	Labas rytas
Goodbye	Viso gero

Next week the music in assembly will be Stravinsky's Firebird.

## Staffing

We are very pleased to inform you that Mr Ferguson has been appointed as our new Deputy Head! Thank you to Mr Ferguson for all he has done as acting Deputy Head; it is good news for the school that he is now the substantive Deputy Head. A KS2 class teacher post has been advertised.

## Survey

Please find attached to the newsletter the results of this year's parent survey. Thank you very much to everyone who took the time to complete the survey – it is very valuable feedback for us as a school.

## School Council

Yesterday the school council discussed the question 'What helps you learn in school?' This was quite a challenge and ideas ranged from talk partners, feedback from adults, interactive learning, being quiet, friends as models of learning, challenging yourself, working in a team, using highlighters and learning from mistakes. All useful feedback for staff.

## Y1/2N Science Investigation



As part of their science investigation into how seeds are dispersed, Miss Garrison's class made helicopter seeds and models of dandelion seeds. Isla said "I liked looking at the seeds with the microscope" and Leo commented, "I noticed that the seeds were all curvy shapes - not straight".

## Year 5 Maths Competition

Eliot, Isabel, Daniel and Helena went to a Maths Challenge at St Luke's Primary School. There were some tricky KS3 maths there! We did particularly well in the Estimation round. Overall we came fourth.

## Stained Glass Window Project

At the end of last week the children made suggestions for the themes for our stained glass windows. R/KS1 will focus on play, friends and food, Years 3 and 4 eco, nature, the outside area, trees and birds and Years 5 and 6 tools for learning, art, clubs, library, books, the school logo, sport and PE. Over the next few weeks Ms D'Oyly and the class teachers will be working with the children in their art lessons to come up with some designs for Martin Donlin to use. We look forward to seeing their ideas.

## Teeth

One class has been looking at teeth hygiene this week. They talked about what foods are particularly harmful for teeth and how to brush teeth correctly. They discovered that 9 out of 25 children did not brush their teeth one morning! Please encourage your children to brush their teeth as this is vital to prevent tooth decay.



## Football

On 24 April the Year 6 football team attended a football tournament. We played seven matches – we lost 2, won 3 and drew 2. The team managed to persist through the day and came out in fourth place. *Charlie*

## Netball

On Tuesday the B1 team went to a netball tournament at Netherhall School where we came third overall. Thank you to the parents who helped with lifts and to Miss Holliday for coaching us. *Ripley and Lois (captains)*

## The Shrinking Teacher

Congratulations to Eva in Year 4 for her story 'The Shrinking Teacher' (attached to the newsletter), which she submitted to the BBC 500 Word competition. There were 132,000 entries in her category and only 5000 have gone through to the second round!

## School Meals

The school lunch menu next week will be Week 3.

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](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk)

PTA website: <http://www.newnhamcroftpta.btck.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully

Sharon Williams, Headteacher

## Diary Dates

School closed for bank holiday .....	1 May
Y3 and Y4 swimming .....	3 May
PTA AGM, school hall 9am .....	5 May
Y5 Forest Schools 9.30am .....	5 May
R/I Forest Schools 1.30pm .....	5 May

## Community News

### Stall for Syria

During the Easter holidays Isabel and Christina had a stall selling chocolate fudge, fairy cakes and greetings cards. They raised £66.10 for Save the Children's Syria Appeal.

### Friends of Sheep's Green Learner Pool

Please show your support for Cambridge's only outdoor swimming pool suitable for children learning to swim and help us protect this wonderful community asset right on our doorstep. Add your email address here:

<https://sheepsgreen.wordpress.com/about/>