



Newnham News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, that was a lovely start to the day.

It always brings me a surprising amount of joy when there is a happy get-together; and today's first parent-tea-coffee-&-biscuits morning was just such an occasion.

A gentle bubble of happy conversation, mixed in with the roofers flame thrower and the sun shining... all was well with the world!

Thank you to those parents who could come along. We will DEFINITELY be running these again (they will move to the hall, if the weather ever dips), so do keep an eye out.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Y6 swimming	Wed 7 Oct
Individual photos	Thurs 8 Oct
Book fair	3.15 - 3.45 8 - 13 Oct
Harvest assembly - parents welcome	9am Fri 9 Oct

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

Whole school news

Harvest assembly and collection

Our harvest assembly will be on **Friday 9 October at 9am**. Parents are welcome to join us. We are also collecting food donations which can be brought to school any time from now, or on the morning of the assembly. Please see attached the list of requested items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

School photos

The Pret-a-portrait team is coming on **Thursday 8 October** to take individual photos of the children. If you would like your child to have a photo with siblings who aren't at school, they are offering a session before school from 8.20am on that day. If you would like to book onto this, please contact the office by email office@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk

Scholastic Book Fair – 8th–13th October

We are excited to be hosting our **Scholastic Book Fair from 8th–13th October**. The book fair will be open **after school**, giving children and families the opportunity to browse and choose from a wide selection of books. It is a lovely chance to discover new stories, authors and non-fiction books, and perhaps find a new favourite to enjoy at home. Every book purchased also helps our school to earn rewards that we can use to purchase more books for our school library and classrooms. We look forward to seeing lots of our families there and sharing our love of reading!

Topic overviews

This term's topic overviews are now on the website - the link is in the header of this newsletter.

School Meals

The menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week is Week 3. The cost of a school meal is £2.90.

Classroom news

Reception

It has been another busy and exciting week in Reception! This week, we have been enjoying the story *Barbara Throws a Wobbler* by Nadia Shireen. The story has given us lots of opportunities to talk about different emotions, how they make us feel, and what we can do when our feelings become overwhelming. We have been learning and practising different strategies to help us self-regulate, including taking deep breaths, finding a quiet space, and talking about how we feel. In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have been exploring their different properties and enjoying spotting shapes all

around us in our classroom and wider environment. We have discovered that shapes are everywhere! In PE, we have been developing our jumping skills and learning how to jump and land safely. We have also been enjoying using the balance bikes. We have been talking about the importance of having a strong core and how it helps us with so many everyday activities, from sitting up properly in a chair to balancing and riding a bike. Well done, Reception, for another fantastic week of learning, exploring and growing together!

Year 1

This week, we have been enjoying the story *Puffin Peter* and finding out lots of fascinating facts about puffins. The children have been using what they have learned to write their own puffin facts, thinking carefully about how to make their writing clear and interesting. Did you know that a group of puffins is called a circus, a baby puffin is called a puffling, and puffins can flap their wings over 400 times a minute? The children were amazed by some of these facts and enjoyed sharing their new knowledge with each other. We have been working hard to use our phonics knowledge, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to write clear sentences. We are becoming real puffin experts!

Year 2

This week, we have been practising using verbs and adverbs to describe how an action was performed. In maths, we have been exploring the next multiple of 10 and applying our knowledge of number bonds to 10. We used bead strings and hundred squares to help us identify the next multiples of 10. We particularly enjoyed solving number riddles, and some children even created their own to challenge their peers. In science, we investigated the question, "Which material is the stretchiest?" The children worked collaboratively in teams, taking on different roles and working together to carry out their investigation. In geography, we compared the human and physical features of Kenya and the UK. In DT, we designed our moving monsters and explored the different mechanisms that could be used to make them move. In PE, we developed our jumping skills, focusing on taking off with control, performing a well-coordinated jump and landing safely and confidently. Well done for another fantastic week, Year 2!

Year 3

This week Year 3 have worked really hard on completing their instructions on *How to wash a Woolly Mammoth* so if you're asked to have one as a pet you should be ok now! In maths lessons, the children have learnt to add notes and coins and used number lines to work out how to find change. In our computing lesson lots of fun was

had drawing Iron-Age round houses using both digital and non-digital devices and comparing the differences between them. In science, we focused on how fossils are formed and what they tell us about life back in the Stone -Age.

Year 4

We had a great start to the week with the children immersed in our instructions writing journey, acting out the stages of washing a woolly mammoth. We ***lured, applied, scrubbed, activated, lathered,*** and even ***agitated*** the soap to make sure the beast was squeaky clean. We made sure we understood where, how and when we carried out each stage, paying close attention to the fronted adverbials in our text. We continued to work as historians as we scrutinised sources of evidence from the Bronze Age. We stretched ourselves in maths to use place value to add and subtract 1, 10, 100 to 4 digit numbers, exploring exchanging when we bridge multiples of 10. In maths, we began revising time telling (both analogue and digital) and calculating time intervals. If families could embed this into everyday conversations (what time things are happening, how long things take, calculating time you need to leave the house etc.) with their child, this would really help confidence as time telling is something that can only be learned really well if being done throughout each day. In English, we revised conjunctions and practised writing *Grimwood* inspired sentences using them. In science, we discussed condensation and evaporation and investigated how temperature affects the speed of evaporation.

Year 5

Year 5 has been busy exploring more of their topic, World War II. They spent this week looking at how children were evacuated for their safety during the war by listening to oral stories, photographs and diary entries. In English, the class has been creating a success criteria in preparation for writing up a favourite scene from their class book, *Cloud Tea Monkeys*. In maths, the class has been looking at using column and compact addition for 4 and 5 digits and digits containing decimal numbers. In science, the class was exploring what happens to the mixture and colour when water is mixed with other substances, such as sand, flour, tea, sugar, food colouring - does it become a solution? Well done for a hardworking week Year 5!

Year 6

This week in Year 6 in RW we have been learning about Jewish culture. We've been learning about Shabat and all the mitsvot you need to follow. We have also been learning about the differences and similarities of Abrahamic religions.

By Noa and Flore

PTA news

The next PTA meeting will take place at 1730 on Tuesday 13th October.

We will be electing a committee on this date.

Positions up for election:

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

If anyone would like to stand for one of these positions please email:

Newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com