

# Newton Road News

February 2024

## A message from Miss Mills

Wow! Last term was a dark and chilly term – but when you step foot inside our amazing school there was always a feeling of warmth, enthusiasm, energy and vibrancy. The children's enthusiasm for learning and attitude towards their work always brightens the day. Their smiles are infectious and this has been noted by everyone that visits our school. Our children's attitudes and behaviours have also been repeatedly praised by outside organisations and visitors.



I am incredibly proud of the whole school community, and as we approach my final term I am excited to share all of the incredible work with Mrs Turner.

At the end of term we said a fond farewell to Mr Coyston, who is moving down South with his family for a new adventure. Mr Coyston has had a huge impact since joining Newton Road last year and we will truly miss him. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you for all he has done and wish him all the very best in the future.



This term, we are delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Gibson as she returns from gaining wider experience beyond our school. Mrs Robinson, who has been teaching in Cherry, will be returning to her base school and we wish her well and thank her for her dedication during her time with us.

This term we will be welcoming some new faces to our support team and I look forward to being able to introduce them to you once they start. All of them are incredibly excited to be joining us at Newton Road and they loved the environment and school on their visits. They truly share our school values and are ready and waiting in anticipation to begin working with our fantastic children and families.



We look forward to welcoming you back tomorrow on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 for a brand new and exciting term – full of adventures and opportunities.

## A review of the Term

### Saplings

Wow! What another fun-filled term we have had in Saplings Class! The children have really enjoyed our weekly themes this term and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and progress through the engagement with the adult-led activities in the provision. Drawing Club has been very popular again this term. The children thoroughly enjoyed delving into more exciting stories, traditional tales and animations. It has been lovely to see their passion and eagerness to write. In aid of Mental Health week, one of our super six stories this term has been 'The Colour Monster'. Through this fantastic story, we have explored a variety of emotions, looking closely at how each of these can make our bodies feel. We then took a look into some strategies that we could use to support regulate our feelings. The children loved the different breathing exercises! It has been wonderful to see the children in Saplings Class become more confident in talking about their feelings with others over the last couple of weeks and using some of the strategies taught to support self-regulation. I hope that you all have a restful half term. I am excited to see what the next one holds!

### Year 1 and 2

The children in Year 1 have had a busy few week (again!) In Maths they have been exploring place value (within 20), they now have a good understanding of numbers up to 20 and can partition them in many different ways. We have also continued investigating addition and subtraction calculations and we know lots of different ways to do this. We have used 10 frames with counters, and we can find the difference using subtraction.

Year 2 have also had a very busy few weeks! In Maths we have been looking at Money, and more recently, Multiplication and Division - this has really been challenging our brains!

In the Year 1 Writing sessions we started a new unit of work with a focus on the story book Katie in London. We have enjoy finding out facts all about different sights in London. We were surprised to find out that Tower Bridge opens so that ships and boats can sail under it! We have written a post card from Katie to her Mum telling her all about the things we have seen, and we really enjoyed pretending to be a Tour Bus Guide and taking our friends around the sights using a map and telling them the facts we have learnt. We know the difference between fact and opinion and will be finishing our writing with a non-chronological report on London. In Writing we began the term looking at, and writing, our own Character Descriptions - this was inspired by our Parent Pit Stop session where we designed and made creatures out of clay. We had to think really carefully about the physical features of our character when designing, and then thought more about its personality, and hobbies and interests, when writing.

Where as in Year 2, we have looked at our knowledge of Owls through the story: The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark. We began this topic by thinking of what we already knew about owls, and we completed Owl Fact Files and show just how much we have discovered about these fascinating birds!



## A review of the Term

### Year 3 and 4

We have had another incredible term in Years 3 and 4 and we have packed so much in. Our students immersed themselves in the mysteries of Pompeii, reported on natural disasters, and celebrated strides in times tables. Dance performances showcased their creativity, and inspired by Matisse, they created labelled artworks in French.

We also experienced a trip to Chester House. This was a fantastic experience and we loved taking our learning outside the classroom and seeing the history of our local community.

A special thanks for supporting our collaboration with Fermyn woods—students had a blast creating animations and art from recycled materials and working with the Charity. Our links with local organisations like this provide us with such unique opportunities.

We are so proud of our children. Your continued support is invaluable, creating a positive learning environment. We are looking forward to a term of growth and new achievements and cannot wait to continue our rehearsals for our performance next term!



### Year 5 and 6

What a term it has been for year 5 and 6- you could say its been *out of this world!* Our Space themed unit of work has really captured the imaginations of the children in Oak, Ash and Beech. They have created the most fantastical models of the Mars rovers with moving arms that use pulleys to collect objects. Their construction skills have amazed us as has their attention to detail. Astronomers will be blown away when they discover the incredible new worlds, the children have brought to life in their setting descriptions of their new planets. Of all the billions of stars in the universe, we have a multitude in Year 5 and 6



## A review of the Term

### Sports Round Up



We're thrilled to highlight the fantastic success we've achieved in Physical Education at Newton Road School. This term has been packed with exciting opportunities for our students to explore various sports and activities, fostering a love for physical fitness and success.

#### Diverse Clubs for Every Interest

Numerous clubs have been made available, catering to a range of interests. From the grace of gymnastics to the precision of archery, the teamwork in football, the thrill of running, and even the unique challenge of curling—our students have had the chance to experience it all.

#### Triumph in Tag Rugby

Our commitment to sports excellence was evident in the recent Tag Rugby tournament, where our students showcased their skills and celebrated success as a team.

#### A Priority for Newton Road School

At Newton Road School, Physical Education is a priority. We're passionate about providing our children with opportunities to not only participate in diverse activities but also to feel successful in their physical pursuits.

We extend our gratitude to you, parents, for your ongoing support in making Physical Education a vibrant and integral part of our school experience. Here's to a future filled with more victories, teamwork, and the joy of staying active!

## Key Events – Spring 2024

Date	Time	Who	What
26.02.2024	8:40	Whole School	School re-opens to all pupils
27.02.2024	3:30pm	Oak, Ash & Beech	Parent Pit Stop: How we teach multiplication and division
04.03.2024 - 07.03.2024	AM	Year 6	Mock SATS Week
06.03.2024	ALL DAY	KS2 Elm, Willow, Sycamore	Assembly with an author Workshops with author through day Book on sale at the end of the day for all of KS2
06.03.2024	2:30pm	Elm	Class Assembly
07.03.2024	PM	Whole School	World Book Day - Activities
11.03.2024	ALL DAY	Whole School	World Book Day – Vocabulary Dress Up and Activities
15.03.2024	ALL DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL	Comic Relief – Wear Something Funny <u>Ear</u> Money! Everyone is invited to wear something funny to school. Your child might want to <u>wear a</u> funny wig, dress as a superhero, wear lots of bright colours, wear their clothes back to front, come to school in their pyjamas or wear something that just makes them smile inside, like their most comfortable non-school uniform. We will be asking for donation towards comic relief on this day.
20.03.2024	14:30	Maple	Class Assembly
20.03.2024	9:15am	Willow	Class assembly
20.03.2024	3:30 – 6:30	Whole School	Parent Consultation Evening Booking information to follow shortly
21.03.2024	3:30 – 5:30	Whole School	Parent Consultation Evening Booking information to follow shortly
22.03.2024	2:30pm	Maple, Cherry, Cedar	Phonics Parent Pit stop.
25.03.2024	To be confirmed	Saplings	Visit to St Mary's Church - Easter
25.03.2024	AM	Years 5/6	Basketball Workshop – Carry a Basketball not a blade campaign
26.03.2024	2:30pm	Saplings	Parent Pit Stop – Easter Crafts
27.03.2024	9:15am 2:15pm	Year 3 and 4	Parent Pit Stop – Production Instructions of how to book tickets will follow
28.03.2024	3:15pm	Whole School	Term Ends
15.04.2024	08:40am	Whole School	Start of Term 5

