

Newton Road News

December 2023

A message from Miss Mills

Well what an amazing half term we have had! It is hard to reflect on just how many wonderful experiences we have had at school but as a holiday fast approaches it is a great time to take stock on all that has been achieved.

During the last term, I have witnessed the most remarkable positivity, respect, integrity, determination and excellence from both our students and staff. Our school family oozes our PRIDE values. So much time, effort and energy has gone into the term from both staff and children to ensure they have best, most creative, curriculum and learning experiences they can. I'd like to take a moment to thank you all for your support in helping and supporting us with our curriculum, through coming to watch shows and assemblies, ensuring your children complete their homework, reading and home learning tasks, promoting a positive attitude towards learning and school, and above all, ensuring that your children are in school on time and everyday. As we are all aware, the biggest barrier to success in school is poor attendance

Singing has definitely been a theme this term with lots of practice for our Trust Carol Service, our own Year 1 and 2 Christmas sing a long and Saplings' Nativity - not forgetting the craziness of our whole school rendition of The 12 Days of Christmas. There have been some wonderful performances which have allowed our children to flourish and fly.

As we approach the Christmas break, from everyone at Newton Road School we wish you all a happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Parents: Looking After Your Wellbeing

We know how hard being a parent can be: working, juggling family life, trying to keep everyone happy! This link has some great advice and tips on how we can take care of our wellbeing by looking after ourselves. There's advice on sleeping better, managing worries and anxiety and useful tips to think and feel more positive. There's also helpful advice on where you can get support if you need it.

[Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

There's also a great page to find out useful advice and tips on healthy choices called Healthier Families.

[Healthier Families - Home - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



A review of the Term

Saplings

Wow! What a fun-filled term Saplings Class have had. This term in Drawing Club, we embarked on an adventure into exciting new stories, traditional tales and animations. The children have really enjoyed being a part of drawing club and have completed some fantastic pieces of work.

The highlight for this term definitely has to be our nativity. The children worked incredibly hard rehearsing this and, what a show! I hoped you enjoyed watching just as much as we did performing to you. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone back in the new year!

Year 1 and 2

In Maths, the children in Year 1 have been finishing their unit on Shape. We have been investigating 2D and 3D shapes. We have looked at how we know if it is a 2D or a 3D shape, we have named the shapes, and we counted their sides, faces and vertices.

In English, the whole of KS1 has been busy investigating some strange things that have been happening around school. First, the teachers received an email to say a dinosaur had been spotted on the CCTV cameras! We went to investigate and collect some evidence. We noticed lots of unusual things, like cracks in the floor, bushes were flattened, and we even saw some footprints in the mud! We are now writing all this up as a newspaper report.



In Science, we have been investigating materials, and we made some salt dough. We investigated the properties of the ingredients on their own and again after we mixed them together. We have looked at the decorations we made to see if the material has changed.

This week, the children have been busy practicing their songs for the Christmas Concert. They are very excited to perform them for their families.

Year 3 and 4



In Year 3/4 this term, 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.

A special thanks for supporting our collaboration with Fermyn Woods—students had a blast creating animations and art from recycled materials.

Your continued support is invaluable, creating a positive learning environment. We are looking forward to a term of growth and new achievements.



A review of the Term

Years 5 and 6

Oak, Ash and Beech class have absolutely loved their learning this term. From dressing up and experiencing life as a First-class passenger to listening to eye-witness accounts of the sinking, Titanic has captured imaginations and resulted in some wonderful school and home learning. We are in awe of the incredible Titanic models that have made their way into school.

In DT, the children have all worked exceptionally hard and have created some beautiful embroidery that required lots of determination and resilience especially when threading needles! Our times tables skills have been put to the test this term with plenty of multiplication and division in our maths lessons. Ask the children about the reason ships float- they have investigated this in science as part of our work on forces. Thank you for all your support this term, in making it one to remember- the Titanic costumes were amazing!



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, our families, 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
04.01.2024	8:40am	Whole School	School re-opens to all pupils
05.01.24	2:00pm	Maple, Cherry, Cedar	Parent Pit Stop – Clay models
08.01.2024	3:20pm	Oak, Ash & Beech	Invite parents in to learn about SATS
22.01.2024	2.30pm	Y3/4 (10 children)	Hockey Tournament – Manor
23.01.2024	2:15 – 3pm	Elm	Invite parents to investigate how things move on different surfaces- Science lesson
24/01/24	2:15 – 3pm	Sycamore	Invite parents to investigate how things move on different surfaces- Science lesson
25.01.2024	2:15 – 3pm	Willow	Invite parents to investigate how things move on different surfaces- Science lesson
06.02.2024	2.30-3pm	Art room	SEND Parent Forum. For parents/carers of children with SEND or SEND concerns to discuss strategies and services available in the local area.
07.02.2024	9 – 3pm	Year 3 and 4	Trip out to Chester House
08.02.2024	2:30pm	Saplings	Phonics Parent Pit Stop
14.02.2024	2.30pm	Oak	Class assembly
16.02.2024	3.15pm	Whole School	Term Ends
26.02.2024	8:40	Whole School	School re-opens to all pupils
26.02.2024	3:30pm	Oak, Ash & Beech	How we teach multiplication and division
06.03.2024	2:30pm	Elm	Class Assembly
18.03.2024	2.30pm	Y5/6 (10 children)	Netball Tournament - Manor
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
21.03.2024	3:30 – 5:30	Whole School	Parent Consultation Evening
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
26.03.2024	2:30pm	Saplings	Parent Pit Stop – Easter Crafts
27.03.2024	9:15am 2:15pm	Year 3 and 4	Production
28.03.2024	3:15pm	Whole School	Term Ends

