

Newsletter

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Welcome Back

A Message from the Head teacher

Welcome to our first new-look Newhall newsletter. We will publish a newsletter twice a half term and it will keep you up to date with what has been happening around the school and nursery, future events and any other important messages.

It has been lovely to spend the past three weeks in both the school and nursery and meeting the wonderful children, friendly parents and dedicated staff who make up Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

A highlight for me over the past few weeks has been eating my lunch alongside the children at lunchtime and hearing about their learning and the day they have been having. It's been lovely to see how settled our new nursery and reception children have been. I also heard some incredible poetry from both of our Year 4 classes.

We hope you enjoy the contents of our newsletter.

Best wishes,

Mr Duffy



A Message from the Nursery Manager

Firstly, a huge welcome back to all of our children and families. I hope that you had the most amazing summer. For some of you that spent the summer with us, we had the most wonderful summer with lots of activities and we had some lovely work done across the nursery including a revamp of the gardens and a deep clean across all rooms.

For those of you just joining us 'Welcome' to our Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery family!

As we enter into a new academic year, I am very excited to be part of the team alongside Mr Duffy (our new headteacher), Mrs O'Neil (our Deputy Head) and Mrs Smart (our Assistant Head) who are all committed to ensuring continuity across the school and nursery.

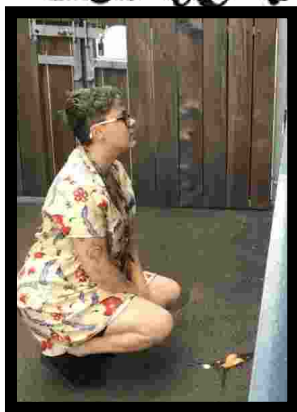
I am honoured to be a part of your child's journey as they either start or continue their path along our Early Years Foundation stage pathway.

As many of you are aware, our inspection of Blossom Room was carried out by Ofsted last week. As soon as we are allowed to release the outcome and report, we will do so.

Emma

Year 1

Year 1 have started our English unit with a bang! We read the first section of 'After the Fall' in which we discussed why Humpty Dumpty might feel scared and then we demonstrated this by watching what would happen if a REAd humpty egg fell off a wall. We look forward to writing about how Humpty is feeling through the use of "I" statements.



Blossom Room

Over the past few weeks in Blossom room, we have been settling the new children. They have already formed some lovely relationships and are exploring with great interest! The children have really been enjoying singing, playing with farm animals and play dough!

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Snowdrop Room

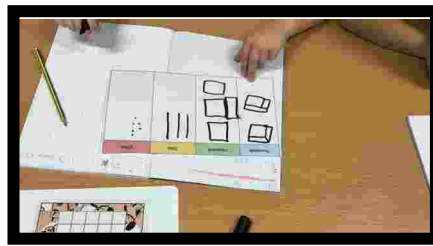
The Snowdrop team have been so excited to welcome our new children to our class. They have been settling over the past few weeks and have shown great interest in balancing on the beams in the garden, making cakes with play-dough and painting! Our topic for the term is 'all about me'. The children have been exploring emotions and investigating their favourite things to do!



Year 4

It has been a busy first couple of weeks in Year 4! In science, we started our topic of changing states by grouping different items into solids and liquids, as well as investigating what happens when you drop raisins into a fizzy versus still drink. In English, we have been working hard on analysing the poetry book *I Go Quiet* and brainstorming ideas in groups before planning our own poem based on the book. Finally, in maths, we have been extending our knowledge on place value by partitioning numbers up to 10,000 and representing this in different ways.

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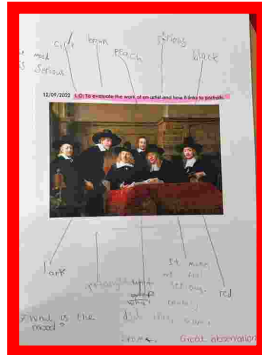


Year 2

In Year 2 we had a focus on kindness in RE and the children loved making and throwing 'kindness like confetti'. Our focus in art was Rembrandt and we have looked at his pictures and explored how they make us feel.



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Bluebell Room

In Bluebell we have been learning about our families. We have been naming the people in our family, drawing pictures of them and counting how many people live in our house. In our child initiated learning we made a bus in the garden and we visited the zoo and the beach!



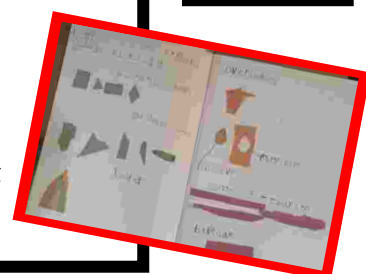
Reception

In Reception we have been talking about our families. The children loved sharing photos of their families on Tapestry and we used these to draw portraits of our families. The children carefully drew each person in their family and even added their furry friends to their portraits! The children thought carefully about what colours to use in their pictures. We have loved getting to know the children better and have been so impressed by their wonderful creations!



Year 3

We have had a fantastic start to Year 3! We have been busy learning about all the different periods of the Stone Age and some of the different houses they lived in. We are also enjoying reading our new book *Varjak Paw* and have begun writing our own chapter from the book, including lots of adjectives and prepositions to expand our noun phrases! In art, we have looked at different collage techniques which are inspired by Picasso's artwork. One of our favourite subjects is PE and we have begun exploring how to jump efficiently and how to make a tuck shape while we are jumping. We can't wait to keep learning lots of new things!



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SCHOOL NEWS

Online Safety

Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

(Guidance from the NSPCC Website)

For some top tips on online safety from the NSPCC, click [here](#).



Jewellery

Please be reminded that we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school and nursery. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch or one pair of stud earrings. The children should remove these objects before PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. If your child cannot do this themselves, we ask you to do it before they come to school.



Attendance

Our attendance for each class for the first two-and-a-half weeks of term was as follows. Well done to Elm Class!

Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	95.5%
R	Willow	95.7%
1	Rowan	95.6%
1	Beech	94.9%
2	Elm	99.4%
2	Hazel	98.1%
3	Maple	95.0%
3	Chestnut	97.8%
4	Ash	97.6%
4	Juniper	94.5%

Dogs on site

Please be reminded that as much as we like to see your dogs, we would appreciate that you do not bring them beyond the school gates. Thank you to those of you who keep your dogs beyond the school gates.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/newhallprimary>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
Wednesday 28 th September	Hazel Class Assembly 09:00
Thursday 29 th September	World's Biggest Coffee Morning (MacMillan Cancer Support) 9.30-11.00
Friday 30 th September	REAch2 Colour Run
Wednesday 5 th October	Chestnut Class Assembly 09:00
Thursday 6 th October	Lucky Plate Day
Wednesday 12 th October	Juniper Class Assembly 09:00
Wednesday 19 th October	Ash Class Assembly 09:00
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of Half Term



Dates for your diary.....