

Newsletter

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NEWHALL

WELCOME
BACK



Cathie Paine
(Reach2's CEO)



Jeff Brazier



Message from the Nursery Manager

This term's topics have been very exciting in all of the rooms. Winter has certainly been explored in Blossom: with the very cold weather we have been having, the children have enjoyed playing outside to experience the ice, snow and the puddles. Snowdrop are enjoying learning about our furry friends and I have enjoyed looking at the pictures of the children's pets. Bluebell's fossils were lovely to see for their topic of Dinosaurs; it's amazing how many children know the dinosaurs' names!

I am very pleased that El has been promoted as Room Leader for Blossom and we hope to have some more news for you shortly with an additional staff member for this room. We have had several new children starting with us this month and we welcome to you all to Newhall.

Emma

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter of 2023!

We've had a busy few weeks at Newhall!

On Tuesday and Wednesday we had our visit from Ofsted. As soon as we have the report, we will share it with you. Until then all information regarding the inspection needs to remain confidential. Thank you for completing the parents' survey and for all of the positive wishes you gave us before and during the inspection.

On Thursday, Cathie Paine (Reach2's CEO) came to visit Newhall. She had a tour of the school and nursery and spoke with lots of children and staff. She also led an assembly on the theme of 'aspirations', focusing on the achievements of a range of different people. She was very impressed with the behaviour of our children in the assembly and enjoyed her visit to Newhall.

Last week, Jeff Brazier visited the school to deliver a bereavement workshop. There was a great turnout from our families and members of the wider community for this worthwhile workshop.

At the end of the autumn term, Miss Leonard, Mr Cleary, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Boltwood moved on from Newhall. We thank them for all they contributed to our school and nursery. We have some new staff starting with us over the coming weeks and we're looking forward to welcoming them to Newhall.

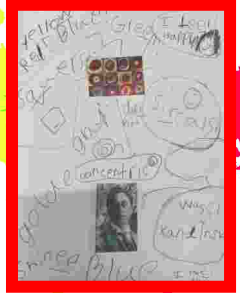
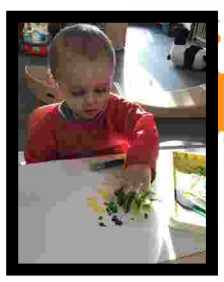
Mr Duffy



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Blossom

In Blossom we have been exploring lots of different textures through sensory play using our hands and other tools in materials such as paint, flour and foam which the children have been enjoying. We have also been showing an interest for singing and exploring sounds with the instruments so have made a new display for their interest.



Year 1

The children in year 1 have really enjoyed starting our Art topic "Colour Mixing". We delved into Kandinsky and looked at his style and use of colour. Then we went on a colour scavenger hunt and identified what we could find in the classroom. We look forward to mixing paint and creating a colour wheel as we go on.



Year 4

What a start to 2023 it has been! To kick off the new term, we celebrated Eco Week by learning about Greta Thunberg. We created biographies about her life, made posters inspired by her protests against climate change, and even wrote speeches inspired by her 2019 UN Climate Summit Action speech. Juniper have been practising rolls and balances in PE. More specifically, they have been perfecting their forward rolls with a safe and correct technique. Ash have continued learning about the work of Vivienne Westwood and this week have practised their embroidery skills in preparation for their upcycling project!



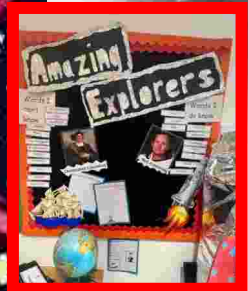
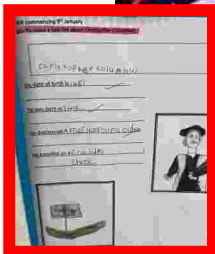
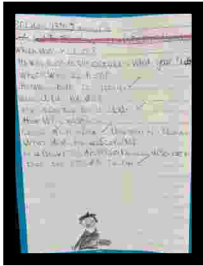
Snowdrop

Snowdrop have been busy exploring the outdoor environment this half term. They were all very excited about our mud delivery and helped to unpack and refill our mud kitchen! The children have been mixing, filling and creating during some back and forth pretend play. They then used the delivery boxes to construct their own "castle for the princess". We have investigated what we can do with the large tyres and explored on wet rainy days!

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Year 2

Year 2 have had a great start to the Spring Term and have emersed themselves into our new topic Amazing Explorers. They have enjoyed learning all about Christopher Columbus and Nell Armstrong. So far, we have created fact files all about Christopher Columbus and explored the route he took to get to America. The children are looking forward to travelling to the moon next week and learning all about Neil Armstrong.

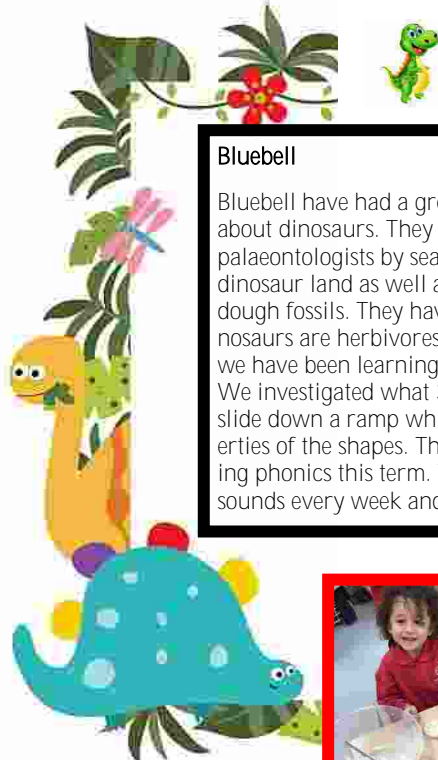


Bluebell

Bluebell have had a great few weeks learning about dinosaurs. They have learnt about being palaeontologists by searching for fossils in our dinosaur land as well as creating their own salt dough fossils. They have been learning which dinosaurs are herbivores and carnivores. In maths we have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. We investigated what 3-D shapes would roll or slide down a ramp while learning about the properties of the shapes. The children have loved learning phonics this term. We are learning four new sounds every week and practising our blending.

Reception

Reception had a wonderful week of Chinese New Year Celebrations. We have been busy making dragon masks, Chinese lantern collages and writing about the animals in the Zodiac story. We have been learning about traditional Chinese foods and used the teaching kitchen to make noodles. The children described the noodles as 'delicious' and 'scrumptious'!



Year 3

Over the last 2 weeks Chestnut and Maple classes have enjoyed exploring multiplication and division, multiplying 2 digits by one digit numbers before tackling divisions which included remainders. In our English, we have ventured down the rabbit hole into our very own wonderlands and created some beautiful descriptive writing. To kickstart our historical learning we discovered how historians identified the beginning of the Bronze age and created our own beaker pots. We are also very much looking forward to continuing our art unit where we will be creating a shared art piece in the style of the Bauhaus movement.



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Attendance

Our attendance for each class since we have been back from the Christmas holidays was as follows.

Well done to Hazel Class!



Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	93.6%
R	Willow	89.8%
1	Rowan	91.0%
1	Beech	93.1%
2	Elm	96.4%
2	Hazel	97.6%
3	Maple	96.3%
3	Chestnut	95.0%
4	Ash	96.6%
4	Juniper	95.3%



Upcoming EVENTS



Date	Event
Wednesday 8 th February	Cherry Class Assembly
Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February	School Closed for Half Term
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 3 rd March	Willow Class Assembly



Science Week

This year we will be celebrating Science Week from 6th-10th March. We are really excited to be learning about different careers in Science and what a job in Science might look like to inspire our children at Newhall. We are welcoming people from our local community with jobs in Science to come and talk to our children more about what they do. If you have a job which links to Science and would be happy to come and talk to a class at Newhall, we would love to hear from you. Please email the office or talk to Mrs Moss for more information.

