

# Newsletter

Friday 26th May 2023

Roundhouse Way, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9SF



NEWHALL



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

## A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to have some warmer and brighter weather over the past few days. The children have enjoyed playing on the equipment in the playground and some children have been helping to water the oak tree we planted to commemorate the coronation of King Charles. We've also got a very enthusiastic group of children who have been using our new litter pickers to ensure the playground and field are kept litter free.

We are excited to announce that we have received the Silver Arts Mark Award. The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum. Thank you to Miss Lewis (Maple Class Teacher and Art Leader) for all of her hard work and Mrs. Matthews (one of our parents) for all of her help and guidance during the process.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Moss (Willow Class Teacher) will be expecting her first child in the autumn term. She will remain in Willow Class until the end of the academic year.

Have a wonderful time with your families and friends over half term and we will look forward to welcoming the children back after the break for the final half term of the year.

Mr. Duffy

## A Message from the Nursery Manager

As we enter into our most exciting half term, it also very soon becomes our saddest as children move to their next adventure.

Whilst our Bluebell children start their transition journey onto their new schools, our Snowdrop and Blossom children will begin their new journey soon in their new rooms.

Over the next few weeks our Bluebell children will start to be visited by their class teachers, they will start visiting our school more (even if your child is not coming to Newhall we believe this will support them into the transition of their new school) and we will start to have some new and exciting things happening such as sports day, graduation and graduation photos.

Snowdrop and Blossom have already unknowingly started their transition and there have been different staff playing with them in their rooms to start to get to know them in their space before we move onto them visiting their new rooms.

You may have noticed that we are advertising for more staff in the nursery; this is because of the increase in children requesting spaces in our nursery. If you do know anyone that is interested in working for us, please do point them in our direction.

Emma





# N E W H A L L

## Year 4

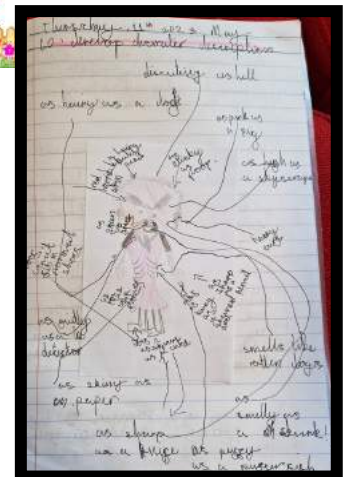
This week, as part of our current art unit of work, Year 4 took a walk through the countryside to find a lovely spot to sketch. We will be using our sketches to create some landscape art inspired by Monet.

We have also been transported to the Amazon by using VR to immerse ourselves in the tropical rainforest and view the distinct layers. We discussed what we saw and any animals we spotted along the way!



## Blossom

The children in Blossom Room have really enjoyed all the celebrations for the coronation: they made their own crowns and flags ready for the big day! The children have been listening to the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' story, creating their own caterpillars and using the magnifying glasses to explore flowers and insects in the garden.



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
To describe a character in detail

On top of the revolting, bald head, is the most wierdest hat ever. As unpleasant as someone who hasn't brushed their teeth in one month, her nose is as long as a river. As green as moldy bread, her teeth are would make you puke! Once a week she kills an innocent child, for lunch. When the wicked witch removes her shoes, you will be disgusted to see her toes because they're square but also flat.



## Year 3

In Year 3, we have been busy enjoying our book 'The Witches' and writing some fantastic descriptions in preparation for our own story about witches, using a range of expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. We have also enjoyed learning about the sculptor Alexander Calder and have begun making our own sculptures using wire, inspired by the king's crown. In addition, we have begun learning how to tell the time on clocks and will be learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute!





# NEWHAL

## Year 2

This half term in science, Year 2 have been learning about plants and how they grow. We have completed different experiments to find out which conditions allow optimum growth. We have also looked at the speed of plant growth and found where seeds come from. The children have enjoyed planting different seeds, taking responsibility to water their plants and have enjoyed watching them grow.



## Year R

Reception have been learning about people who help us. We were so excited to have a visit from a firefighter! He told us all about his job and brought some equipment for the children to take a look at. We tried on fireproof jackets and protective helmets. It was awesome!



## Snowdrop

Snowdrop class have had an exciting end to their 'Down at the bottom of the garden topic'. We have been exploring the outdoor environment, learning about how trees grow and discussing what we can do to keep the environment happy! The children have enjoyed 'junk modelling' where they have focused on how we can repurpose materials and have even planted some sunflowers! We will be sending these home, and would love to see some photos on Tapestry, observing the growth of the children's sunflowers!



## Year 1

Year 1 have loved exploring different fruits this half term and how they would taste in a smoothie. We have planned, created and evaluated our own fruit kebabs and based on which fruits we enjoyed we used them to create our own tutti frutti smoothies. We even had some students going home and asking their parents to recreate them. It was so wonderful to see the passion the children had for healthy living.



## Bluebell

This term has possibly been one of our favourites so far. The children are excited about going to reception and we have already started some small transitions such as calling the register at the beginning of carpet time. The children have been very creative while looking at the art-work of Andy Warhol and Van Gogh. They have created amazing representations of both artists' work. Our grass seeds shot up after 2 weeks and we have loved watching them grow longer and longer. We have even had to start giving some of them a trim. We planted some sunflower seeds and are waiting for them to grow. We now know the parts of the plant and we can draw and label a diagram orally or through writing. This week we have been reading 'Oliver's Vegetable' and have investigated some cooked and raw vegetables. One child said, "One was hard and one was soft.....because one was raw and one was in boiling water."

In maths this term we have been learning a new number each week. This week we are on number 5 and we can show it in many ways: numicon, domino, dice, numeral, 5 frame and many more. Maybe you have heard your children singing a song at home?



# NEW HALL

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## information

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Date	Event
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children Return to School
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos (School and Nursery)
Week of Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Week of Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Jungle Book Theatre Show (in school for Years R-4)



## Newhall has talent.....

### Mud Run

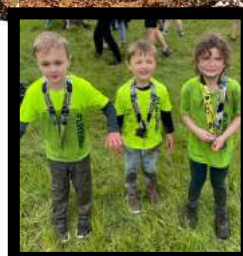
Three of our children Oscar, Freya and Freddie completed the MudRun on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. They all braved the mud, water and obstacles to raise money for Comic Relief. They successfully raised £220 of their £200 target! Well done Oscar, Freya and Freddie!

Our attendance for each class for the last couple of weeks is shown below. Well done to Willow, Hazel and Maple classes with 98% attendance! Our school target for attendance is above 96%.



Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	95%
R	Willow	98%
1	Beech	94%
1	Rowan	92%
2	Elm	95%
2	Hazel	98%
3	Chestnut	94%
3	Maple	98%
4	Ash	97%
4	Juniper	94%

Well done!



We are making a 'wow celebration wall' at Newhall Academy. We are asking families to send in any achievements that the children are doing outside of school. Please email these through to [office@newhallacademy.org](mailto:office@newhallacademy.org).

Thankyou





## School Parking Update

We previously sent an email out earlier this term reminding parents to please be considerate to our local residents when parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We have had a few resident complaints of their driveways being blocked or cars being parked on our neighbours' drives.

Please be mindful of private property parking areas and use the parking in the parking spaces outside the school or at the Smiles Nursery as there are ample parking spaces available.

We are aware that the vast majority of our parents are considerate when dropping off or collecting their children, so we thank you for this.

We have also been in contact with Newhall Projects regarding the safety of school parking and have the below update:

### **Parking Signage - Woodland Way**

Parents and carers are advised when dropping off/picking children up from school to park in the visitors parking in Forge Lane. Please see below pictures of signage that has been displayed for parking areas. We encourage parents and carers to park sensibly and in the visitor bays available on Forge Lane. Thank you!

