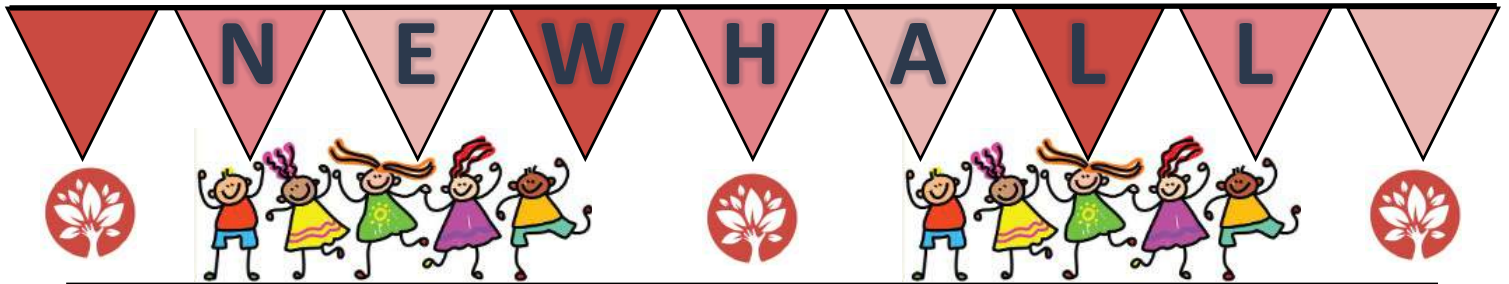


Newsletter

Thursday 28th March 2024

Roundhouse Way, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9SF



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a short, but busy half term at Newhall.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend our World Book Day parade. There were lots of brilliant costumes from the children and it was great to see some of the children role-playing in character throughout the day.

Mr Woodall and Mr Turner have accompanied our children to several sporting events, including netball, football and cross country. Our Year 5 boys attended the cross country final in Southend. We are incredibly proud of them for getting that far in the competition.

We've had visits to Pizza Express in Epping, the RSPB at Rye Meads Nature Reserve and our Year 5 children went to watch a performance of the musical Grease at Mark Hall Secondary Academy.

St Mary's Church came to visit Year 4 to link in with their RE learning. St Mary's Church have also kindly donated a set of bibles to Newhall which will be a really useful resource for our RE lessons.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our parents' evenings. We hope that you found them informative and a good opportunity to discuss the many things your children are doing brilliantly and also some ideas of how they could make even more progress.

Have a lovely Easter break with your family and friends.

Mr Duffy

A Message from the Nursery Manager

Nursery have had a great half term.

World Book Day was so exciting and Bluebell children were so proud to show off their costumes. Thank you to all the parents that watched us and gave us a wave and a clap.

As many of the children now do not sleep in the morning in the Blossom room, the sleep room has doubled up as a fun room and the children have had great fun with the ball pit and the toddle boxes.

Snowdrop had a very exciting time making Gingerbread and learnt how to bake from scratch including greasing the tray with butter which also meant lots of butter everywhere!

Preschool have been really enjoying the phonics lessons and many children have now began to form the letters of their names and to start sounding out letters. We are beginning to see children starting to become ready for school.

Ms Pike



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Year 1
 This term in Year 1 we have been learning about plants. We now know what each part of a plant does, and we even got to plant some wildflowers in the allotments. We can't wait to see them grow! In DT we became engineers like Isambard Brunel and created some bridges for us to get over which was super fun. We have also been having lots of fun in maths like counting to 50 and using number lines to 50.

Blossom
 Blossom room have been continuing the winter topic. The children have been exploring ice and having lots of fun in the garden, splashing in the puddles and feeling the raindrops on their hands.
 In the ice we froze some dinosaurs that the children had to set free. By doing this we explored how we can change ice back into water. We used our hands and tools to melt the ice and get the dinosaurs out. Over the next few weeks, we will be changing to our spring topic as we start to see more flowers and blossom growing and look forward to some warmer weather.

Year 2
 What a short but fun start to the half term. The children in Year 2 have been learning how to create shape poems in English. They worked well in groups to brainstorm ideas before planning and creating their own poems, including a shape poem for a wolf on World Book Day. The children looked at features that make our poems entertaining such as onomatopoeia and rhyme. In science the children had great fun learning about microhabitats and going on a hunt around the school looking closely for minibeasts!

Year R
 Reception loved their new topic this term, Come Dine With Me. We had a wonderful school trip to Pizza Express. The trip on the bus was a highlight. When we got there, we had the opportunity to make our own pizzas. We each got to take our Margherita's home. In school we have been doing some amazing independent writing and role playing in our school pizza parlour. The children have been sharing amazing pictures of their favourite foods at home. Pizza is a very popular choice.

Snowdrop
 This half term in Snowdrop our topic has been Food Glorious Food. The children have enjoyed some lovely food based stories including The Little Red Hen, The Gingerbread Man and The Tiger Who Came to Tea. We then tried our hand at baking; we made our own bread and gingerbread men just like in the story. We also had our own tea party in class and discovered how some foods grow by planting cress seeds.



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Year 3

In Year 3, we have been having so much fun learning all about the different layers of the Earth and represented these on a square-based pyramid. We enjoyed getting creative to make this 3D model of hillforts too. We learnt the advantages of living on a hillfort. We are also incredibly excited to have entered 2 children into the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show.



Bluebell

The children have got stuck right into their new topic 'Land of rhyme'. We have been exploring different nursery rhymes as well as stories that rhyme. The children absolutely loved cooking and eating their own pancakes; they were delicious! Bluebell have really enjoyed listening to 'The tiger who came to tea' story and have been busy painting their own tigers, making their own playdough cakes for a tea party and role playing tea parties in the



ANCIENT GREECE



Year 5

Year 5 has been buzzing with excitement as they delved into a whirlwind of enriching activities! From mastering the art of cooking delicious apple pies to immersing themselves in the captivating Grease production show at Mark Hall, this half term may have been short, but it has been thrilling. Greek Day sparked their curiosity, igniting a passion for learning about ancient traditions and customs. Moreover, their creativity soared as they ventured into the realm of technology, crafting their own computer games with boundless enthusiasm. Year 5 continues to inspire us with their enthusiasm and creativity!

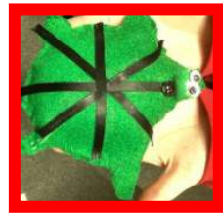


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IMPORTANT dates to remember

Date	Event and Time
Monday 15 th April	School Reopens after Easter Break
Friday 19 th April 2024	Cherry Class visiting Stansted
Tuesday 30 th April 2024	Willow Class visiting Stansted
Thursday 2 nd May 2024	School Closed for Polling Day
Friday 3 rd May 2024	Year 5 Sleeping Under the Stars
Friday 24 th May 2024	School Closes for Half Term



Year 4

This remarkably short half term has been action packed with learning opportunities. We have delved deeply into the world of persuasion, writing letters to our school council persuading them to take action to save Polar Bears. We have pondered the magnificence of fractions and are looking forward to exploring decimals next half term. The children have immensely enjoyed their DT project where they have each made their own stuffed soft toy. Juniper class are very much looking forward to their swimming session beginning next half term! Have a very happy easter and a well-deserved break for all the children.



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Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Attendance

Our attendance for each class for this half term is shown in the table below. Well done to Cedar Class with the highest attendance! Our school target for attendance is for each class to be above 96%.

Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	94.7%
R	Willow	95.2%
1	Beech	95.5%
1	Rowan	96.3%
2	Elm	97.7%
2	Hazel	96.3%
3	Chestnut	95.2%
3	Maple	97.8%
4	Ash	92.0%
4	Juniper	95.4%
5	Birch	94.6%
5	Cedar	97.9%



We are looking for any sports donations to help our children thrive in our upcoming sporting events. If you feel you could donate a pair of shoes your child no longer wears or has grown out of including trainers or football boots would be greatly appreciated. This will allow our students to try new sports using an appropriate pair of shoes from the donation box for a day.

activities

Easter holidays are here! Are you looking for something for your child to do over the holidays? Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses. All different levels are available as well as our beginner course called Learn to Ride.

The courses are being held in the following locations:

- Harlow / Chelmsford / Colchester

Please see below the link for parents/ guardians to book Easter holiday courses.

<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>



Some wonderful pictures from our World Book Day:



ACL: Just sending you a reminder that we are running FREE Easter Crafts sessions during the holidays. Please see the below links to enrol:

Spring Crafts

<https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=FFL4A70Y23&NAME=FL+Spring+Crafts+%28ACL+Harlow%29&ID1=9000&ID2=287468&ID3=1>

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Slime

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A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful PTA for once again putting on a fabulous disco for our children! Everyone had a wonderful time—dancing away, playing games and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance! Without our PTA wonderful events like this would not happen and without the support from our wonderful parents the fundraising for the school would not be possible.

This event raised a huge £910!!!!

THANK YOU!!!



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Sporting Events

Newhall pupils have taken part in several sporting activities and events this term. We are extremely proud of the pupils representing our school. Below are just some of the fabulous events we have taken place in so far.

CHAMPIONS



Our girls from Year 4 and 5 competed in a tag rugby competition this morning with both teams playing against 7 schools. All the girls made our school very proud in playing all the games with enthusiasm and determination.

For most of the girls, this was the first time playing this sport. The girls did not want the day to end as all of them had thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Thanks for all your support.

Our Year 3 and 4 teams showed an amazing level of determination to run in thick mud and unpredictable weather over 1000m.

The Year 5 Girls worked tirelessly and pushed themselves fully to the finish line over 1500m. The level of effort from the start was incredible.

With the Year 5 boys, all of them showed a great amount of effort to run over the same distance as the girls. By this time, the conditions became worse and made it difficult to run.

At the end we were amazed to see the boys coming 1st overall as a team and therefore reach the county finals at Southend.

One of our boys ran an outstanding race and came 1st individually against over 100 boys in Year 5 from schools all over Harlow. He has also qualified to race as an individual at the County Finals in Southend. Both Mr Woodall and Mr Turner are very proud of every single one of them.



Both our mixed Year 3/4 and Year 5 Netball teams took a trip to Hare Street Community School recently to play Netball. For most of our students, this was the first-time playing Netball and performed really well to end up winning both games.

We are all very impressed on how quickly our students picked up the rules of how to play netball and have made us very proud.

