

Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

Roundhouse Way, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9SF



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have welcomed two new members of staff to Newhall this half term - Mrs Croager (a learning support assistant) and Miss Jaggs (a member of our nursery team). Over half term we will also be welcoming Miss Fleming to our nursery.

One of the highlights of this half term was our Year 5 'Sleeping Under the Stars' event which is one of Reach2's '11 Before 11' promises. Our Year 5 children spent Friday night sleeping at school. They completed a range of activities including constructing a tent, toasting marshmallows, team building activities and water colour painting. They also had a cup of hot chocolate before bed. The children behaved brilliantly and we are grateful to all the staff who gave up their time to spend the night at school!

Our Year 3 children also completed one of their Reach2 '11 Before 11' promises which was a flashmob dance to our Year R children. The Year 3 children completed a really energetic and well-choreographed routine.

Lots of other visits and activities have also taken place this half term, including Year R's visit to Stansted, a Great Fire of London experience for our Year 2 children and Year 4 also had a visit from lots of animals as part of their rainforest unit of work.

We've had lots of sporting events, including football, athletics and netball. Our Year 3 team, who attended the athletics event, achieved third position and all received a bronze medal. We are incredibly proud of them.

Have a wonderful half term with your family and friends. Let's hope we have some good weather!

Mr Duffy

A Message from the Nursery Manager

Summer is finally here!

As Mr Duffy mentioned above, we are beginning to welcome so new staff Mis Jaggs started with us and you will see her working across all rooms and Miss Fleming will be starting with us in half term in the baby room.

We are still looking for a lunch cover member of staff, so if you know someone that is Early Years qualified that can work 10.45-3 all year around then please do ask them to email me at emma.pike@newhallacademy.org.

Blossom room are having great fun learning about Spring the children have made some great flower pictures, using flowers to paint with and to actually make flowers from different materials. My favourite activity this term has been the welly painting. The children loved painting with wellies on as you can see by the photos on Tapestry.

Snowdrop room were really engaged looking at the different seeds from the different fruits that Mrs Blunt brought in to look at. The children were keen to discuss how some fruits had many seeds in and some fruits had few seeds in. There were definitely a lot fewer seeds with the pomegranate after the children had tasted them a few times!

Bluebell now all have school places. We are over the moon with the amount of children this year that got their first choice and are coming to our school. Please watch for emails from the school that will tell you when you need to be there for transition sessions. If your child is going to a different school, please make sure we are aware and we will contact the other school to see if we can arrange a visit in the last half term.

In Bluebell the children are all really enjoying their phonics sessions and all now have their own carpet space - just as they do in reception. The children have planted their own beans and we are waiting to see how they grow.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you for the final half term of this year!

Ms Pike



N E W H A L L

Year 4

This half term, Year 4 have been learning all about rainforests. In our English lessons, we are preparing to write an explanation text about the Amazing Amazon. To research this, we used our VR headsets to get a close-up look at what a rainforest is like. In Geography lessons, we have been learning about South America, identifying the tropics on maps and discussing why rainforests have such a unique climate. In Science, we have been learning about animal food chains, the incredible adaptations of different species and the effects of habitat destruction. To inspire our learning, we were excited to welcome two visitors from Spirit of the Wild who brought a variety of rainforest creatures and other animals with amazing adaptations. All of our staff were incredibly impressed at the bravery of the children (and the animals who came to visit us)!



Let's Sleep under the STARS



Year 5

Year 5 embraced the 'Sleeping under the Stars' 11 before 11 Promise. They enjoyed learning how to light their own fires to toast marshmallows, pitch a tent, participate in team building and scavenger hunt games as well as paint the starry night. The children also loved drinking the hot chocolate and eating biscuits while watching a movie. All staff involved were blown away by the exemplary behaviour and use of manners from all the children; they should be proud.

Year 2

As part of a unit on 'Dear Earth' by Isabel Otter, our children in Year 2 wrote lovely letters to earth, detailing all of the things that are wonderful about earth, what we are grateful for and what we can do to help protect it. We sent these letters to Sir David Attenborough himself, and amazingly we received a reply! The children are so proud to see the impact their writing has had and were overjoyed at being recognised and heard. Well done Year 2!



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Bluebell

Bluebell have had a busy half term growing plants and exploring wildlife! We have been learning about the life cycles of chickens and butterflies and exploring mini beasts. Bluebell worked hard to create artists impressions of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers'. The children are making great progress with their writing skills, learning to write their names. In maths we have been representing numbers up to six. We look forward to next half term when we will be going on an ocean adventure and preparing for big school!



Year R

Reception have been absolutely loving their topic 'And away we go' this term. We went on a very cool and educational school trip to Stansted airport, learning about how the airport works and the ins and outs of the aircraft. The children were able to see planes land and take off from the viewing platform. In school we have been learning about different modes of transport and writing about them, creating junk models of different transport and drawing various transport. In Maths we have explored numbers to 20 and manipulating shapes to create objects.



Year 1

In year 1 we have been reading The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe which we have thoroughly enjoyed. We started the term by playing hide and seek as they do in the book then wrote instructions on how to play it. We ended the term by creating a different way into Narnia with some children choosing the entrance to Narnia being under the bed and behind a bookcase. We have also had a great time getting to know our senses and exploring them. We got to taste different foods sweet and sour and learn some words in sign language. Overall, we have had an amazing term and all look forward to next term!



Blossom

This Spring term Blossom's have been enjoying more time in the garden since the weather is getting warmer. They have been having lots of fun splashing, filling and pouring water from one container into another. We have also planted some vegetable seeds that they have been watering and watching as they start to grow. The Blossom children have been learning and asking lots of questions about some of the creatures we have found in the garden recently such as snails, worms and spiders. In the next couple of weeks, we will be moving over into our Summer topic.

Snowdrop

This term in Snowdrop the children have been on an enchanting journey 'Down at the Bottom of the Garden.' We have been exploring the wonders of nature; we've delved into the world of plants and insects, discovering their magical secrets. We have watched caterpillars transforming into graceful butterflies and experienced the excitement of releasing them into the wild. They've eagerly dissected fruits and vegetables, unravelling the mystery of seeds and planting our own little garden with sunflowers, peas and aromatic herbs too. Venturing outdoors, our adventurers embarked on bug hunts, uncovering the hidden treasures of our garden. And what better way to understand the earth's tiny engineers than by creating our very own wormery, observing these fascinating creatures at work. In Snowdrop Class, every day is an adventure, and every discovery sparks joy and wonder. This term has been a fun one and we say good bye to it knowing that the magic of nature awaits us just down at the bottom of the garden.

Year 3

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed our art unit this term. We have been inspired by the work of Alexander Calder to create wire portraits. It took a lot of work and concentration but some of the results were beautiful and creative.



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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 Juniper Class with the highest attendance! Our school target for attendance is for each class to be above 96%. It is wonderful to see lots of classes above our school attendance target.

Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	97.0%
R	Willow	96.5%
1	Beech	91.4%
1	Rowan	96.6%
2	Elm	96.5%
2	Hazel	96.0%
3	Chestnut	93.0%
3	Maple	97.2%
4	Ash	96.0%
4	Juniper	97.3%
5	Birch	96.0%
5	Cedar	95.7%



Date	Event and Time
Monday 3 rd June	Inset Day – School & Nursery closed to all pupils
Week Beginning 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Week Beginning 10 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Tuesday 11 th June	Class Photographs
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 3 Saffron Walden Museum
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 5 Writtle Farm Visit
Friday 28 th June	Sports Day
Friday 5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 12 th July	Silly Hat Day (Items for Tombola)
Saturday 13 th July	Summer Fayre
Monday 15 th July	Year 5 Walton-on-Naze Visit
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 1 Paradise Wildlife Park
Friday 19 th July	School Closes for Children at 13:30
Monday 22 nd July	INSET Day – School & Nursery Closed
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET Day – School & Nursery Closed

Important Dates



activities

Are you interested in training to be a teacher?

We are a proud partner school in the REAch Teach primary teacher training partnership, which offers a school-based training route in our school and other local schools. Our Primary PGCE is a unique programme that puts you in control of your development from the moment you apply to the moment you qualify as a teacher, through a carefully crafted, blended model of online and in-person training sessions and a strong focus on wellbeing.

If you're starting to consider your options for teacher training in September 2024, we would be delighted to share more information about our newly designed programme for 2024 entry. Please get in touch with the Initial Teacher Training team at reachteach@reach2.org with any questions or visit our website – <https://www.reachteach.org/>

There are lots of activities during the May half-term which will be taking place in Harlow and surrounding areas. Please find some further information in the attachments to the newsletter email.

Speed Control Measures on Bridge Street & Roundhouse Way, Newhall. Find out more by clicking on this Bitly link: <https://bit.ly/NewhallSpeedControlMeasures>



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Sporting Events

Once again, our Newhall pupils have taken part in lots of sporting activities and events this term. We are extremely proud of the pupils representing our school. Please see below just some of the fabulous events we have participated in so far.



Our amazing Year 3 Quad Kids team achieved a bronze medal back in April. Overall, the team achieved a 3rd place finish against 16 schools and 21 teams across Harlow. This is an amazing achievement and all of them could not stop smiling. We are proud of every single one of them!



10/05/24: Our Year 3/4s competed in a Netball Festival at Mark Hall Sports Centre.

For most of the children, this was the first-time trying netball and were very excited to practise the sport during their lunchtimes. Our Year 3/4s were split into three teams of five and competed against other schools. We also managed to see two of our teams play against each other, making it a very competitive match. During all the matches, all of the practice from lunch time was reflected with amazing shooting and interceptions. The passing and positioning throughout the tournament was phenomenal. We hope this will inspire the children and other students to play netball. Throughout the afternoon it was great to see our children working hard as a team and being supportive of each other during the event. We are all very proud of all the children for showing enthusiasm in all the matches and showcasing all their talents in a new sport.



17/05/24: Our Year 5s travelled to Mark Hall Sports Centre to compete in a Year 5/6 Netball tournament. We are currently awaiting our results but we will provide an update once we receive them.

Similar to our last netball tournament with our Year 3/4 teams, our Year 5s competed in five side matches against 9 other schools in Harlow and in total 17 teams altogether. Leading up to this event, all our children showed a great level of enthusiasm and determination when practising at break and lunch times. All the efforts were reflected in the performances of every child and they were desperate to play more games at the end of the tournament.

Our Year 5s were split into three different teams of five and all played at a high level throughout the tournament. Every match was played at a fast pace and a strong level of determination shone through. We would like to mention to how well our amazing defenders and centres did in all our teams at intercepting difficult passes and being able to progress the ball into our attacking third. This then led to our amazing goal scorers showcasing their talent in scoring spectacular goals and positioning themselves in the best place possible to receive a pass.

A special mention to Ruby-Mae who scored a hattrick of goals in one match and five goals in total. Romann and Ollie-Archie also scored twice in one match leading to a win for both of their teams. After seeing this, this inspired our children to also try and score, leading to the most of our teams scoring at least once and winning most of our matches.

We are proud of every single child for their positivity and encouragement of their teammates and representing Newhall in a positive light throughout the tournament.

We hope our success in Netball over the last few months will inspire children across our school to give netball a try!



Our Year 5 Football team visited Water Lane Primary Academy to play a football match. Even before arriving at Water Lane, our children were very excited to represent our school and to wear our football kit.

Throughout the match, it was a very tense and end-to-end game of football. We witnessed extraordinary tackles, spectacular saves made by Teddie and 5 outstanding goals from our team to end the match at a 5-5 draw with Water Lane.

We are very proud of our children who attended the event. They showed great sportsmanship and skill all the way to the final whistle. Our team is very eager to have a rematch

23/04/24: Our Year 5s visited Saint Nicholas School to play a football tournament. Unfortunately, after confusion, we ended up playing a small Netball tournament. Despite the change in sport, our children learnt how to play a small-sided version of netball called high 5 and the different positions involved in the sport. For most of them, this was the first-time playing netball and they were enthusiastic about learning a new sport.

At the end of each match, all of our players swapped positions to gain experience. Both of our teams worked hard to understand the sport and they gained a valuable experience in netball.

The teachers from Saint Nicholas school were very complimentary of our children. We are proud all of the children who attended.



Our Year 3, 4 and 5 teams went to Mark Hall Sports Centre to compete in a series of events called Quad Kids. For most of the children, this was the first time representing our school and they were very excited to wear our school kit. Our Year 3/4s competed in the morning in a 60m Sprint, 500m run, vortex howler throws and a standing long jump. Similarly, Year 5s competed in the afternoon in a 75m sprint, 600m run, vortex howler throws and a standing long jump.

Throughout the day it was great to see our children working hard as a team and being supportive of each other during the event. We are very proud of all the children for showing enthusiasm in all the events and showcasing all their talents.

Year 3s achieved 3rd place as a team against 16 other schools and in total 21 teams in Harlow. Our amazing Year 4 team finished 11th out of 21 teams. Whilst both of our Year 5 teams finished 13th and 14th out of 20 teams. Amazing!

