

Quote of the week

'The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today'
H. Jackson Brown. Jnr



Book recommendation of the week.

Mrs Gaffney's favourite book for adults
Life of Pi – Yann Martel
Fantasy adventure novel published in 2001.
The protagonist, Piscine Molitor "Pi" Patel, a Tamil boy from Pondicherry, explores issues of spirituality and practicality from an early age.

Newnham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: 15th June 2018

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

This week I would like to start by expressing my most heartfelt commiserations to both debating teams. Listening to what Mrs Russell and Mrs Nix had to say about the event, I would suggest that you were unfairly judged. Leading small schools, I am very aware that there is simply not a wide field of pupils to select from for events. But I have been pragmatic in my approach and encouraged you all to celebrate success and shoulder loss with equal good spirits. But I agree with both adults when they say there is a difference between a prompt for a debate and a script that may or may not have been written by an adult. However, we are primarily focused on learning and learn from this, we most certainly can. Life can be unfair. Justice does not always happen and, despite many comments on social media to the contrary, karma does not always strike back. Thus, armed with this information it is what we do that matters. How we respond when faced with these challenges. That may be the best prize of all from the debating competition. There is a Serenity Prayer written by Reinhold Niebuhr it is very simple but very clever too...

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.

In addition, there have been other recent enrichment opportunities and I would like to thank all the children for volunteering to take part, the parents for supporting this and finally, but so very importantly, the staff for organising and attending these events.

As ever thank you for your support,
Sol Johnson

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	66
Chestnut:	62
Oak:	85
Sycamore:	97

Star Writer Certificates:

Emilia Montoya, Woody Wilson, William Millsop

Star Mathematician Certificates:

Cara Southern, Matthew Adams, Charlie Townsend,
Lewis Charlton

Headteacher's Award:

Ryan Baggus-Page

Year 5 Debating Team

Connie Dolan, Lily Cooper, Leah Patterson, Rhys Worth,
Theo Roby, Sam McCulloch

Year 6 Debating Team

Kate Kortegas, Katie Milligan, Olivia Johnston, Lachlan Greig, Tom Ratcliffe, Jess Payne, Kian Yong

Star Artiste Award:

Lewis Johnston

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.
For Week Ending 8th June 2018

Cubs	95.93%
Pups	92.90%
Wolves	98.28%
Whole School	95.63%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	96.16%
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Curriculum news

Cubs Class

This week in the Cubs class we have been designing our own fantasy castles and beginning to think about descriptive writing. We have continued to think about money, creating a shop to practise finding the right money to pay for items and beginning to think about giving change. The year 1 and 2 children have thought about the continents of Asia and Africa and many of them have also completed their phonics screening check- well done. In PE we developed our dribbling skills and we have been thinking about pulse in music.

Pups Class

This week we have finished the first draft of our non-chronological report before editing it to make it even better and producing our 'hot write'. In Maths we have been focusing on statistics. We have gathered data and presented this in a tally chart and translating it into a bar graph. The children chose in pairs the topic they would research which ranged from favourite birds to favourite movies. In History we have drawn and labelled a diagram of a Viking longship and discussed why they were so important for Vikings. In Science we have drawn and labelled a diagram to show the rotation and orbit path of the Earth around the sun. We have learnt to say our age in French and have discussed what light and dark means to us in RE. In Visual Arts we have begun to create our own Egyptian collars.

Wolves Class

This week the Wolves have been working on our performance of Porridge. We have continued to learn the songs and read the script through. In PE the children have continued to learn a dance with specialist Sophie. Also some of the children took part in a debating competition and an athletics event. In the Fox class we have been writing story openings, including flashbacks. In maths we have been rounding decimals and converting them from fractions.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th June

Athletic's Club 3.20-4.15pm
Dance Club 3.20-4.15pm
Performing Arts Club 3.20-4.15pm

Tuesday 19th June

Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 20th June

Freestyle Gymnastics 3.20-4.20pm

Construction Club has now finished for this school year

Thursday 21st June

Movie Club 3.20-4.15pm
Dance Troupe Workshop – 3.20pm-4.15pm

Friday 22nd June

Judo 3.30-4.30pm (*please note, the last lesson of this term will be on 6th July)

After school dance club will be showcasing their work in today's Celebration Assembly.

School Messages

Music Lessons

If your child currently has lessons or if you are considering them, please ensure you have completed your expression of interest on the NMPAT website by following this link <https://presto.nmpat.co.uk/musicinschool>
If you do wish to continue with lessons, you **MUST** complete this form or NMPAT will assume you no longer wish to continue.

FoNS

A shout out for empty, screw top wine bottles please for the Summer Fete. If anyone has any, please drop into the school office or pass on to Jo Burrows (Lewis Curtis's mum). Thank you. PS. no judgements will be made ☺

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Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Term 6	Term Ends	Friday	20 July 2018
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The usual finish time of 3.20pm will apply at term ends.



Key dates for your diary 2018

July

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July- Pups class enterprise week

Wednesday 4th July - Sports Day 13:30 – 15:00

Friday 6th July - FoNS Mufti for chocolate and wine.

Thursday 12th July - Wolves class production at 14:00 and 18:00

Friday 13th July – Summer Fete

Monday 16th July- Termly report out to parents

Thursday 19th July- Leavers' service in Newnham Church at 9:30

After School Clubs

Monday	Dance Club Football Club (outdoor PE kit required) Performing Arts Club	Years 3+ Years 1-6 R, Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	Art Club (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 2+
Wednesday	Gymnastics/Multi-Sports (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>) Construction Club	Year R+ Years 2-6
Thursday	Movie Club	Years 2+
Friday	Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 1+