

# Newnham Junior School



18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

To celebrate and encourage writing throughout the school, parts of this week's newsletter have been written by children. It includes tournament reports, a poem, a recount of a trip and a report about the Year 4 endangered animal day. We hope to do this in future newsletters as the children really enjoy writing for a purpose.

## DISTRICT GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

**B Team** - On Wednesday, the Girls' B Football Team went to Northwood Football Club and played a tournament against other schools. Our goalkeeper, Joanie, made some amazing saves that some of the other goalies (from the other teams) wouldn't have been able to do. The defenders, Emily and Anya, made sure that no one got past them. The attacking players, Yuki, Destiny, Cienna, Ahaana and Sofia, pressured all the defenders on the other teams and our striker (Cienna) had some amazing chances! We played some of the best teams but unfortunately, the B team didn't qualify for the semi-finals although we had lots of fun and we tried our best. Mr Kent, Mr Wilkey and Mr Frape were really proud of our resilience throughout the whole tournament. *By Emily and Cienna (Y6)*

**A Team** - On Wednesday, the Girls' A football team played in the Ruislip and Northwood tournament. We all played very well. Our goalkeeper, Lily, kept a clean sheet throughout the whole tournament. Amba and Caitlin played in defence and no one got past them. Anaya and Liya were strong in midfield and tackled very well. Our wingers Freya and Anaya drove the ball down the wing and continually crossed it in beautifully. Our strikers Jana and Amisha pressured the defenders and struck the ball in the back of the net many times! Fortunately, we won the whole thing and qualified for the Borough Tournament next month. We all had so much fun, communicated very well and played together nicely. We want to thank Mr Frape who is a very good coach who helped us through the games. Well done to all of us! *By Anaya, Freya, Caitlin and Amba (Y6)*



**ENDANGERED ANIMALS DAY** – Yesterday Year 4 celebrated endangered animals day. Most of us dressed up as endangered animals and gave the school £1 for the World Wildlife Fund. We voted in each class for 1 animal to sponsor. 4CH and 4UW voted for the snow leopard and 4UW voted for an Amur Leopard. We paired up in science and used chrome books to do some research on an endangered animal of our choice. Mrs Horn did an endangered animal assembly. **SAVE THE ENDANGERED ANIMALS!** *By Theo & Teerth (Y4)*

**ECO NEWS** Please remember to cancel hot lunches if your child will not be eating them.

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	COST TO THE SCHOOL
Junior meals ordered but not served	22	25	£60.25 (2.41 each)

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**TREES FOR CITIES** - On Wednesday, some lucky children (Eco reps and school council) got to change our local park forever! We joined up with Trees for Cities to plant trees in Bessingby Park. We all had so much fun but it was very muddy! There were some extremely kind people, called John and Georgie, who helped us dig a hole, prepare the seedlings and add bark. We worked as a team to secure it and now you can see the trees we planted called Leafy and Amber near the tennis courts - long may it live!

*By Frances and Dravya (Y6)*



On **Saturday 19th October 2024, 11am-3pm**, there will be a free community tree planting day at **Bessingby Park, Hillingdon HA4 9TW**. If you would like to attend, **please fill in the form below**

<https://www.treesforcities.org/bessingby-park>

**Weather Weather** - A poem by *Bethany, Eloise and Priya (Y5)*

Weather, weather sunny today,  
Perfect weather to go out and play,  
It's not cold; it's not hot,  
Perfect weather to play a lot.  
Weather, weather rainy today,  
There's no way we'll go out and play,  
It's not hot; it's not sunny,  
Maybe I'll just count my money.  
Weather, weather cloudy today,  
I might go out and play,  
It's not hot; it's not cold,  
I've sung so many verses,  
That I might be getting old.

**CALLING ALL OUR SEWING COMMUNITY** - Our Year 5 DT project 'Stories Through Sewing' starts after half term and runs up to Christmas and we are looking for some help in our lessons. If you or a family member (grandparents, aunts/uncles etc.) know how to do basic sewing such as running stitch, back-stitch and cross stitch and can spare a little time every week, we would love to hear from you. You will be in the classroom supporting the children under the direction of the class teacher at all times. The times that the classes do DT are as follows:-

5BC - Thursday 1:10 - 3:10	5S Tuesday 2:10 - 3:10 and Friday 2:10 - 3:10	5P Thursday 11:25 - 12:10 and Thursday 1:10- 2:10 (lunch in between)
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If you think you could help please reply by email to the office stating when you can help and Mrs Castle will get back to you directly. If we are overwhelmed with a response, we might call on you later in the year to help with our moving vehicles project. Many thanks in advance, The Year 5 Team.

**TRADING CARDS** – Please ensure that your child does not bring football or Pokémon trading cards into school. They are distracting some children from their learning and are being lost.

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**DIWALI (NON UNIFORM DAY)** - On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October we will be celebrating Diwali at school. Children can come to school in traditional dress/non uniform and will be learning how Hindu and Sikh people celebrate Diwali. In return, FONJSA are looking for donations of gifts of any size e.g. toiletries, novelty toys, chocolates, bottles and unwanted gift sets. If you have anything at home that you are able to donate, please bring into the Office. Thank you for your support.

**DIWALI COFFEE MORNING & CELEBRATION 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 9AM** - Thank you to everyone who has replied to say they can attend - it looks like it will be a great success! All parents and carers are invited, whether or not you celebrate Diwali, so please join us.

- **Food** - If you have volunteered to bring food then please just bring your dish along on the day and we can put everything out to share. It would also be very helpful to have a list of ingredients but not essential.
- **Henna** - If you have volunteered to help apply henna, the henna cones will be provided so just come ready to create some lovely small designs!

Click on the link to let us know you can come: <https://forms.gle/wSU6tbv6Wbm5TtQ38>

**CLOSING DATE FOR STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS** - This is a reminder that the deadline for parents/carers to submit their starting secondary school application is midnight on 31st October 2024.

**REMINDERS - See last week's newsletter for further information**

**LUNCHTIME VACANCY** <https://crinklerecruitment.com/Job/School-Meals-Supervisory-Assistant-5788>

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR & READING CAFES - Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th November** - Complete this form <https://forms.gle/r65vaVnGu1HzC89i6> by Wednesday 23rd October to volunteering to read to the children.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION** – Donations in by 21st October please. They are especially short on:

Tinned potatoes	Noodles	Jam	Sugar	Long life juice	Rice	Toilet rolls	Puddings
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**If you are in need of a food package please contact the school and we will arrange this confidentially.**

**SCHOOL HALL REFURBISHMENT** – Contact the School Office if you would like to quote to paint our school hall.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES** - See below. Further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
OCTOBER			
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6	Support Plan Meetings – Mrs Nahal's/Mr Kent's/Mrs Robert's English Group	AM
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5P & 5S	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4BF & 4CH	Support Plan Meetings	AM
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	School Journey payment due	
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Consent deadline - Mountfitchet Castle</b>	
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Consent deadline - Chiltern Open Air Museum</b>	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3	Support Plan Meetings	AM

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Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	<b>Diwali Day/non uniform (please bring a donation)</b>	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Diwali Coffee Morning	9 – 10am
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	FONJSA Halloween Bags given out	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Closing date for Parent Governor ballot	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Half-Term	
28 - 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	Bikeability Course	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	Closing date for Secondary Transfer applications	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Training Day - school closed to children	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	School restarts	8.45am
5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Scholastic Book Fair	3.15 - 4pm
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Reading Cafes in hall	1.40 – 3pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5	Trip to Mounfitchet Castle	Back at 4pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3	Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	<b>Back at 3.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Coalmine clothes to be in school</b>	
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Coalmine experience to commence this week</b>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Individual & Family Photos	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Flu vaccine	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Children in Need	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	FONJSA Children's Quiz	3.15 - 5pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	US Choir	Singing at Ruislip Manor Christmas Fair	<b>11-11.30am</b>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	School Journey payment due	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Visiting Pantomime Company	1.45pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	LS Choir	Singing at St Lawrence Christmas Fair	2.45 - 3.45pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6R	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6KN & 6S	Visit to Gunnersbury Museum	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	FONJSA Christmas Gift Shop	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>US Choir (year 6 only)</b>	Singing at Eastcote Library	10-12pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 1 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3	Group 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal to grandparents - Performance to parents & carers	2 - 3pm 6.30 - 8pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Christmas Disco FONJSA Christmas Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5BC	Last swimming lesson	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6	Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church - Rehearsal at the church - Performance to parents & carers	All day 6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	School closes for the holidays	1.30pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	School Journey payment due	

**FONJSA NEWS** – Halloween Treat bags will be given out on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

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## HALF TERM ACTIVITIES – details on our website

- PSD Funweeks held at Newnham - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Nick Jones Creative Tech Camp held at Newnham - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Evolution Netball & Multisports Camp at Newnham - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Nextthing Tech Club – held at Vaughan Primary school
- Northolt Swimming Crash course
- AJ Soccer school – Football camp

## COMMUNITY NEWS - Details on our website

- St Lawrence Messy Church evening Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October
- Study Smart UK – Are trying to fill 150+ school support vacancies in local schools. To find out more, please visit: [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online) or see the poster on our website.
- Ruislip Rugby Club annual fireworks display takes place on Saturday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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