

Newnham Junior School



18th November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well. Another busy week has flown by and it's been lovely to see your children continue to work hard.

ESafety (Screen Time) - We know that mobile devices are an important part of our children's lives, however we also know that spending too much time on devices can have a negative impact. Our children need your help in order to manage their screen time and to find a good balance. Research has shown that there is no right amount of time that children should use devices for however **it is important that screen time does not replace sleep, exercise or family time**. For more information, visit the [childnet.com](https://www.childnet.com) website for helpful tips to manage family screen time.

Children in Need – It is fantastic to see the children supporting this good cause today by coming in to school in non-uniform. Payment can be made directly to Children In Need via the Gateway and please select the option entitled **Useful Links** (under payments) to be taken to the CIN donations page or click on the following <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8064>

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Ligia, Hope, Hazel and Georgia from Year 6 who raised £117 for Children in Need through selling items they had made at home.

World Cup – On Monday, we will be having an earlier lunch break to allow the children to watch England's first World Cup game against Iran. Every class will make arrangements for children who do not wish to watch it.

Newnham Bake off - Last week saw the Newnham Bake Off final. 13 talented children made cakes and decorated them in a winter or Christmas theme. The house captains (who have been amazing in organising the competition) then voted on their top 3 with points being added to the House totals. In first place was Kyra in 6S who earned 50 points towards her house. In second place Pelin in 5C who earned 40 pts. Finally, Leila in 5C who earned 30 points. A huge well done to all of those who took part and a special thank you to parents/carers at home for your support. Also Hannah in the kitchen for giving up her time to help bake the cakes.

Choir News - On an unseasonably bright and warm mid-November afternoon in Ruislip Manor, a freshly-formed choir of 25 children (from across the school) launched us into the Christmas festivities with an energetic and most tuneful burst of joyful singing (and cajon playing). Congratulations to you all and thank you to all those who came to support the children.

Our next community event will be on Thursday 24th November at approximately 5.45pm, as members of our Upper School Choir join forces with the Hillingdon Brass Band to perform carols around the tree at The Civic Centre, Uxbridge. Do pop by!

Date for your diary: Christmas Singing on the Playground on Wednesday 7th December at 8.30am. All welcome.

Hockey – Well done to both of the Newnham Hockey teams who competed so well in last week's borough hockey tournament. Every game was close and the children enjoyed themselves. Every single child proudly represented Newnham and were a credit to the school.

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Tissues – If anyone has boxes of tissues they would like to donate to the school it would be much appreciated. At this time of year, the children seem to go through a box a week.

Amazon Wish List – Thank you so much to all of the families who have purchased dictionaries, playground footballs and watercolours for the school. The list is still open so please have a look at it when you order items from Amazon. If you would like to purchase an item, please click on the link below and select an item from the wish list. Once you have paid, the item will be delivered to the school. We have had a fantastic response so far and please remember to add yours or your child's name when ordering so that we can put a sticker on the item to acknowledge your generosity.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/12ORK15EH7XQN?ref=wl_share

Deadline Reminders:-

DETAILS	PAYMENT/CONSENT DEADLINE
Year 6 trip to the Milestone Museum - 6 th December	25 th November
Year 6 IXL	25 th November
Year 4, 5 & 6 Conquer Maths	30 th November
FONJSA Christmas Disco (see attached)	4 th December

Christmas Cards - If your child would like to send cards to other children in the school, please remind them to put the recipient's full name and class on the front of the envelope and these can be put in the post box in our Reception from Thursday 1st December.

The Pantry Vacancy - Can I remind you that we have a vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant working every day between 10am - 2pm and please contact Hannah for further information on 020 3745 6216.

Raring2go! Magazine - Please click below to view the Raring2go! Magazine which is full of great ideas and things to do to keep children busy over the winter:

[Click here to view the magazine](#)

Yours sincerely

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