



Newsletter 4 - Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your very generous donations to our harvest appeal a couple of weeks ago. We were delighted with the amount of produce that we were able to donate to the Runnymede Food Bank. I'm sure that your donations were much appreciated by those who received them.

Today has marked our first ever, 'Break the Rules' day which has been very well supported by the children and parental community, raising a great amount of money. There have been a great range of the possible 8 rules broken and the children seem to have thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to our brilliant PTA members for organising this.

Earlier this week, Year 3 had a wonderful trip this week to Butser Farm and it is always so lovely to hear such positive feedback from all of the children and some of the things they have learned. It was also fantastic to hear from the session volunteers how impressed they were with our pupils' behaviour. We look forward to hearing all about the Year 6 WWII trip taking place next week.

Wshing you a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Hanié Cahill

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A Big **THANK YOU**

New Haw Community School

for your Harvest donation of 236.10kg to Runnymede Foodbank

Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

Runnymede foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

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Back to Nature: Year 4 Wisley Trip

Last Tuesday, Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Wisley Gardens for an inspirational nature workshop! Our students immersed themselves in the beauty of the outdoors, creating stunning natural artwork in the style of renowned artist Andy Goldsworthy. Using clay, they crafted unique models that celebrated the shapes and textures of nature.

In addition to their artistic endeavors, the children participated in planting activities, learning about the importance of nurturing our environment. It was a day filled with creativity, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

We are proud of the enthusiasm and creativity our students displayed and hope they continue to explore their artistic talents inspired by nature!



Journey to the Stone Age: Year 3 Butser Farm Trip

We are excited to share highlights from our Year 3 trip to Butser Farm earlier this week, where students were transported back to the Stone Age! This engaging experience allowed them to participate in a variety of hands-on activities, deepening their understanding of early human life.

During our visit, the children had the opportunity to try their hands at:

- **Wattling:** They learned the ancient art of weaving branches to create sturdy fences.
- **Chalk Carving:** Students expressed their creativity by carving designs into chalk, a material commonly used in prehistoric art.
- **Clunching:** They discovered how to shape and use clunch, a type of chalk used in construction during the Stone Age.

The trip was not only educational but also a lot of fun! The children were fully engaged and enthusiastic, sharing laughter and learning as they explored the rich history of the era. Some children even said they would prefer to live during that time period because it was so hands-on and practical!



Inspirational Assembly

With so many budding footballers and other sports-fanatics here at New Haw, we thought it would be great to get someone who used to play a sport professionally, into school to talk with the children about their route to playing professionally. Tom shared his initial start which was playing for the Tottenham Hotspurs football academy at the age of 11, being let go by the squad and pursuing his education. This was followed by studying Sports Science at University and then playing for Cambridge United and playing in the FA Cup against the world famous, Manchester United! Needless to say, the children were amazed to hear of his football journey and the importance of resilience, leadership and teamwork along the way.



Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament

Year 5 and 6 competed in a netball tournament at Greenfields school against several other local primary schools. All the children played very well coming 3rd in their group. Excellent teamwork and resilience was shown by all!



Fiddle Aids Explained



Fiddle aids, also known as fidget toys, are small, handheld objects that can be moved around in various ways. They have become popular tools for children with autism, ADHD, anxiety, and other additional needs. These aids can offer sensory stimulation, reduce stress, improve focus, and can be calming during periods of high anxiety. For children with SEN (special educational needs), these aids are not games—they are essential tools for navigating the world. They can help children stay focused in school, calm down when overwhelmed, and express themselves in non-verbal ways.

At New Haw, some children with SEN might use a fiddle aid. School provides fiddle aids and the decision to give a child with SEN a fiddle aid is decided by staff. We have been advised on correct use of fiddle aids by our link Occupational Therapist: the fiddle aid is used by the child for a period of time and then given back to the teacher to be looked after; the fiddle aid is not something that is supposed to be used constantly.

Please do not allow your child to bring their own toys into school to use as a fiddle aid. If your child is on the SEN register, they will already know whether a fiddle aid is part of their provision. Unfortunately, we have seen an influx of toys coming into school by children who do not have SEN, and in some classes it has become a complete distraction which takes up valuable lesson time to manage.

We thank you for your understanding in the matter.



Eco Warrior Request - reduce, reuse, recycle!



Do you have any beads or bracelet making kits at home that are no longer needed? More beads than you know what to do with? If so, please donate to the school office! The Eco team plan to recycle these offering an eco-themed-stall at the Christmas Fayre.



Poppy Appeal



We will commence selling our Poppy Appeal merchandise after half term, week commencing Monday 4th November. Priced items start at 50p up to £3 and will be sold in the playground from this date.



Children in Need Mufti Day



We are excited to be taking part in Children in Need Day 2024 on Friday 15th November. This year's theme is Making Life Lighter For Children. To fit this theme, children are invited to wear their own clothes with bold and bright colours. Everyone is encouraged to make a small donation via SCOPAY for *Children in Need*. *From the School Council.*



Christmas Fayre - Thursday 28th November 4:30pm - 6:30pm

We are very excited about our annual Christmas Fayre. This event raises much needed funds for the school so your support with helping organise the event, run stalls or provide raffle and tombola prizes is really appreciated. We will be having a mufti day on Friday 22nd November and children are invited to wear clothes of their choice and are asked in return to donate items for the Christmas Fayre to support their year group. See the list below. If you have any donations you could offer the raffle we would be very grateful.

Years 3 and 4 = chocolate tombola donations (please ensure these are in date)

Years 5 and 6 = Bottle tombola (alcohol and soft drinks only)



Year 6: Height & Weight Reminder

If you have children in year 6, please remember to give your consent of 'Yes' or 'No' on the Child Measurement Programme website. All details are within the email sent last month or [click here](#).

Your Child's Flu Vaccination

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against influenza (flu). Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help to protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please make sure you have registered your consent either 'Yes' or 'No' with the nursing team. [Click here](#) for full details.

The e-consent form will close on Thursday 28th November.



Christmas is Coming!

Our annual Christmas card fundraising activity is back. The children have been busily creating their designs at school, which you can now see on the proof cards brought home this week.

Please place orders online by following the instructions on the proof card. Every order placed will help to raise funds for our school.



Please place your orders online by Thursday 24th October 2024.



Any items ordered will be delivered to school by Friday 15th November 2024.

If you have any questions please get in touch via our email newhawjuniorpta@gmail.com


Thank you!

New Haw Junior School PTA



School Diary

Please see below for key diary dates for this term:

Tuesday 22nd October	Yr 6 trip - Lincolnsfields WW2
Thursday 24th October	6M Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Thursday 24th October	School closes 3.25pm
Friday 25th October	Inset Day/(PTA PUPIL LEGOLAND DAY) 
Monday 4th November	School resumes Poppy appeal week (Mon-Fri)
Tuesday 5th November	Yr 5 Space Dome
Thursday 7th November	6G Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Thursday 14th November	Yr 5 Living Rainforest Trip

Friday 15th November	<p>Children in Need Mufti Day (Theme Bold colours) *donations via Scopay</p> <p>6D Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)</p>
Thursday 21st November	Yr 6 Height & Weight Measurement Program
Friday 22nd November	<p>Christmas Fayre Multi Day (in exchange for donation for the Fayre)</p> <p>Yr3-4 Chocolate tombola donation</p> <p>Yr5-6 Bottle donation (alcohol or soft drinks)</p>
Thursday 28th November	Christmas Fayre 4.30-6.30pm SAVE THE DATE!
Friday 29th November	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th December	Flu vaccination (Deadline to consent 28th November)
Thursday 5th December	3Q Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Thursday 12th December	3G Class Assembly (3:00pm - 3:15pm)
Monday 16th December	Our super special visiting Christmas Panto
Wednesday 18th December	<p>Children's Christmas Lunch (Booking deadline 8th November via Scopay)</p> <p>Christmas jumper day *School uniform with optional Christmas jumper or Christmas headwear, hat, reindeer horns etc.</p>

Thursday 19th December	Year 4 Christmas assembly (Lower school & parents) 9.30am - 10.30am
Friday 20th December	Year 4 Christmas assembly (Upper school & parents) 9.30am - 10.30am End of term - school finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 6th January	School resumes



Family First Magazine

Family First magazine is published quarterly and focuses on promoting the health and well-being of families living in the UK. The publication's main goal is to encourage children and their parents to lead more active lifestyles by participating in sports, exercising regularly, and adopting healthier eating habits.

[Click here](#) for your free copy of Family First: Issue 4.

