



Summer 2023

HEAD TEACHER'S SUMMER MESSAGE

It has been a fantastic year.

A great school is made of great people: children, parents, staff and governors, working as team in the best interests of the whole community.

Thank you

We have an amazing team all of whom should be proud of their achievements and their contributions to the whole. We sometimes forget how lucky we all are, it is only when someone new joins us, and wants to stay that we are reminded how unique our school is:

- Our children for being Noticeably Newton – enthusiastic, kind and lots of fun to be around.
- Our parents for their support – especially our regular volunteers.
- Our PFA for their fundraising efforts which mean so much, when we see happy children enjoying something new and exciting like the circus skills this week.
- Our governors for challenging us and supporting us to be even better every year
- Ms. Barber, Mrs Everitt and Mrs Davis for making sure that all our children learn to read as soon as possible and settle well into school. A huge achievement.



Review of the Year

A jam-packed year in Class 1! In the Autumn we learnt about Hot and Cold Places, which focused on comparing Africa and Antarctica and how animals adapt to survive. We learnt about Shackleton's Endurance expedition and how he survived along with his crew. We wrote fact files about polar bears too.

Our Spring term was all about the Solar System! We explored the National Space Centre in Leicester as part of our Space and the Moon Landings theme. In learning about timelines in history we were able to create one of Neil Armstrong's life and how it compared to Emilia Earhart in learning about the history of flight. The children presented an amazing assembly to parents and the whole school about what they had learnt. We wrote instructions about how to make a model space rocket and learnt about primary colours and mixing to create secondary colours through observing art work by the Russian abstract artist, Kandinsky, who painted to music.

Our final theme in the summer term has been Growing and Life-Cycles. We grew our own bean plants and set up an experiment to see what plants needed to grow. We also grew our own Painted Lady butterflies from caterpillars. We were so excited to observe them grow and change as well as finally releasing them outside. Our school garden looks amazing and we have enjoyed eating some of the produce this week in our spinach salads. We have explored flowers through looking closely, progressing to observational drawing with water-colours through the works of the American artist Georgia O'Keeffe.

In Maths we have made great progress with subitising, place value, calculating with numbers, measures and finding patterns with the number system.

We explored the faiths of Christianity, Judaism and Islam and learning about the pulse and how to appraise different types of music as well as performing together with percussion instruments. And...finally we have read so, so many books together and enjoyed learning about a few key children's authors along the way. An amazing year Class 1. Well done!

School Council and sports ambassadors

The school's council have led some fantastic assemblies this year. The eco team have organised fundraising events including competitions.

The anti-bullying team have been working with our youngest pupils. Those on technical support have worked across the school to keep us safe and organised. Our sports ambassadors worked hard to organise and support the KS 1 sports day. Thank you all.



- Mrs Watson and Mrs Hall for ensuring that our children continue to grow as learners and thrive in year 2. This year's Y2 SAT results are above national - well done all.
- Miss Eley and Mr Ikin for their hard work in class 3, most especially their enthusiasm and leadership of young voices.
- Mrs Underwood and Ms. Aldrich for supporting our eldest children to get ready for secondary school. Mrs Underwood is leading our schools work towards achieving the rainbow award supported by Miss Eley.
- Mrs Grimshaw and Mrs Evans – always ready for first aid or forgotten kit.
- Mrs Moran for her leadership of gymnastics club and help when we are short staffed.
- Coach Unlimited for some exciting PE lessons and after school clubs
- Mr Murray – our music this year has been a lot of fun with garage band, orchestra unwrapped and young voices
- Mrs Marshall for keeping us tidy and clean.
- Miss Sophie Fern our lunchtime assistant for her hard work every day.

Review of the Year

Class 2 Year 2 have had a very busy year!

We've learned all about the Great Fire of London and shopping in the past in History. In Geography children have learned all about maps and using a key, as well as life in Kenya and how it's different from life where we live. In science we have learned all about habitats, materials and more recently living things including humans and how to stay healthy. In DT children had a go at sewing, designed and made cards with different mechanisms and recently tried, designed made and evaluated dips and dippers. A yummy unit of work! In Art the year began learning about spiral art. We learned some simple printmaking techniques including mono printing and ended the year making 3D sculptures of birds. We have loved learning about pulse in music and have asked and answered some interesting and sometimes tricky questions in PSHCE and RE. In computing we've had so much fun learning how to make quizzes in Scratch Jr.

We've also done lots of reading, learning all sorts of skills to help us understand and answer questions. We've written stories, information, letters, diaries and instructions just to name a few! Finally, in maths we've learned about column addition and subtraction, fractions and even multiplication and division. We particularly loved ending the year learning about data and statistics!

We've had a fantastic year filled with fun (and some exciting trips like the farm, Black Country Museum and Orchestra Unwrapped)

Class 3 Wow, what a year Class 3 have had! It has definitely been one to remember. Our most favourite part of the year was the amazing opportunity we had to take part in our first Young Voices which was such a fantastic experience and we all are so excited for next year. In Art, we became artists and developed our own style by creating pieces of artwork using fabric and thread, we designed our own character and used split pins to make them animated. We really enjoyed our History lessons this year where we learnt all about the Romans and their invasion on Britain (we even recreated the battle between Boudicca and the Romans on the Wraggy). We also enjoyed learning all about Ancient Greece and were shocked to learn that Women had less rights than men back then which led us onto our own Class debate just like the Greeks. Our Science lessons have been very hands on with lots of investigations into light and electricity and we also learnt all about healthy diets, our bones and muscles. In RE, we answered some challenging yet interesting 'Big Questions' and understood how to respect ourselves, family, friends and others all over the world in PSHCE. We have been working extremely hard in English and Maths from writing stories, Non-Chronological reports, poems, diary entries and more to solving addition, subtraction, multiplication questions and getting to grips with fractions. With trips such as the Magna Centre, Global Leicester and Orchestra Unwrapped, we have been extremely lucky especially after the difficult couple of years we have had. I would like to say a huge thank you to Class 3 for making my first year at NB a memorable one.

THE GOVERNOR'S BIT

What a year it has been. It seems that there has been no time between welcoming our new Reception class to bidding farewell to Year 6.

I have just had the pleasure of reading the summary SATS results, and what a set of results they are.

They represent what an awesome year you have all had. The level of commitment, work and effort from across the whole school family is represented in those statistics.

Whether you, your children or your pupils took the tests, it is the whole school, parents, carers, staff and pupils that supported, encouraged and cajoled the test takers. This is what makes Newton so special. It is what visitors tell us, it's what hosts tell us when we visit them.

It is what being Noticeably Newton means.

You all deserve a well earned summer break, enjoy it and we look forward to seeing you back at the end of August.

Thank you

James Dodds
Chair



Class 4 have had such a busy year! We have been challenged in RE, resilient in Maths, creative in Art and DT, empathetic in History, curious in Science, respectful in PSHCE... read on to find out more!

In History we learnt all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and how they settled in Britain. In the end we decided that they didn't quite deserve the bad reputation they have! More recently, we used first hand evidence, inference and deduction to find out about the local Whitwick mining disaster.

Science lessons have concentrated on evolution, the Solar System and the circulatory system. We know all about what blood is made from and just how amazing it really is!

We developed our map reading skills in geography and used these to find out about the world's most amazing mountains. Many of us decided that even though they are magnificent... we wouldn't like to live on one (mostly due to the dangerous wild animals that might eat us!)

In art we made Anglo-Saxon houses, investigated and designed food packaging and created some masterpieces showing our brave use of colour. Once these were finished we amazed the rest of the school and our parents with our artistic bravery at the art exhibition!

We have read and written adventure stories, mysterious and prophetic poems, reports, diaries and summaries in English lessons as well as reading books by some of the most amazing authors from around the world.

We are also expert Mathematicians having mastered addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages, shape, and measures!

We have answered some really tricky questions in RE like What would Jesus do? What matters most to Humanists and Christians? Why do some people believe in God and some not? What did Jesus do to save human beings? How does faith help when life gets hard?

Music lessons have been full of singing and playing; we are computer whizz kids having been successful at 3D printing; and we know how to be good local and global citizens!

And we have been given many opportunities to go on our travels: orienteering, Beaumanor, Global Leicester, the Magna Centre, playing rugby, Young Voices, Orchestra Unwrapped, to name but a few!

Goodbye and Good Luck Y6

It has been an honour to watch you grow and learn; to hold your hand and guide you; to cheer you on; to pick you up and dust you down. Know that you are special and that you can do anything you want to.

This year we say goodbye to some of our families as the youngest child leaves so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support. Please keep in touch.

All Back to School: Wednesday 30th August!

**Have a wonderful summer.
From all at Newton Burgoland**