



## HUNTLEY NEWS 20-03-23

### Our School Vision

**Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.**

### Curriculum:

#### French afternoon at Newent School

Earlier on the term, the year fives were invited to Newent School for a modern foreign languages taster session. Mr Tranter, one of the teachers, picked the children up in the minibus and took them to Newent school for a French experience. The theme was French food and at the end of the session the children got to sample different French foods such as croissants and pain au chocolate and hot chocolate. The children had a great afternoon. A big thank you to the staff at Newent school for organising this opportunity!



#### Visit from Cain and Helen



We were really lucky to be able to invite some very special guests into school on Monday. Cain is 21 years old and he has cerebral palsy. He came into school with his carer Helen to speak to us all. We watched a video of a typical day for Cain. Because he is in a wheelchair he has to make sure that he keeps his muscles moving so he has daily physiotherapy and hydrotherapy in the pool.

Cain can play on his play station and he uses his feet to work the controller. The children all had a go at writing with their feet to see how tricky this was.

The one thing that Helen says upsets Cain – who is normally really happy and has the most amazing infectious laugh – is when people stare at him, in particular when he is eating. He is unable to feed himself and Helen feeds him. He does not like it when people stare at him and Helen sometimes has to stand in front of him to block people which is not very nice for Cain which he is eating.



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To get an idea of what it was like to not be able to feed yourself, the teachers were fed a yoghurt by a couple of the children. They had the sit on their hands and were not able to speak. It was a strange experience not having any control.



After this some of the children had a go at putting on a top with one hand behind their back to think about how tricky this is for Cain. It was certainly difficult to get the top on only using one hand!

Stan told me 'I found it really interesting how Cain uses his computer, he looks at the words on the screen and then the computer says them. It must be really hard not being able to communicate the way that most of us do not being able to do some of the things other people can. Helen told us that when Cain was born his brain was without oxygen for a while and because of this the messages don't get through from his brain to his muscles.'



### World Book Day – Going Green!

Last Friday across the school the children enjoyed books with an Environmental theme. More information about this and other eco activities will be in a special 'green' edition newsletter. More information about our Eco committee and Eco award will be included.

### Behaviour/ Attendance

**Class of the week:** Last week Stream were Class of the week with a massive 150 points. This week the award goes to Class Estuary! Well done

**House points:** Last week winners were Morpurgo.

**Earlier start to the school day after Easter:** A letter has gone out to all parents/ carers this week, information has been put on the website (along with the updated attendance policy) and a message was sent on ParentMail so hopefully everyone is fully aware. However, please ask if you have any questions about these changes which will start after the Easter holidays.

### Personal Development:

**Certificates:** Well done to the following children who all received awards in the last couple of merit collective worships

**Class Stream-**Martha, Henry and Eirwen

**Class River-** Louie, Henry, Ted T

**Class Estuary-** Anais, Jenson, James, Olivia and James. Hamish and Lily C (science from Miss Etheridge)

**Class Ocean –**Grace and Charlie

**Writers of the week-** Jude, Izzi T and Issy B

**99 Club-** Esmae,(2 awards!)Jenson, Austin Willoughby and William.

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**TT Rockstar of the week-** Ida, Sybil, Imogen and Jenson.

**Handwriter of the week-** Olivia G

**Numbots-** James and Arlo

**Pen licences:-** Congratulations to Valentino, Seren and Joanne who have all been working really hard to earn their pen licences.

**Lunchtime awards:** This week we presented our first lunchtime awards for children who have consistently shown good manners in the hall at lunchtimes. The midday supervisors in the hall nominated the following children who have really stood out: Willoughby, Kaylen, Henry S and Lydia.

**CLIVE Challenge awards:** An amazing amount of children took part in the CLIVE science challenge set over the holidays. This challenge involved the children creating a marble run. Lots of children received certificates from Clive in collective worship.



### **Netball Tournament at Newent School**



Our year six netballers took part in a netball tournament at Newent School organised by the Forest of Dean school games organisation and run by Lydean Netball Club and the Newent school sports leaders. The children played a number of matches over the afternoon and managed to finish in a very respectable third place- having only lost one match. It was a pleasure to take the children and they showed our value of respect through great sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mrs Davis for transporting the team and giving them some great tips and warm ups!

For anyone interested – a netball club is starting in Newent after Easter. See Mrs Curtis for further details.

### **Swimming success**



Congratulations this week to both Hamish and Amelie who have both completed swimming awards. Hamish has swum 100m and Amelie has managed to complete all her swimming awards in her lessons. She now has to decide what she will do next and said she would like to become a Rookie lifeguard.

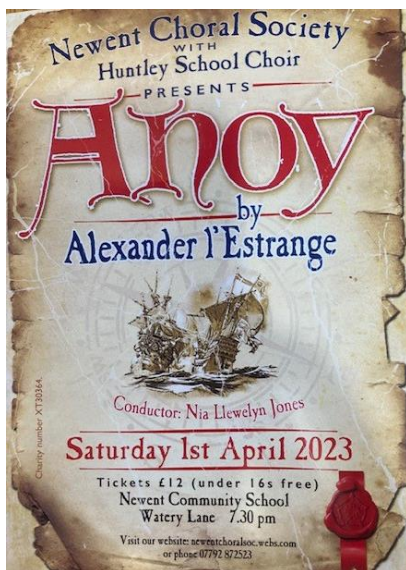
Please let us know about any of your child's achievements outside of school and we can add them to our achievement board!

**PTFA** The PTFA held a committee meeting this week and they began to look forward towards Founder's day. A message did go out earlier in the week about raffle prizes. If anyone knows of any local companies/ individuals who may be able to offer a prize for our Founder's day raffle, please let one of the members of the PTFA or staff know.

**Easter:** We have a busy couple of days coming up with Easter fast approaching. On the final Wednesday, Rev Lara and other governors and members of the church community will be running an Easter experience in the church. The children will have an opportunity to think about aspects of the Easter story in a bit more depth and will carry out different activities in the church. Then on Thursday we will be carrying out our annual decorated egg competition and then egg rolling in the playground followed by an Easter service in the church at 2:30. This will be led by the children in year five.

**Gloucestershire Nature Quiz:** Next week, our team will take part in the first round of the Gloucestershire schools nature quiz. Our team this year is Hamish, Erin B, Harriet and Lydia. We wish them luck!

**Football team:** A big thank you to our school football team for a great performance on the knock out cup. Unfortunately, we didn't get through to the next round. Well done in particular to Hamish and James who joined the team midseason and to Kaylen for keeping up the team morale and saving a lot of goals!



### **Ahoy there – Sing for the Mary Rose**

It's nearly time for our concert with Newent Choral Society at Newent School. The children have been amazing and really impressed the musical director last week. A letter will go out just clarifying the final details this week to all those involved. It should be a great evening!

### **Bike-ability**

Congratulations to those Oscar, Charlie, Betsy and Issy. All the year six have now completed this to help develop a better awareness of bike safety on the roads.

## **Leadership and Management:**

**Subject leadership days** Miss Etheridge has been on a local authority led, science leadership day this week, making sure she is up to date with any new information. She will also be supporting another school again next term. Mrs Hulse will be on an English course one day next week as well.

**Maths lead teacher** Miss Bramley was out for a couple of days last week on a residential - all a part of her becoming a lead maths teacher for National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM)

**Governor meetings** Governor, quality of education and finance committee meetings took place last week. Further governor visits to look at different aspects of school life have been planned.

**Student teacher in Class Estuary** As we do every year, we currently have a student from the university of Gloucester here on placement. We have welcomed Miss King into Class Estuary who is currently completing her BEd. She has been teaching alongside Miss Bramley this term for a couple of further weeks after Easter.