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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the autumn term and look forward to the festive season, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate the achievements and hard work of our pupils and staff. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning and the strong sense of community that continues to grow within our school.

We were delighted to welcome families to our recent community roadshow and share more about our new school. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event, we hope you found the information helpful.

December is always a magical time at Newhall Juniors, full of opportunities to come together and celebrate. From sparkling performances to acts of kindness through our charitable projects, these moments truly reflect the values that make our school special: responsibility, resilience, respect, reciprocity, reflection, and resourcefulness. It's wonderful to see these qualities shining through in everything our children do—whether on stage, in the classroom, or as part of our wider community.

This half-term has been packed with memorable moments. Our Christmas Craft afternoons were a wonderful success, thank you for joining in and sharing your creativity! The Carol Concert was another highlight, filling the hall with music and festive cheer, and creating special memories for the pupils at our school.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership plays a vital role in helping every child thrive. On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your families a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

Mrs Weaver

Head Of School



Year 3



Year 3 have impressed their teachers with their positive attitude this half term and they carried out some local fieldwork in their geography learning on their visit to Calke Abbey. We explored the woodlands and plant life of Calke as part of our exploration into what a temperate climate looks like. This learning will be a key foundation for our history learning later in the year, where we will explore the importance of local heritage.

3SF have enjoyed their collaboration with the South Derbyshire Music Partnership this term and children showed remarkable reciprocity and responsibility in their singing concert. 3R will begin their sessions on Tuesdays after the Christmas break.

Year 4



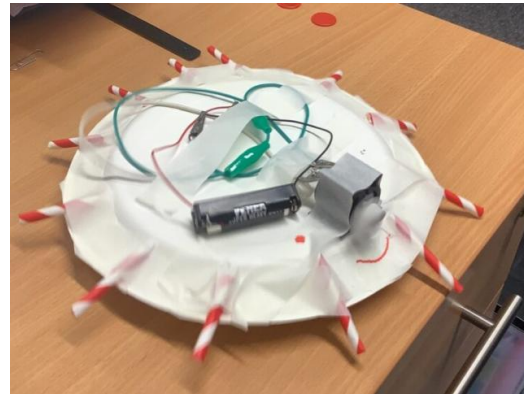
Year 4 have enjoyed delving deep into the history of Ancient Egypt. Widget Workshop kicked our learning off with a fascinating day, whereby the children used VR to visualise the ancient civilisation. They also played archaic Egyptian board games, learnt how to write using hieroglyphics and learnt about the intricate stages of mummification. The learning didn't stop there: Year 4 made their own boats and shadufs, mummified pieces of fruit and made their own papyrus, which were then decorated using ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.



Year 4 have also been collaborating with the South Derbyshire Music Partnership in our clarinet sessions. Children have shown real resilience and taken great responsibility in their lessons, and some children have started to take their clarinets home to practice. Please do remember that children will need them in school every Thursday. Please ensure you have returned the paperwork to school if you have not already.

Year 5

This half term in D.T the children have been creating wobble bots. Using their knowledge of simple circuits they have created a model that 'wobbles' when turned on. They have achieved this by placing a weight on the end of the motor in an off-centre position. Using recycling, they have made their design ideas come to life.



Year 6

On Tuesday 4th November, Year 6 visited **Cadbury World** for a day packed with learning and chocolate!

They explored the fascinating world of the Maya, discovering how cocoa was treasured as currency and a sacred gift. Pupils even dressed up as Maya citizens and learned about life in ancient times.

After the workshop, the fun continued with a factory tour, tasting molten chocolate, and creating chocolate doodles. It was a delicious start to their history topic!



Check Out Our Updated Website!

We've given our website a brand-new look to make it easier for you to stay connected. You'll find all our newsletters, curriculum updates and upcoming events in one convenient place.

And that's not all—**here are some of the photos you'll find on the website!** Take a look and see what's been happening around school.



Follow us on our new social media platforms to stay up to date with everything going on at Newhall:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)

Our After-School Club: A Fantastic Start!

This term, we launched our brand-new **Eagles After-School Club**, and it's been a huge success! Pupils have loved getting involved in a wide variety of activities—from energetic sports sessions to creative scarecrow making, fun quizzes, exciting games, arts and crafts and even decorating delicious gingerbread houses.

We're thrilled to see so many children enjoying themselves and trying new things. **Look out for the timetable of events for next term—it's going to be just as exciting!**

Don't forget, you can book both **Early Birds Breakfast Club** and **Eagles After-School Club** easily through **Beehive**.





Autumn Term Highlights

Congratulations to the Yellow Team, our House Points winners! They celebrated with a festive magic show by *Magical Mayhem*.

Well done to all our Character Stars—fantastic role models who live our 6Rs every day.

A big shout-out to pupils who represented our school in sports:

- Girls' Football – 3rd place
- Boys' Football Team – 1st place and through to County Finals
- Y3 & 4 Athletics – 3rd place
- Dodgeball – Top of league and awaiting semi-finals

We're proud of everyone for their effort and achievements this term!

Diary Dates (Please see our [website](#) for further information)

7th January – School Choir at Young Voices

9th January – Y3 Iron Age Workshop

28th January – Boys' Football County Finals

30th January – Y5 Vile Vikings Experience

4th and 5th February – Y5 Viking Video Experience

6th February – Y3 Road Safety Workshop

10th February – Internet Safety Day



We are keen to hear your views and suggestions: *(You can also use the suggestion box in the school reception)*

