



# Castle Newnham

## Monthly Matters



**November 2024**

Remembrance Display on North Site



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## Castle Newnham Remembers





## CASTLE NEWNHAM BAKERY

Working with

# MOOCH

Our Castle Newnham Bakery is well and truly up and running! Our pupils bake in the school kitchens on a Thursday evening, preparing orders to be collected on a Friday morning! Mooch Coffee can be found on Harper Street in Bedford. They specialise in roasting coffee beans in-house and purchase cakes, biscuits and sourdough loaves from the Castle Newnham Bakery to sell in their cabinet over the weekend. We are very excited by this new partnership and encourage everyone to visit the store to see the incredible work of the Castle Newnham bakery club.

Our performing arts department will be hosting a Christmas musical evening at the Coffee Shop in December.

We look forward to working with Mooch Coffee next year to offer valuable work experience opportunities to our GCSE Hospitality & Catering pupils.

## 4SIXTEEN THEATRE COMPANY

Unwanted fancy dress - we are looking for any unwanted items for the following characters. If you would like to donate them to our costume collection please drop them off to the school office!

**Pirates, fairies, mermaids, warriors**

# Tickets on sale now!



This term we have been in the full swing of rehearsals for both Guys and Dolls (Y8-Y11) and Peter Pan (Y3&4). Tickets for both productions are currently on sale and can be bought through the box office.



## *Performing Arts* UPDATE

Our Spotlight dancers performed in Milton Keynes Dance Theatre's Season Opening Gala. This was a great opportunity for our pupils to perform to a live audience and to dance alongside professional dancers.





## SPORTS UPDATE

### Exciting News for Our School

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the Equal Access School 2024 Award for our Girls' Football School Partnership!

This prestigious accolade is a testament to our commitment to providing equal opportunities for all students, ensuring that girls have the same access to sports and physical education as their male counterparts. We believe in empowering our young athletes and fostering an environment where everyone can thrive on and off the pitch.

A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers, staff, and, of course, our talented young footballers who have worked tirelessly to make this possible! Here's to breaking barriers and chasing dreams together!





# PRIMARY SPORTS

## Year 6 Football

Following on from the excellent start to the year, it was announced our Year 6 boys team were league winners. Throughout the season, the boys won every game they played and managed to gain a huge goal difference of +22, only conceding 4 goals! Following our success, nine of our Year 6 boys played in the EFL cup competition. Having qualified out of the group stages, the boys won their quarter and semi final games before winning the final against another local school on penalties. A huge congratulations to all the boys who have been involved with the football team!

## Year 4 Girls Futsal

At the beginning of November, eight Year 4 girls attended a futsal competition run by the School Sports Partnership. Despite it being the first time many of the girls had played futsal, they finished third in the tournament, only losing their first group game and their semi final. The girls spent the morning developing their understanding of the sport and skills and all returned to school with beaming smiles and great enthusiasm for the sport. Well done girls!

## Multi-Sports Festival

It was the turn of our Key Stage 1 pupils to attend their multi-sports festival with 1BM and 2SS visiting another local school where they had sessions run by sports leaders. All pupils participated in multi-sport events which allowed the pupils to learn new skills. It was great to see all the pupils being active and having a smile on their faces. Throughout the event, the children all demonstrated the school games values of determination, honesty, self belief, passion, teamwork and respect. Well done to all involved!

## Year 5 & 6 Table Tennis

Well done to all involved in the table tennis tournaments over the last month. Our boys team came a respectable 3rd in the District competition, coming up against some very good teams, narrowly losing out to Bedford Prep School.

The girls team won the District competition and also competed in the County competition. The standard was high and the girls did everyone proud with a respectable 5th place finish. Well done again to everyone involved!



## SECONDARY SPORTS

### Basketball

Our Year 8 boys team have completed their league fixtures this half term already. They started with a thrilling 28-all draw against Biddenham and then followed this up with a 19-0 win and a narrow defeat. Our Year 8 girls team finished 2nd in the league, only losing 1 game throughout and winning 2. Well done to everyone involved, it was a real team effort to get the wins and we are pleased with the progress they are displaying. They have made it through to the District finals night, where they will be competing to become the District champions!

### Football

Our Year 7 footballers have completed their league, finishing 2nd in the group. This has earned them the opportunity to have a play-off match against Lincroft to determine who goes through to the semi-finals of the league format. They are also still in the County Cup and are awaiting the outcome of either Mark Rutherford or Queensbury.

Our Year 8 and 9 girls played their County Cup game on the 7th November at Mark Rutherford. A thrilling game which ended up as a 10-6 defeat for the girls. It is worth noting that this was the first time they had all played together in an 11-a-side match. Special shout out to player of the match Irina for her tireless running and tackling and also to Jessica for her 5 goals.

Year 10 and 11 girls played their County cup game against Vandyke on the 21st and came away losing 5-1. The scoreline flattered Vandyke as the girls played some lovely football but just lacked the final finish.

2-0 down at half time in a game which could have gone either way, we changed tactically to be more attacking and that ultimately cost us in the second half. Well done to all involved and special shout out to Willow for her triple save in the first half!

### Netball

Year 9's have played in the league against Bedford Free School, winning 19-3. A great team performance from all with Miss Crawford-Smith commenting on their commitment to training throughout the first term.

### Sportshall Athletics

Our girls teams in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 competed in the District Sportshall athletics last Thursday. We are proud of each and every one of them as they were outstanding athletes and represented the school with the CORE values.

Our Year 7 team won their event with 243 points and second place was a distant 34 points behind. The Year 8 team finished in 3rd, only 14 points behind the winners. As did the Year 9/10 team who also finished 3rd, 14 points behind the winners.

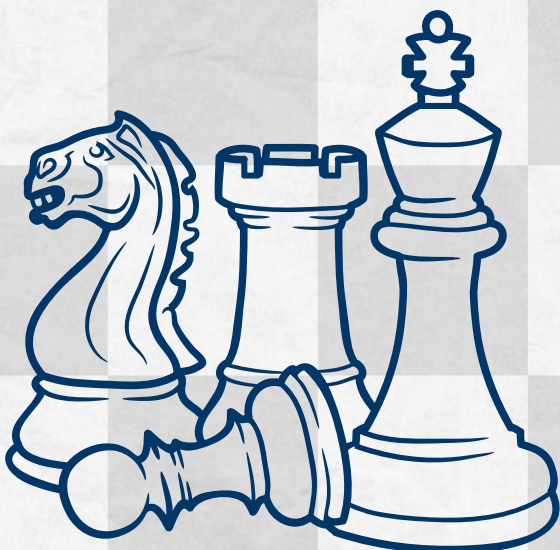
All three teams have qualified for the County finals which will be held towards the end of February! Well done again to all involved.



## Young Chef

This term, our Year 10 Hospitality & Catering pupils have all participated in the first stage of an exciting cookery competition. The Rotary Young Chef Competition is organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. There are four stages to the competition, each designed to support and encourage the development of young people's culinary skills and confidence.

We have run this competition for six years and the standard each year gets better and better. We have been so impressed with the creativity and flavour of each and every dish. Huge congratulations to the 16 pupils who have been selected to cook at the next round of the competition in January.



## Chess

Castle Newnham pupils took part in the Northamptonshire Schools Chess Congress in Northampton. Congratulations to Cris (Year 8), Adeline (Year 5), Daniel (Year 4) and Zachary (Year 3) who played some great games and won at least one each and showed some fantastic resilience. A special mention to Cris who demonstrated superb sportsmanship. Wolf and Adeline (Year 5) both represented the county (Northamptonshire) in a regional chess tournament two weeks ago too. Well done again to all involved!



## Anthea Speaks

Our year 9 pupils were very lucky to have been visited by local poet and public speaker, Anthea Davis Barclay on Monday 11th November. Focussing on 'Success Through Failure', Anthea Davis Barclay spoke earnestly about the importance of resilience and the power of literacy through personal stories and poetry.

Here's some reviews from some of our pupils:

Davis Barclay's assembly on her poems really spoke to me. I could relate to some of her poems, and I liked how she used rhyme in her poems. Each line used a word that matched the word before. I also really loved how confident she was when speaking. It really showed how passionate she is about poetry and how much she loves writing. She made me really passionate about writing my own. My honest opinion is that she should come back and do another assembly because she was amazing.

Ava 9CR

I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to listen to a professional poet. I found it inspirational. I really enjoyed her poems and the stories around them.

Frankie 9CR

I really loved the poet who came in on Monday. She was incredibly interesting and brilliant, and super inspiring. She had a great life story and was very good at writing. She was also skilled at getting everyone involved and encouraging people to speak up to her. I think that a change from the normal lesson is lovely and felt nice and special.

Noah 9CR



## Year 2 visit Christ Church

Year 2 went on a local visit to Christ Church as part of our learning on Christianity. They learned about some of the most important parts of the church before taking part in some activities about advent. We also used the opportunity to mark remembrance by holding a minutes silence at the church. The children did us very proud - they were so respectful and engaged throughout the morning and asked some very insightful questions.

## Y5 Bletchley Park Trip

Year 5 went on a trip to Bletchley Park, as part of our WWII unit in History. The children learned about what happened at the Park by: role playing, going through decipher training and exploring the Park itself. The children particularly enjoyed seeing and using a working enigma machine, viewing the Bombe machine and exploring the huts where incredible people worked, including Alan Turing's office!



## PTA Reception Party



Reception pupils were treated to a magical show by a visiting magician! Thanks to the generous support of the PTA, the children were mesmerized by the tricks and illusions. They also enjoyed a delicious snack and drink to round out the fun-filled afternoon. It was a truly magical experience for everyone!