



NEWHALL NEWS

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It's hard to believe we're already approaching the final half term of the academic year! Despite last term being a short one, we packed in a wide range of exciting events and activities.

We began the month with our VE day celebrations where children decorated their classrooms with colourful bunting, joined together for a special assembly and enjoyed a celebratory lunch.

Lionheart Speaks was another wonderful event for some of our Y5 pupils, who either made speeches or recited a poem. It really was a very special evening and gave pupils an opportunity to speak on subjects they felt passionate about. We were really proud of all those that took part.

Year 3 stepped back in time at Calke Abbey. They explored the beautiful grounds, learning how the gardens were used in the past, before stepping inside the grand house to see how people once lived.

We are so proud of the way our school has come together to support our Year 3 pupil, Freya. Our fabulous cake sale raised an astonishing £430.50. At the end of term, our non-uniform day added another £344.50 to the growing total. Along with money raised by Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we have donated an overwhelming **£1,242 to Freya's campaign**. Thank you to everyone who has generously supported our fund raising which will continue next term.

This final term is always a busy one as we all prepare for changes ahead as well as celebrating the wonderful progress children have made this year. I look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events listed below.

Mrs Weaver

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From exciting trips to Calke to welcoming visitors who introduce us to the vibrant world of Grime music, we're always looking for ways to enrich our curriculum and bring learning to life.



Lionheart Speaks

The children had a great evening at the Y Theatre for the annual Lionheart Speaks event. Pupils had fun sharing speeches they had written on topics they feel strongly about.

Attendance

Promoting positive behaviour and excellent attendance is the responsibility of the whole school community. Thank you to everyone for supporting Newhall Juniors with this.

As you may be aware, schools are not able to authorise term time holidays.

You can check your child's attendance on Beehive.

Every School Day Counts		
Attendance during the school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately
96%	6 days	1 week
94%	10 days	2 weeks
90%	19 days	4 weeks
85%	29 days	6 weeks
80%	38 days	8 weeks
75%	48 days	10 weeks
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks

Mixed Classes Policy

At Lionheart, we follow a policy of mixing classes each academic year. This approach offers many benefits, including helping children develop important social skills and building new friendships. By mixing classes, pupils begin to see themselves as part of a wider year group, rather than just their individual class, which strengthens our sense of community across school.

Next term, your child will be invited to name a few friends they would like to stay with in the next academic year. To support this process, we encourage you to talk with your child at home about their friendships and who they feel they work well with in the classroom. For more information visit our [website](http://www.newhalljunior.org.uk).



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

4 th & 5 th June	Year 4 Residential to Gulliver's Valley
11 th June	Bingo event (fundraising for Freya's Campaign)
17 th June	Year 3 and 4 Dance Workshop
18 th June	Sports Day at Shobnall Sports Field
19 th June	GB athletes visit
25 th June	Choir visit to Cedar Court
26 th June	Summer Fair (3:30pm)
1 st July	Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 Transition Day
1 st July	New Year Group Meetings for parents (3:30 & 4pm)
1 st July	Year 2 Parent Meeting 5-6pm
1 st & 2 nd July	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
2 nd July	Book Fair
8 th July	3B Singing concert
9 th July	Year 5 taster day at Merica
10 th July	Year 6 National Forest Adventure Farm
16 th July	Leavers Assembly
17 th July	PSA Disco (TBC)
18 th July	Leavers' Colour Run
18 th July	Year 5 visit to the National Space Centre
22 nd July	Mercia's Gala
23 rd July	Last day of term

Please note the changes to [Breakfast Club](#) next term



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

