



NEWBRIDGE News

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Dates Term 1

Monday 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November

2R Forest School
NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

Thursday 14th November

4BA Forest School

Tuesday 19th November

2OG Forest School

Wednesday 20th November

Class 6N Bath Blitz Walk

Thursday 21st November

Class 6KR Bath Blitz Walk
4B Forest school

Friday 22nd November

NPSA Cake and Uniform Sale

Tuesday 26th November

2R Forest School

Thursday 28th November

4BA Forest School

Tuesday 3rd December

2OG Forest School

Thursday 5th December

4B Forest School

Friday 6th December

Year 6 Choir to Stratton House

Non-Uniform for School Fair

Monday 9th December

Clubs finish this week

Tuesday 10th December

Lower School Nativity (2OG)

at 9.30am

2R Forest School

Wednesday 11th December

Lower School Nativity (2R) at 9.30am

Thursday 12th December

4BA Forest School

Monday 16th December

Volunteers' Thank You

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch

Upper School Christmas Concert 6pm

Thursday 19th December

Lower School Christmas Parties

Upper School Christmas Concert 10am

School Reports

Friday 20th December

Christmas Assembly

Last day of Term 2

Inset Days 2024/25

Monday 6th January

Friday 27th June

Tuesday 22nd July

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your family benefitted from the half term holiday, and are ready for and in the swing of Term 2.

NPSA Fireworks: NPSA Fireworks Night

We are very fortunate to be able to host a fireworks evening on the school field. With food, drinks and an absolute first class display, it made for a fantastic evening – a real highlight of the NPSA calendar. Sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who ensured the evening ran smoothly - manning stalls, collecting tickets and marshalling. There were also those preparing food, supporting behind the scenes and those who stayed to clear-up afterwards. The biggest thanks goes to Becca Whelan, Kathy Burdett and Lucinda Brook who again very kindly led on the event. We hope everyone who came enjoyed it – hats off to the NPSA, once again.

To get involved in the NPSA, please come along to the next NPSA meeting on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm in the Blue Room, in The Upper School – everyone is very welcome.

Visit from The Old Vic: On Monday, Reception to Year 4 were enthralled by a visit from The Bristol Old Vic who performed Little Wren and the Autumn Moon. Thank you very much for the donations to fund this activity – for the children, nothing beats seeing a live performance with skilled actors, fantastic costumes and effective scenery. Hopefully the children came home talking about the show.

500 Words: We are delighted to publish entries by Alba and Amelie in Year 5, and Anna in Year 4 – please enjoy reading them. Well done to everyone who entered the competition – good luck!

OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning: OPAL is a key aspect of our school development plan this year. We are looking at playtimes and considering how we can improve them by introducing the OPAL programme. With a mentor engaged and whole staff training having taken place, we are in a position to move forward in line with the 18 month roll out. We are gathering baseline data through surveys with children and staff, and we would be grateful if parents could also complete one. Please follow this link [Baseline Play Survey for Parents and Carers](#) and complete the survey by Friday 15th November, if you are able to. In the week commencing 18th November, we will be telling the children much more about OPAL and the initial plans we have for areas of the playground to be enhanced. To support these plans, we would love to receive donations of loose part, small world toys, dressing up clothes, etc. Please see the full list below. We also request that all parents send their child to school with a waterproof coat with a hood, each day, so that we can play outside in all weathers. We will keep you updated on further plans and will invite you in to hear more about them, soon.

Anti-Bullying Week 11th – 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week 2024 is an annual campaign aimed at raising awareness about bullying, its impact on individuals, and the importance of preventing bullying in schools, communities, and online spaces. This week-long initiative brings together schools, organisations, parents, and individuals to promote kindness, empathy, and respect, and to create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'.

Regardless of a national campaign, we take all allegations of bullying seriously, at all times. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has an agreed shared definition of bullying - *'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online'*. Next week the children will be exploring key themes to further strengthen their learning and understanding about bullying and its impact.

Boys' and Girls' Football: Please read on for three great reports by coaches Mr Farrier and Mr Wallace, following cup matches at the end of last term and a tournament, yesterday. Whenever our children represent the school they do so with pride, tenacity, resilience, spirit and fun – they are always superb ambassadors. Well done, all.

Our School's Governing Body: The Governing Body has a responsibility for the strategic management of the school and is made up of local people from varying backgrounds. We are pleased that recently we have appointed new members, bringing a range of experience and skill to the board. The Chair of Governors is Clare Moon, the Vice Chair is Eric Lucas, the Safeguarding Governor is Michael Farrier and the Clerk to the Governors is Gemma Phillips. Follow [this](#) link to see all members listed against the different committees.

Vacancies: We are currently recruiting for a part-time Assistant Site Manager, for three hours per day. Please see the vacancy advertised [here](#) if you know anyone who may be interested.

Please read the teacher's blog on Google Classroom for further updates on the learning activities in your child's class, this week.

Wishing you a great weekend, Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ Bees – Arthur B, Ina M

★ IDO – Oscar F, Orla H

★ 2OG – Reuben H, Isaiah P

★ 3DE – Finn O'B, Heidi T

★ 4B – Roly H, April B

★ 5HK – Rosy T, Anisa G

★ 6KR – Fern D, Adam A

★ Ladybirds – Arthur H, Frankie S

★ 1G – Pelagia D, Emily H

★ 2R – Rayan K, Georgia S

★ 3M – Theo C, Xanthi D

★ 4BA – Angus P, Alice L

★ 5F – Sophie B, Ronnie H

★ 6N – Jake S, William B

PE Stars of the Week:

Patrick W, Class 6KR Issy S-G, Class 5HK

Music Stars of the Week:

Neula J, Class 5F Emma R, Class 5F

Player of the Day:

Clara W, Class 6KR

★ HEADTEACHER MENTION ★



Well done to Annie G, Class 2OG, and Layla R-B, Class 5F, on their winning firework poster designs.

Both posters included information for all on how to be safe around the fireworks and eye-catching designs. The children gave clear safety messages for last night's NPSA firework display.

Well done to both, and to all those who also submitted entries. It was a very tight competition.



'500 Words' Writing Competition

Good luck to anyone who has entered the BBC's 500 Words Competition. The deadline has ended today so they won't be taking any more entries after 9pm this evening.

Here are stories by Alba M and Amelie S in Class 5F and Anna in Class 4B, for you to enjoy reading.

Mrs Edmunds

Moby Duck by Amelie S, in Class 5F

One day, Moby (a small duckling) woke up in an unfamiliar field. He had fallen out of his nest and his family could not be seen. The tiny yellow chick was scared and felt afraid. A woman put her hand out for him to climb onto. She had long black hair, kind brown eyes and a loving smile. She introduced herself as Gemma. He could tell she had taken pity on him. Moby soon found himself outside Gemma's house in her small garden.

Moby was taken to a small pond, where he could see beautiful lilies floating on the clear water surface. There was plenty of food and water, it was comfy, but it did not feel like home.

Moby realised that there was no nest. As a tiny duckling Moby did not think he had the strength to make one for himself and started to feel a little despondent.

Through his tears he spied a bush! He decided he would try to collect a few twigs to sit on. He went to the bush and pecked at one of the twigs. It wouldn't budge and Moby fell back in a heap and his heart sank. "I'm not even going to be able to move a single twig," he thought.

A few moments later he decided to try again, this time the twig moved a little bit, but not enough. All morning Moby kept going back to the bush back and forth, always failing to move a twig in one go. By sunset he realised the twig had moved a long way. Lots of little efforts had made a big difference. By nightfall Moby had something that resembled the beginnings of a nest. He slept on the small pile of twigs, soundly until daybreak.

As the sun rose Moby had hope in his heart and by the end the day his small pile of twigs was a comfy nest, cushioned with soft feathers and leaves.

For a while Moby was happy there with Gemma visiting him daily. But he soon began to miss his family and his real home. He wished he could fly back to his family, but it seemed impossible.

One day at dawn, Moby was searching the sky wistfully for his parents when an idea came into his mind. Just as he had built his nest, he would train himself, bit by bit to fly.

First, he opened his wings and jumped the small drop from his nest to the ground. He realised to his astonishment that he wasn't scared. Next, he climbed up the bush to a higher height and jumped. Whoosh, his wings took hold of his weight and he realised he was flying. Soaring over the little garden. He swooped down to give kind Gemma a flap of his wing to say thankyou for caring for him when he was in need. And off he went into the distance in search of his family feeling like he could conquer any challenge that faced him.



Time by Alba M, in Class 5F

"Come on Jerry," said Jerry's father, "or we're going to be late," Jerry was a 5-year-old boy who loved art and being creative. Jerry's father had brought him to an art museum near where they lived. "What do you think?" Asked Jerry's father.

"It's alright..." Answered Jerry, "but can I go over there?" He asked as he pointed to a small room in the corner of the building.

"Sure," answered his father, "but don't be too long."

Jerry walked over to the room and strode inside. There was a glass window at the end of the room that overlooked the messy street outside. Rubbish littered the road and tin cans sat abandoned by bus stops. Before Jerry knew what he was doing, he was already climbing out the window and onto the disgusting street.

Jerry saw a small golden labrador sitting by a pile of rubbish. It was about half the size of the pile and looked tiny and starving while it sat there.

Just then, the little puppy started to eat the plastic things! "Aagghh! No! Don't eat that! That's plastic!!!" Shouted Jerry as he ran over to the small puppy. He picked it up and the labrador spat out the rubbish back onto the floor. Jerry put the dog back onto the ground, and it sat next to his foot. Then his heart suddenly dropped. A car was coming up to a pedestrian crossing and a rusty nail was on the road in front of the crossing. Jerry was worried that if the car drove over the nail, it would burst the tyre, and the car would skid and slide into the people. Jerry didn't know what to do.

He picked up the puppy, closed his eyes and waited for the car to drive over the nail, but it never did. Jerry opened his eyes and saw that the nail had completely vanished, and the car was patiently waiting for the pedestrians to cross. He looked at the labrador. "Magic," he whispered under his breathe, "you are magic. You just saved some people, so you can save anything!"

Jerry looked around. "There is a little kitten about to drink some car oil off the road. Magic it up some water," said Jerry. Then, there was a pop of colourful smoke, and the kitten was drinking water. "Good job," Jerry said, "but now I must go. Goodbye!"

He climbed back through the open window and sat down on an old armchair. Just then, his father opened the door and walked in. "It has already been 5 minutes. What have you been doing in here?" he asked.

"Wow, it felt like much longer than that. A puppy saved some people from being hit by a car!" Answered Jerry.

"Of course," said his father as he rolled his eyes. He obviously didn't think that Jerry was telling the truth.

As they left the museum, the little labrador, that Jerry had saved, looked up at him. At least someone believed him...



Where did February lose his days?

by Anna T, in Class 4B

Very long ago when your grandparents weren't born, there lived all the months peacefully. January and March had only 30 days while February had 31. They were very jealous of him because they wanted their months to be way longer!

January thought every day how to change it. And one day, he got a bright idea! "What if I ask March to steal two days from February, that might teach him a lesson!"

So, January ran to March's house and said to her "Mar, I've got a great plan. What if you sneak into February's house and take two days off his calendar for us because we deserve it, he doesn't." March agreed and followed January's plan.

That night March sneakily snuck into February's home and ripped off the last two days from his calendar. "Perfect!" She whispered with delight "Jan will be pleased". And she quietly left the house. March ran across the street to January's house and when she got inside, woke him up by shouting "Jan! Jan! I've got the days, look!" January woke up but still looking very sleepy "Good" he whispered, "Very good". He taped one of the days to his calendar, March took the other.

On the next day February woke up with the strange feeling that something went wrong. As he looked at the calendar he was very surprised that it was March already. "What happened? I was sure I had two more days!" he said confused. "Somebody must've stolen them!" February was furious. Even though his days were stolen he still had his 29th day, which was the most beautiful, most precious day for him. He took the 29th off his calendar and ran outside the house. He was so angry that he gathered all his strength and leaped as high as he could, so he ended up on the Moon. After a bit of searching, he found a secret cave there. February thought "If I hide it here nobody will ever find it" so he put the day down and jumped back.

Although February really likes putting his most beautiful day up on the calendar, he wants to keep it safe. But it is hidden so far away that he needs a whole four years to rest before his next big leap.

Bristol Old Vic Visit

On Monday, we were lucky enough to have visitors from Bristol Old Vic. Actors and stage managers came into Year 3 and 4 classes to deliver an exciting workshop focused on all aspects of acting.

The children enjoyed doing a range of activities and games - including creating different environmental scenes and doing some of the activities real life actors do in the theatre!

We were, as ever, utterly impressed by the behaviour and engagement of the children - in particular, the insightful questions they had for the actors at the end of the session. What a brilliant morning! The afternoon visit proved very exciting, too!



Newbridge Boys v Moorlands

Newbridge Safely through Round 1 of B&NES School Cup!

Just before the half-term break the school footballers played the first round of the annual B&NES School Football Cup, away to Moorlands second team.

Another fine performance of individual ability combined with team play resulted in a convincing 5-0 win for Newbridge, meaning a place in the draw for round 2.

Despite the fact that this was not Moorlands' strongest team, they still put up a good fight. Their robust defending and some outstanding saves from their goalkeeper meant that things were still tight at half-time, with the score at 1-0 to Newbridge.

In the second half, however, the Newbridge players stepped up a gear and their dominant display was rewarded with 4 more goals. At the other end, goalkeeper Sam was solid whenever he was called into action, which was not often thanks to a disciplined defence.

Player of the Day goes to school vice-captain Rhed for his leadership, strong defensive tackling, and creativity on the ball.

Another big well done from me to all the players, and thank you as well to the parents for coming to support.

Michael Farrier - Coach

The Team: Tom C, James W, William B, Barney P, Sam R, Flynn N, Rhed M, Harry B, Shadan S, Oliver A and Charlie R.



Newbridge Girls v Widcombe



The Team: Bethan T, Amira A, Isobel M, Maddie H, Grace B, Precious F, Alice S, Ruby E and Alessia Z

Girls' Football B&NES Cup Match

The last day of Term 1 saw Widcombe come to Newbridge for our B&NES cup match. Many thanks to all the parents who came to cheer on and support the girls in their first home fixture of the season.

The match was well contested with the teams very evenly matched, the Newbridge team looked potent in attack and threatened the Widcombe goal whenever in the final third. The Widcombe goal keeper, however, was outstanding and kept Widcombe in the match throughout. Eventually Newbridge were rewarded for their endeavours with a great finish from Bethan T and took a 1-0 lead.

Later in the half a huge kick out of hand from the Widcombe keeper took a fortunate bounce and drew the away team level. Newbridge stayed calm and continued to work hard for each other in both defence and attack showing great resolve particularly around the midfield battle. Half time saw both teams head to the water bottles evenly matched at 1-1.

In the second half, Newbridge continued to attack the Widcombe goal, coming close on numerous occasions but couldn't find the back of the net due mainly to the excellent Widcombe goal keeper. Widcombe themselves did manage to score with a well finished goal and took the lead 1-2. Newbridge responded well and had most of the ball for the final part of the game but just couldn't quite find the equaliser to take the game into extra time.

Well done to all the girls involved, a special well done to our Player of the Day – Issy M who was outstanding in both the tackle and on the counter attack! A big thanks to the parents who helped set up and pack up the pitch as well, this was really appreciated. Today, the Girls' football team are playing in the Bath & District Girls' Football Tournament – I have no doubt they will give it their all, again.

Mr Wallace - Coach

Bath & District Girls' Football Tournament



The Team: Isobel M, Bethan T, Amira A, Maddie H, Precious F, Grace B, Ruby E, Alessia Z and Clara W

Another busy week for the girls' football team as they travelled in the mini bus to the Bath & District Girls' Football Tournament at Odd Down. The standard of football was very high with the organisers noting it was the highest they had seen in all the years of running the tournament. The Newbridge players embraced this challenge and continue to grow and develop with every fixture and training session they attend with the school.

The first group game saw a rematch from last weeks cup game v Widcombe. The Widcombe goal keeper was in strong form once more but so was Alessia in the Newbridge goal! Despite lots of chances from both teams it finished 0-0. Next up was a strong Pensford team who piled on the pressure and beat us 0-3 the score could have been higher had it not been for some resolute defending from Bethan and more great goal keeping this time from Maddie in the Newbridge goal.

We really found our stride in the third group game against Saltford with some crisp passing and clinical finishing. Issy in particular was in potent form with 4 goals and unselfish assist to help Ruby also find the back of the net. Coupled with an unfortunate Saltford own goal, the match finished 6-0 win to Newbridge. The team progressed out of the group as one of the top two finishers and entered the Cup quarter finals for the knock out stages where we met a strong Saltford team that beat us 0-4. Despite the score line all the players showed great perseverance and never stopped working hard until the final whistle. Yet more valuable experience in the bank for all involved, well done to everyone and a special well done to Clara our Player of the Day.

A big thanks to all the parents that attended to support the girls and a special thanks to Mr Aliri for coming in the mini bus to support the team.

Year 4 began their Enquiry- 'Does Charity Begin at Home' on Tuesday and found themselves homeless at school. The classrooms were locked up so they had to find a safe space in the school for 60 children, which was not easy. The children missed their waterbottles and being in their 'home' at school. The children explored how people could become homeless with an activity involving making a strong bridge for a 'cup' home to withstand weight being put on it. This was a great afternoon which gave everyone a taste of how hard it is to be homeless.



'Does charity begin at home?'



Year 4 Forest School

Year 4 Forest School this week has been incredible. Thank you to Claire Pickman, our Forest School Leader, for creating amazing experiences for our children in the wilderness.



Our New Library

We love spending more time in our new library during lesson time. Thank you to the NPSA for creating this beautiful space for us.

Are you interested in volunteering in our school?

Our generous volunteers are incredible and complete a number of different roles within our classrooms.

We could not do all that we do, without you.

If you are inspired to volunteer in school, please contact the School Office:

enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk



Moving House?

Having a clear out? Your local school needs your help!

We are transforming our lunchtimes by giving the children lots of household items to play with.

Our favourite play items include:

Anything on wheels - suitcases, pushchairs, trolleys, skateboards, scooters, bikes, wheelchairs, wagons, toys.

Fancy clothing - fun items for dressing up, any shape or size

Kitchen - metal, wood and plastic toys only please

DIY & Tools - ladders, rope, tarpaulins, foam, nets, guttering, tubes

Small electricals - the more buttons the better, phones, keyboards, game controllers

Household - soft furnishings

Gardening - children's tools, wellies, pots, watering cans, waterproof clothing, sandpit toys, bins, baskets, crates, wooden poles, plants

Anything else, we'll give it a second life....surprise us!



WHAT'S ON AT OUR MUSEUMS



No1 Royal Crescent - Drawing Workshop
Thursday 25 October - 5pm-7pm
A playful workshop of drawing for adults and children to do together.
*52 and above



Museum of Bath Architecture - Gothic Stained Glass*
Monday 28 October: 10am-12:30pm
Drop in and make your own stained-glass window decoration from recycled materials. No booking necessary



No1 Royal Crescent - Family Fun Portraits*
Wednesday 30 October: 10-11am & 1-2pm
Make a Georgian style family portrait in clay relief inspired by our new exhibition 'Being There'.



No1 Royal Crescent - Mini Matchbox Keepsakes*
Wednesday 30 October: 11:15am-12:15pm & 2:15-3:15pm
Create a mini matchbox portrait with a bit of bling, taking inspiration from our exhibition 'Being There'.



Herschel Museum - Stories in the Sky Planetarium Show*
Thursday 31 October: see website for timings
Join us at Bath Central Library for an exploration of myths and stories tied to the constellations from various cultures.

***Half term activities free for Discovery Card Holders**
See our website for booking details <https://www.bath-preservation-trust.org.uk>

BATH PRESERVATION TRUST

Peter Pan Preschool Christmas Craft Morning



Saturday 23rd November
11.00 – 12.00
£5.00 per child
Payable on the door cash or card
All crafts included
Tea, coffee, hot chocolate & cakes available too!

Newbridge Primary School

WE ARE HIRING

Join Our Team!

DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN CARING FOR AND SUPERVISING THEM AT LUNCHEMES?

JOB POSITION: SCHOOL MEALS SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

Newbridge Primary School is a large primary school on the outskirts of Bath with approximately 400 pupils on roll. This school is strongly committed to enabling each child to access a broad, enriched education of the highest quality. Our aspiration is to be the best we can be and we are very ambitious about what we can achieve for our children. The following post offers an opportunity to be part of a supportive, caring and committed school community who have high expectations of themselves and each other, and who have children at the centre of their philosophy.

As soon as possible, we would like to appoint a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to cover the following hours:



Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
11.45am – 1.15pm
£11.79 per hour
Permanent Contract

The ideal candidate will need to be:

- Patient and caring
- Dedicated to all children achieving the best they can
- An excellent team player
- Resilient and energetic

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. We follow safer recruitment practices and appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

To find out more, please contact
Newbridge Primary School
enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk
01225 421675

Fixed Penalty Notice

If your child misses school because of an unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (or 5 days), the school may issue penalty notices.

Penalty notices will be issued separately to each parent, and for each child. The fine for each penalty notice is £120, with 28 days to pay. If you pay within 21 days, the fine is reduced to £60 for each penalty notice.

For example, a family with two parents (1&2) and two children (A&B) taking unauthorised absence would receive the following penalties:

- **Parent 1** = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties
 - **Parent 2** = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties
- Total payable by the family = 4 penalties (or £480).**

If the family in this example had paid their fine within 21 days of being issued the penalty notice, they would have had to pay £240.

For further information:

B&NES Website for parents – Penalty Notice code of conduct.

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/pay-penalty-notice-non-attendance-school>
[Information for Parents and Carers August 2024 \(1\).docx \(live.com\)](#)