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Term Dates

Tuesday 19th September Forest School 2M

Wednesday 20th September Forest School 4B

Tuesday 26th September Forest School 2R

Wednesday 27th September Forest School 4T

Monday 18th September Clubs Start

Friday 29th September
Feel Good Friday
NPSA Cake and Uniform Sale
3.30pm

2nd/4th/6th October Open Classrooms 3.20pm – 4pm

> Tuesday 4th October Forest School 2M

Wednesday 4th October Forest School 4B

Wednesday 4th October Year 6 to Fleet Air Arm Museum

Tuesday 10th October Online Parents' Evening

Tuesday 10th October Forest School 2R

Wednesday 11th October Forest School 4T

Friday 13th October
Pupil Photographs

Monday 16th October Florence Nightingale Day

Tuesday 17th October Forest School 2M

Wednesday 18th October Forest School 4B

Tuesday 17th October Open Afternoon for 2024 intake

Thursday 19th October Online Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October Feel Good Friday Harvest Festival

The School Calendar and Term Dates can be found here.

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone for your full support in all of our expectations. The children are responding well to being back at school and are rising to the challenges and responsibilities set. We feel very proud of all 411 children and are looking forward to seeing what they will achieve over the course of the year.

Year 4 had some VERY special visitors

Year 4 had such a fun and engaging learning opportunity this week when 'Jonathan Jungle' visited their classes. He brought with him some fascinating endangered species which the children learnt about and were able to hold. Jonathan Jungle's visit links with the class novel the year group are reading this term, The Explorer, and encourages the children to think about what kind of animals they might discover if they were to be an explorer. Whilst the animals were astonishing, the children's behaviour and respect for them was outstanding. We all felt very proud of the children. Jonathan recognised this too and sent a lovely letter, reflecting this. Please see below for this and some great photographs.

Meet the Teacher meetings

Many thanks indeed to the many parents who were able to come along for the Meet the Teacher sessions over the past two weeks. We have received very positive feedback about these and are pleased they were helpful. On 2nd, 4th and 6th October all of the classrooms will be open after school for parents to come with children to share the learning that has happened this term and to see the classroom environment.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the extra-curricular activities. The registers have been drawn up and places have been confirmed ready for the clubs to start on Monday 18th September and which will run until half term. Please let the office know if your child would like to attend a club as there are still a few spots available. Please note that there is no charge for fee paying clubs if your child is in receipt of free school meals, eligible by benefit.

NPSA Picnic - today

The first NPSA event of the year is happening today. The Newbridge Primary School Association has arranged a 'Back to School' picnic for parents and children to enjoy whilst we can make the most of the good weather. If you are coming along, please can we remind everyone to bring a bag to take any waste home for recycling. Also, to keep everyone safe, please can I remind parents and carers that they are responsible for their children at all times. All children must stay in sight, on the school field. Many thanks to all those who have made this event possible; continuing to support our community. Please see the website for the latest newsletter from the NPSA, which contains information about exciting events and who our committee members are. You can find it here.

Forest School starts next week

We know that all children, past and present, love the Forest School experience we are able to provide. Next week, Year 2 will commence the sessions for the first time and Year 4 will revisit them. Our formal Forest School teaching is led by Sarah Webb, who is so highly regarded by everyone. The respect Sarah has taught our children, over many, many years, to have for the environment is something we value greatly.

Google Classroom

You will likely know that the class teachers postshort 'blogs' on their Google Classroom page and hopefully saw last Friday's post. The teachers provide an overview of the week, photographs and any necessary reminders for upcoming weeks. The teachers were delighted to receive much more interest in the 'blogs' last week and welcomed parents and carers engagement. If you could leave a simple message or even a thumbs-up, this week, we would love to hear from you. Please do get in contact with the School Office if you are having any problems with logging in to Google Classroom.

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Punctuality

It is a legal requirement for children to attend school regularly and also for children to be at school on time. The children must be in class for registration at 8.55am, meaning they need to be through the gates by 8.53am. Children arriving after 8.55am are marked as Late (L). Children arriving after 9.10am are marked as Unauthorised (U). If you are late, please make sure you bring your child to the office to signin.

Open Afternoons for Reception children 2024/25

Looking ahead to our Reception intake for September 2024, please know, and share with friends, that our prospective Open Afternoons will be held on Tuesday 17th October and Tuesday 31st October. Each afternoon will offer a choice of two times to sign up for. To register interest in attending one of these sessions, please call the school office on 01225 421675.

Reminders

When dropping and picking up children from school, during the school day, please make use of the 30 minute bays outside the school gates. Please note that if your child is being picked up for a medical appointment during the day, the vehicular gate will remain closed, and therefore the pedestrian gate is available for use.

Concerns have been raised about children climbing on the short length wall immediately outside the Charmouth Road gate, before and after school. Please can parents and carers advise their children not to do this.

Children and adults, for safety reasons, are not permitted to ride scooters or bikes on the school grounds. Again, concerns have been raised about this, especially at the end of the day when children are scooting down the school drive. Our site is very busy at these key times and everyone needs to feel safe.

Dogs are not permitted on the school site at any time. Please can parents and carers refrain from tying dogs to the school railings which in turn block the pathway.

Email address for parents

For all correspondence, and to make initial contact with a member of staff, please can parents use the email address enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk

We wish you a restful weekend and hope you enjoy the picnic, if you are coming along.

With best wishes

Gill Kennaugh



Around School This Week



JONATHAN JUNGLE VISITS YEAR 4











After the visit, at home, Grace wrote about the visit.

"As I walked in, my tummy did a backflip in joy. I saw boxes containing some animals:

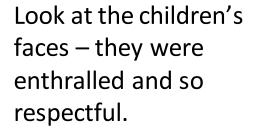
- 5 Turanchulas
- 1 Snake
- 1 Gecjo
- 1 Stick Inset

The Turanchulas were up first and they were VERY HAIRY, VERY, VERY HAIRY".













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Tuesday 12th September 2023

Dear Ms Kennaugh

Re: My visit to Newbridge Primary School today

I just wanted to write to express my sincerest thanks to all staff and children in Year 4 for making my 'friends' and I feel so welcome during my repeat visit to your school this morning! It is always lovely to spend time with members of staff who work so well as a team and who strive to provide the best quality of experience for the children at their school. The fact that they were also willing to go to great efforts to make a visitor like myself feel so welcome and valued was very much appreciated.

I enjoyed my visit to your school very much (just as I did last year!) and this was largely due to my job being made so much easier by the courteous, respectful and sensible behaviour displayed by all of the Year 4 children who took part in the sessions, including those in Year 5 whom I met during their time in Year 4 last year. Their behaviour during the sessions was exemplary and this is truly a great credit to the Year 4 team and the wider school.

The children in Year 4 listened carefully to my instructions and advice regarding proper care

and handling of the animals and as a result were exceptionally gentle and considerate of the animals when doing so. This is always fantastic to see in children of all ages and I am very grateful for this, as I take the welfare and well-being of my animals very seriously.

They also asked a great many thoughtful and relevant questions during these sessions and showed a real interest in taking part. I hope the children all took a great deal of both information and enjoyment from the experience of meeting my animals. It was especially nice to see those children who were initially nervous about my visit getting involved (by choice) and conquering their fears!

I'd like to specifically thank Mrs Bartlett for inviting me back to your lovely school and for communicating effectively with me at all times. Please pass on my sincerest thanks and very best wishes to all staff and children in Year 4; my 'friends' and I will certainly hope to see you all again next year!



Yours sincerely

Jonathan Cleverly BSc (Hons) MSc PGCE Email: jonathansjungle@btinternet.com www.jonathansjungleroadshow.co.uk



We are so proud of how our Year 6 pupils are responding to being the oldest in the school, and with this, great role models. This week, the Year 6 pupils have been invited to apply for the roles and responsibilities which are needed across the school. They have been completing 'job' applications, setting out their skills and why they would be a good choice. Well done all of Year 6 you are setting a fantastic example to others.



Our School Library

Don't forget, the Library is open to borrow books **every weekday until 4pm**.

Very kindly, parent volunteers give up their time to promote an enjoyment of reading and access to the Library.

Please find the Library through the Upper School Foyer and Blue Room Please, please can all parents and carers check that all items are named.
Already, we have some lost property.

The Upper School lost property is on the pegs immediately inside the main cloakroom.

The Lower School lost property is in a red box on the stage in the Lower School Hall.

Our Reception children have had their first school meals this week.

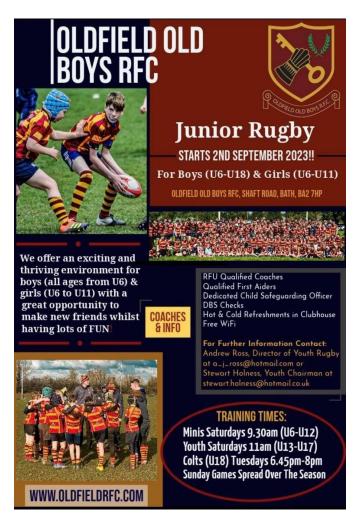














We are pleased to invite you to our open events in September. You will get the opportunity to hear from our Headteacher, meet students and teachers, and see the school.

Join us

Open Evening 2023 Wednesday 20 September 6-8.30pm

Open Morning 2023 Tuesday 26 September 9-10.30am

Please check our website prior to visiting, for any changes to these dates and times.

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