

# NEWBRIDGE S

www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk Tel 01225 421675 / 421421620

Issue 1.03 22.09.23.

#### **Term Dates**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September Forest School 2R

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September Forest School 4T

Friday 29th September Feel Good Friday

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

> Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Forest School 2M

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October Forest School 4B

Wednesday 4th October Year 6 to Fleet Air Arm Museum

Tuesday 10th October Online Parents' Evening

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October Forest School 2R

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October Forest School 4T

Friday 13th October Pupil Photographs

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October Florence Nightingale Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October Forest School 2M

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Forest School 4B

**Tuesday 17th October** Open Afternoon for 2024 intake

**Thursday 19th October** Online Parents' Evening

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October Feel Good Friday Harvest Festival Last day of Term 1

The School Calendar and Term Dates can be found here.

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

It has been a very busy week in school, especially with the commencement of extra-curricular activities. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to these. For those children who are entitled to free school meals, eligible by benefit, it is not too late to join a club – please can parents contact the school office to find out about places.

#### NPSA Picnic – what a lovely evening it was!

If you were able to come along to the NPSA Picnic last Friday, I am sure you will have had a lovely time. It was all about community, with many families enjoying the weather, refreshments, entertainment and hot air balloons! The musical performances were outstanding – our past pupils Eve, Eva and Zoe excelled – wowing the crowd with their emotive duet and solo performances. They helped make the evening even more special and we are very grateful that they gave their time and shared their talents. Thank you very much to all involved in making the evening possible.

Please see the latest NPSA newsletter <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. It lists the upcoming activities and don't forget the annual Scarecrow Trail is this Sunday from 10am to 4pm. This year's theme is 'Favourite Book' and there are an impressive 22 scarecrows to discover around the locality with refreshments available from 5 Rosslyn Road. Thank you to Rachel Rogers, Vicki Hirst, Jan Bishop and Neil Clews for making this happen and to the brilliant, creative families who will have put in much effort for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards and helped at the cake and uniform sales held this afternoon. The cake sale raised £261.98 and the uniform sale raised £65.

Our first NPSA meeting of the year is on Tuesday at 7.30pm, in Class 6N, in the Upper School – everyone is welcome to help plan for events later in the year and bring forward their own ideas.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

I have mentioned before the importance we place on the children having roles and responsibilities across the school. This week, having applied for 'jobs' in Year 6, the teachers have been sifting through the many, many applications and we plan to announce these next week. This week, the Class Ambassadors have been selected. This role involves representing the class to visititors when they call at school and classrooms. The children practise 'meeting and greeting' and explain what the class is learning, plus fielding any questions. It is a role the children take seriously, wishing to represent their class and school with pride. The newly selected Class Ambassadors are listed below.

#### **Our Whole School Assembly**

Each Monday, the whole school meets at 9.10am. This provides a positive start to the week and is useful in exploring themes we value, together. This week's assembly was inspired by Alba from Class 4T. Alba, independently, wrote a short book with messages to reassure others that 'It's OK'. Although only 8 years old, Alba's messages were sophisticated and heartfelt. The children listened carefully, understanding what Alba wanted them to take away. Katie, from Class 6N, was particularly inspired by Alba's book and the next day she eagerly showed me a book she had written, with more messages to help others - this is what we call the ripple effect. Both children demonstrated our core values – Learning and Communication, Creativity and Imagination, Personal Development, Collaboration and Citizenship – we are very proud of them.

#### 'Feel Good Friday'

You will notice that on the calendar we list 'Feel Good Friday' on the last Friday of each month. For those who do not know, on this day the teachers plan activities which support pupils' well being and their social and emotional development. September's FGF is themed around 'what makes us happy'. Unless completing PE that day, the children should wear school uniform, unless otherwise instructed.

#### **Parental Questionnaire Response**

In July, I sent out the results of the Parental Questionnaire. Please now find <a href="here">here</a> the school's full response to matters raised. We are grateful for the time parents spent in completing the questionnaire, which has informed some changes we are able to make and areas we will review and develop, where possible. Within the response document, you will all be able to see the areas identified for particular focus in this year's School Development Plan.

#### **School Homework**

You will already know that we have moved away from Doodle for most year groups and are introducing new activities for some year groups. Below, we have listed the expectations for each year group and more information about these will follow.

#### **Open Classrooms**

Prior to the online Parents' Evenings, which will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October, the classrooms will be open to all parents from 3.20pm to 4.00pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to view pupil books and the classroom environment. Details about booking the online Parents' Evening meeting will be published next week.

#### **Google Classroom**

The class teachers post short 'blogs' on their Google Classroom page each Friday. They provide an overview of the week, photographs capturing learning activities and any necessary reminders for upcoming weeks. If you could leave a simple message or even a thumbs-up this week, we would love to hear from you. The teachers like to know the posts are valued.

Please get in contact with the School Office if you are having any problems with logging in to Google Classroom.

#### 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**

Please can parents and carers ensure the children are waiting safely when outside the Charmouth Road gates before a morning activity. Concerns have been raised about children darting back and forth across the road, behind the short length wall as staff cars are arriving. We need to keep everyone safe – thank you.

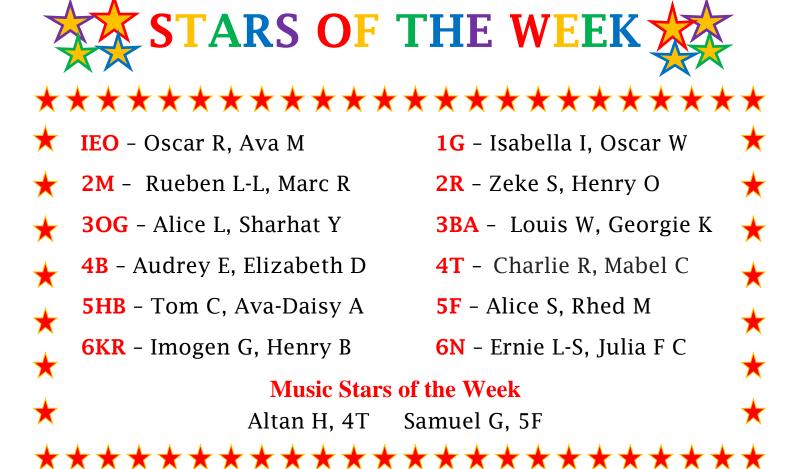
#### **Email address for parents**

For all correspondence, and to make initial contact with a member of staff, please can parents use the email address <a href="mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk">enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk</a>

Have a good weekend and enjoy the Scarecrow Trail.

With best wishes

Gill Kennaugh





- **1EO** Charlotte J, Olly H
- 2M Ava B, Arlo B
- **3BA** April B, Phoenix K G **30G** Javier W, Anouk H
- **4B** Arthur L, Precious F
- **5F** Olivia S, Shadan S
- **6KR** Bertie O, Patrick L **6N** Louie A, Emma H

- 1G Evie O, Leo L
- 2R Bella C, Charlie D
- 4T Mabel C, Charlie R
- **5HB** Amira A, Barnaby P

# A HEADTEACHER MENTION

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Well done to Katie M (Class 6N) and Alba M (Class 4T) for the beautiful, heartfelt story books they recently wrote and illustrated, to help others.





# These are the homework tasks that will be set for each year group.

	Maths	English
Reception	Maths tasks introduced later in the year	Daily Reading
Year 1	Doodle Maths (Staying in the Green Zone and an assignment set each week)	Daily Reading  Spelling Lists provided from Term 3  and a pick and mix of spelling activities
Year 2	Doodle Maths (Staying in the Green Zone and an assignment set each week)	Daily Reading  Spelling Lists provided from Term 3  and a pick and mix of spelling activities
Year 3	Times Table Rockstars	Daily Reading  Spelling lists provided and a pick and mix of spelling activities
Year 4	Times Table Rockstars	Daily Reading  Spelling Lists provided from Term 3 and a pick and mix of spelling activities
Year 5	Times Table Rockstars  Maths Watch and/or  Mental Arithmetic Tasks	Daily Reading  Set English Tasks
Year 6	Times Table Rockstars  Maths Watch and/or  Mental Arithmetic tasks	Daily Reading Set English Tasks

More detail will follow about the expectation for each of these tasks and activities.

# **Around School This Week**



Extra curricular clubs have started this week. All of the children completing these activities have been excited to start learning new skills. We are fortunate to have such great opportunities available for the children.











We were so pleased to be back at our Y5/6
Book Club this week. It was lovely to meet
our Year 5 readers who all showed great
focus and confidence in reading aloud.
Our book this term is called 'D-Day Dog' by
Tom Palmer. We are six chapters in and
are already hooked!







Year 1 enjoying their lunches in the Dining Hall.

Beau, Bella, Joey and Rue enjoying the Play Pod at lunchtime.





Year 4 have been using the iPads to support their learning this week.

### **Our NPSA Picnic**





Eve, Eva and Zoe performed at the NPSA Picnic and were outstanding.

# **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.

## **Year 4 Forest School**



We are very lucky to have an amazing Forest School led by Sarah Webb. Sarah does such an incredible job, allowing the children to open their minds to nature.

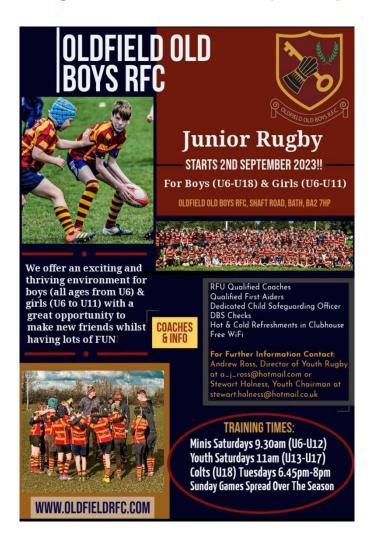
















We are pleased to invite you to our open events in September. You will get the opportunity to hear from our Headteacher, meet students and teachers, and see the school.

#### 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.

www.oldfieldschool.com





