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Term Dates

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

Tuesday 3rd 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 Last day of Term 1

The School Calendar and Term Dates can be found here.

Dear Parents and Carers

We are more than half way through the term and it's full steam ahead. Including for our Reception children who are completing full days in school and are becoming accomplished in all of the routines that are expected of them. There is so much to learn about being in a class of thirty pupils, which can make the first few weeks very tiring, but the children are enjoying building new realtionships and understanding more about life at school. Well done to Bee and Ladybird Class and to all of the adults who form a great team to support the children.

Feel Good Friday

Today saw our First Good Friday of the school year. This was themed around what makes us happy. Walking around the school there was certainly a lot of happiness! The children were baking, making, painting, creating, designing, reading together and playing. The children in many classes had decided on their activities- and loved it!

Open Classrooms

Next week, and prior to the online Parents' Evenings which will be held on 10th and 19th October, the classrooms will be open to all parents from 3.20pm to 4.00pm on Monday 2nd, Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th October. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to view pupil books and the classroom environment. There is no need to book for these sessions, please just come along.

Parents' Evening

A letter was sent out today, informing parents about how to sign-up for an online Parents' Evening time, via School Cloud. The meetings are being held on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 19th October and we encourage every family to make an appointment. Appointments will also be available with Mr Bacon, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator. The system will be live from Monday 2nd October at 7pm, to make bookings. Parents can join from different locations and therefore we ask that only one time slot is selected for each child. The reasons for remaining with the online Parents' Evenings were shared in last week's full response to the parental questionnaire. You can access the information about signing up to SchoolCloud here.

The NPSA Scarecrow Trail

Thank you to the twenty two families who took the time to make incredibly creative 'scarecows' to depict favourite books, last Sunday. We have received some appreciative comments and not just from current school families, but from members of our community, too. Thank you to everyone who helped to plan this event; ensuring it happened for everyone to enjoy.

NPSA this week

We held a well attended NPSA meeting on Tuesday evening where we reviewed recent events, looked ahead to what is coming up, thought about new ideas and discussed targeted fundraising. You will know that the NPSA fundraising last year was for the playground improvement project and whilst this is ongoing, we have also asked the NPSA to fundraise for much needed new books across the school. The first area to be identified is for books to support Key Stage 2 readers. With a generous donation made at the end of last year, we are able to use these funds immediately to start buying what we need. We are then going to look at how we can buy class sets of the same text, to use in whole class reading. Thank you to the NPSA members who are fully supportive of this.

The NPSA is vital to our school and community and it is only successful because of the volunteers who continue to give up their own time to tend to committee matters or organise events. We would love for the NPSA to have much more volunteer support; to share the load and to become involved in something we believe is special to our school community. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact your class rep or the school office.

Roles and Responsibilities

In our whole school assembly on Monday we looked at the theme of responsibility. With this, we took time to meet and congratulate the selected House Captains and Sports Captains. They each understand the role they have to play in modelling our values, being supportive of others and setting a good example. Please see images of our Captains, and our Class Ambassadors as mentioned last week, below.

Volunteers

We always need volunteers in school, in many varying capacities. In order to be a volunteer, a Newbridge Primary School DBS certificate is required. If there has been a gap in volunteering in school of more than 3 months, the DBS needs to be renewed. We require volunteers to support reading with pupils, to offer library sessions after school, to support school trips, to help with gardening, baking, crafting.....there are so many ways in which family members can help, share their skills and get involved. If you or a family member is interested and can commit to a regular slot or wish to be available on an ad hoc basis, please contact the school office.

Google Classroom

Today the teachers will have posted a short 'blog' on Google Classroom. This will summarise the week, offer necessary reminders and will display photographs of the learning activities which have taken place this week. If you could leave a simple message or even a thumbs-up, we would love to hear from you so that the teachers know their posts are useful.

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, 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 register interest in attending one of these sessions, please call the school office on 01225 421675.

Does anyone know?

As I said last week, with the winter weather on the horizon, I hope to offer a free indoor session of Everyone Active on a Thursday morning, instead of being outside. If you know of a Zumba or Street Dance teacher with lots of energy who could lead the session from 8.10am to 8.40am for all ages, in a paid capacity, please let me know.

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 lovely weekend.

With best regards,

Gill Kennaugh



HOUSE CAPTAINS



Zoe M, Barney B, Daniel A, Imogen G, Eloise P, Zach D, Alden R and Maya C-L

SPORTS CAPTAINS

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Samuel E, Albert C, Troy J, Tom M, Lynne A, Beau B, Lara H and Archie

A HEADTEACHER MENTION

Olivia, from Class 4T, went the extra mile when she thought how she could make a new pupil to her class feel welcome. In her own time and with her own resources she made some thoughtful gifts.

I have never seen such big smiles – both Sami and Olivia were over the moon! Well done, Olivia – what a caring Newbridge citizen you are.







OUR CLASS AMBASSADORS



Around School This Week

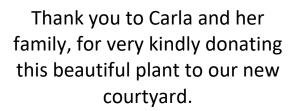


Breakfast Club this week has been intense with an ongoing chess competition between Edward, Year 5 and Clare, Year 1.





Swinging through the week on the monkey bars, in our adventure trail.





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.

Feel Good Friday

It was our first **Feel Good Friday** since being in Year 3. As it coming to the end of 'What makes you happy at work?' week so we thought we'd ask the children what makes them happy at school . Amongst other things, the children chose lego. baking, reading tents, colouring and learning outside. The children worked so nicely together and with huge smiles on their faces!









For their first Feel Good Friday, EYFS played some playground games and explored the playgrounds some more.



Year 6 explored what happiness means to them. They investigated different ways we can enhance happiness in our lives; discussed and prioritised these different ideas into a 'Diamond 9'. They expressed what happiness means through the medium of art.



OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL







Our October 2023 holiday club days provide a range of fun outdoor activities for children aged 5-11 including:

Den building Campfire cooking Environmental arts and crafts Bush craft Storytelling

Games

Plus plenty of opportunities for free range, child-led play and exploration

Sessions will be led by Sarah Webb, with two other assistants.

Sarah is an experienced Forest School leader based in Bath, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site and all activities are risk-assessed.

Tues 24th Wed 25th

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Please bring morning snack, packed lunch and a water bottle. Campfire snacks will be provided in the afternoon.

Cost: 1 day booking: £40 per day – siblings £38 per child per day 2 day booking: £78 per child

Booking essential, please email valair1@hotmail.com or call on 07825 610145 for a booking form. Spaces are limited to 20-25 children per day.

Please note: The Wildwood is out of action during this week. We will make use of the rest of the school grounds. Activities listed above are a go!





