



NEWBRIDGE News

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Term Dates

Monday 16th October
Florence Nightingale Day Y1

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

Term 2

Monday 30th October
First day of Term 2
NPSA logo competition 3.30pm

Tuesday 31st October
Forest School 2R

Wednesday 1st November
Forest School 4T

Thursday 2nd November
NPSA Fireworks

Tuesday 7th November
Forest School 2M

Wednesday 8th November
Forest School 4B

Friday 10th November
NPSA Quiz Night

Tuesday 14th November
Forest School 2R

Wednesday 15th November
Forest School 4B

Wednesday 22nd November
Year 6 (6N) Bath Blitz Walk
EYFS Meeting for Parents at 2:45pm

Thursday 23rd November
Year 6 (6KR) Bath Blitz Walk

Friday 24th November
Feel Good Friday

Tuesday 28th November
Forest School 2M

Wednesday 29th November
Forest School 4T

Friday 1st December
Mufti/School Fair

Tuesday 5th December
Lower School Nativity
Forest School 2R

The School Calendar and Term Dates can be found [here](#)

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have done remarkably well during the first six weeks and with one week to go of Term 1, we recognise that the half term rest will be welcomed. Thank you for your continued support over the course of the term, so far.

Parents' Evening and Interim School Reports

Thank you to those who joined the Parents' Evening meetings on Tuesday - we hope these proved helpful in understanding how your child has settled in class this year and the steps that will support continued progress. If you have not yet signed up, there may be some appointments available for Thursday 19th October which can be booked via the link [here](#). Appointments are also available with Mr Bacon, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator - please contact the school office to book one. Your child's teacher will have referred to an interim report during the meeting. Please know that this will come home with your child today if your meeting was this week. If your meeting is next week, the report will come home on Friday 20th October.

NPSA Newsletter

Please find the latest NPSA Newsletter [here](#). It offers updates on recent and upcoming events. There are some important dates to note – on Monday 16th October, the tickets for our annual Firework Display will go on sale. Following the launch of the NPSA logo design competition on Monday, excitingly, there will be planned events to complete and submit a logo design. I am very grateful to those behind the scenes of the NPSA, enabling the NPSA to be the glue that holds our community together.

Running for the NPSA – Good luck, All!

Thank you and good luck to all of the parents who have been training hard for many months to run the Bath Half on Sunday, very kindly raising funds for the NPSA. We value this dedication and support, greatly. I have no doubt that the Newbridge community will be out in force to cheer on all of the runners – good luck, all. Our incredible runners are: Sean and Ashley Purves, Genna Rogers, Matt Brook, Lizzie Morters, Guy Whiting, Alex Hazle, Sarah Keep, Rupert Taylor and Jonathan Terry.. To donate or to find out more about why they are running, please click on this link: <https://wonderful.org/charities/1014793>

Year 1 – A very exciting visit

There was excitement on Tuesday morning when the South West Ambulance Service kindly brought an ambulance to school for the children to learn more about the work of our emergency services. Thank you very much to parent Joe Laishley and her colleague, Bex, for their time and the expertise they shared.

Netball – Newbridge play at Ralph Allen School

Our Netball team was in action last evening, when they played in the B&NES Girls' Tournament at Ralph Allen School. Mrs Bartlett was full of praise for how the girls played and conducted themselves. Please see a team photo below, and a report. Thank you for your commitment and effort girls - a great performance.

Football – Newbridge v St Stephen's

With more sport taking place, our first football match of the year was held yesterday evening. Looking smart, in Newbridge colours, our boys' team took on St Stephen's at home. As always, the boys were a credit to Newbridge. Please read below for a match report by Mr Farrier and a very focused team photo. Well done boys, you should be proud of your performance.

Early Years Foundation Stage – entering school next week

As Bee and Ladybird Class have successfully managed their start to school and are beyond the transition period, from Monday we asking them to demonstrate their independence by entering school via the door to the Lower School, from the driveway. The children should still come to school via the Charmouth Road gate and parents and carers should enter the site to meet the class teachers who will guide the children into school.

Everyone Active – an exciting change for the Winter months

Everyone Active will move to a Friday morning after the half term holiday. This is to accomodate a fun dance teacher who will lead the session, at the same time, 8.10am and in the Lower School hall. This session is free to everyone – all ages are welcome!

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Photographs were taken today of sibling groups and of individual pupils. A proof and order form will be sent home with each child on Wednesday. Some orders may be eligible for a discounted rate, if ordered by 5th November.

School Meals bookings for Term 2

Please remember that school meals for the week commencing 30th October (the week after half term) will need to be booked by Wednesday 18th October.

Celebrating Harvest – Friday 20th October

We love to celebrate harvest together and we will hold our annual Harvest Assembly on Friday 20th October. For this assembly we kindly ask that families, if possible, can donate a non-perishable food item. All items received will be donated to the Genesis Trust, who operate a Food Bank in Bath. The charity would welcome tinned items including tomatoes, soup, vegetables, meat and fruit and jars of tomato pasta sauce and cartons of long-life fruit juice. We will collect these items on the morning of Friday 20th October, in the Upper School Hall at school drop-off – thank you.

Google Classroom

Please read the short 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today. 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 helpful and valued.

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

Lost Property

There is more lost property in school. Please check the red box in the Lower School hall and the two rows of pegs immediately inside the Upper School cloakroom.

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

STARS OF THE WEEK



★ **IEO** – Rowan T, Nancy F ★ **1G** – Lola S W, Anwen P ★

★ **2M** – Martha D, Mia M ★ **2R** – Teddy O, Arthur B ★

★ **3OG** – Javier W, Alfie N ★ **3BA** – Hannah M, Amelie R ★

★ **4B** – Edward M, Chloe G ★ **4T** – James L, Neula J ★

★ **5HB** – Bethan T, Harry A ★ **5F** – Chloe H, Marley G ★

★ **6KR** – Millie M, Chloe W ★ **6N** – Oliver R, Sophie E ★

★ **Music Stars of the Week** ★

★ Rakib K, 5F Amelie S, 4T ★



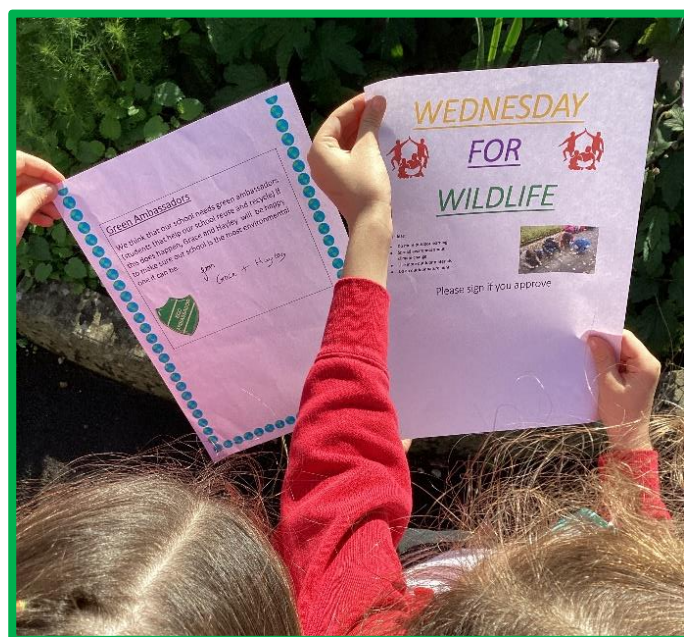
A HEADTEACHER MENTION

This week, we recognise two Newbridge citizens who wish to actively and responsibly make a difference to our world.

Hayley (Class 4B) and Grace (Class 5F) met with me to discuss having Eco Ambassadors. This was their idea and, with this, they wish to promote more ways that we can look after and use our environment. The girls were pleased to know that this item was further discussed by the Senior Leadership Team, who fully agreed that having Eco Ambassadors was a great idea.

The team will look at how we can incorporate Hayley's thoughts into planning our calendar – she has many brilliant and passionate ideas.

Well done girls for all of your hard work and for being so responsible.



Year 3 Haiku Poems

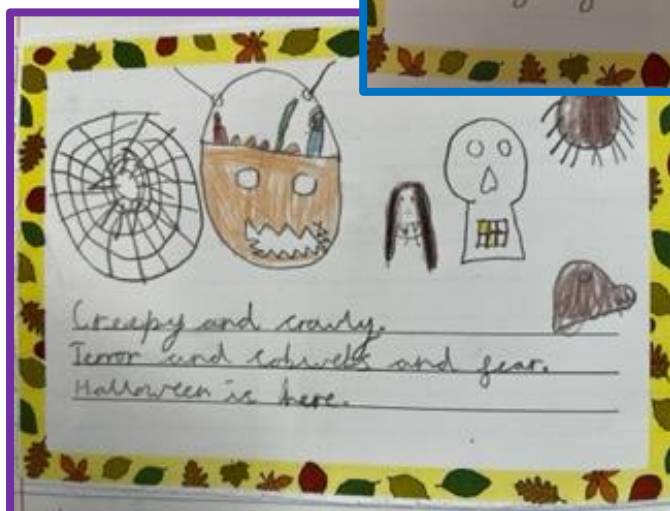
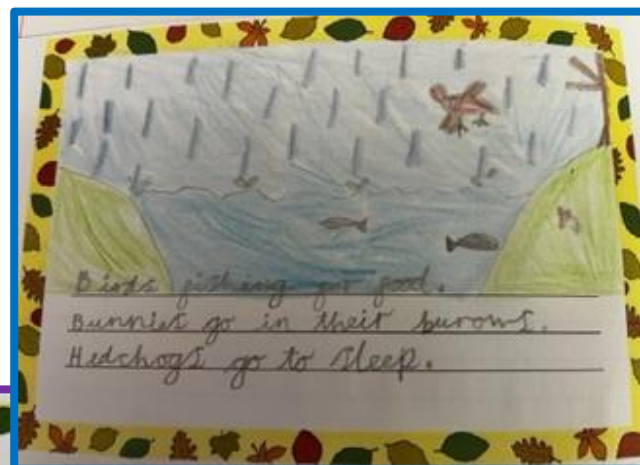
Year 3 have had fun writing Haikus. They are a form of Japanese poetry that contain only seventeen syllables. There are 7 in the first line, 5 in the next and 7 in the final line. They are usually written about nature, and after going on an Autumn hunt we felt inspired to write some. Here are just a few of them.

*Creepy and crawly
Terror and cobwebs fear
Halloween is here*

By Ethel and Mia-Louise

*Birds fishing for food
Bunnies go in their burrows
Hedgehogs go to sleep*

By Beatrix and Matilda



Year 1 Ambulance Visit

Year 1 had an exciting visit this week. They have been learning about 'What Makes a Hero' and had some very exciting heroes come to see them.



Two paramedics brought their ambulance to school and all of the children had the opportunity to go in the ambulance, have their heart rate and oxygen levels measured and, of course, see the flashing blue lights.



They learnt about some of the things that paramedics do to help people and keep them safe. It was a fantastic visit!

Thank you to the South West Ambulance Service for allowing this to happen – and especially to Joe, a parent, and her colleague, Bex, for giving up their time.



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.



Our Little Free Library

At Newbridge, we really want to encourage a 'love of reading' so this year, the Little Free Library is filled with books for all ages, all the time!

Please feel free to bring your child in after school any day to choose a book to keep.

If you would like to donate any books, you can leave them on the tables in the foyer for the librarians to sort.

Happy Reading, All.

Mrs Amor



Extra Play anyone?

The whole of Yellow House celebrated their success with 'extra play' last week, after achieving the most House Points. Yellow House has also won this week. Come on Blue, Red and Green.....!



Girls' Netball Tournament



Sophie E, Lara H, Zoe M, Lynne A, Chloe W
Katie M, Julia F C, Imogen G and Zelda L

Well done to the Girls' Netball team who played against multiple B&NES teams at Ralph Allen on Thursday evening.

Newbridge Girls' Netball team played five fantastic matches, against nine different teams, at Ralph Allen School, yesterday. The girls played extraordinarily well and worked brilliantly as a team.

The team came 3rd in their group and 4th overall.

Well done to Sophie, Lara, Zoe, Lynne, Chloe, Katie, Julia, Imogen and Zelda for the high energy and enthusiasm they showed in all of the games they played.

Thank you to all the parents who supported this event.

Mrs Bartlett – Newbridge Netball Coach



Football – Newbridge v St Stephen's



Barney P, William B, James W, Samuel E, Shahan S,
Tom C, Rhed M, Flynn N and Jake S

Newbridge Boys' Football Team played against St Stephen's Primary School on Thursday evening.

Well done for a fantastic effort from the school football team in a tough match against St Stephen's Primary School.

School Captain, Samuel E, led the charge in a physical game that saw chances at both ends of the pitch. Despite going behind, the boys kept playing with high energy and enthusiasm. There was a fantastic team spirit and the boys encouraged each other right until the last kick.

While we didn't win this one, the players showed what a talented group of footballers we have at Newbridge. A well worked goal at the close of the game was at least some reward for all the effort.

Well done to James, Rhed, Shahan, Sam, Barney, William, Jake, Tom and goal-scorer Flynn. We'll be back!! – Mr Farrier Newbridge Football Coach



‘500 Words’ Writing Competition

The UK’s most successful children’s writing competition ‘**500 words**’ has just launched! The writing will be judged by several well-known authors including the author of the ‘Horrid Henry’ series Francesca Simon and Sir Lenny Henry and the prizes include the winner’s story being brought to life by well-known illustrators and winning a tower of books.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. The main rule is that the story needs to be no more than 500 words long.

For all other rules and details, go to the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words-collection/zj9b8p3>

All stories must be submitted online at the website above. The deadline for the competition is **Friday 10th November**.

If anyone does submit a story, please also send us a copy at school via the school email address enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk as we’d love to see what fantastic stories have been created!

ADVENTURE READS NON-FICTION READS OTHER GREAT BOOKS

The Wild Robot
Peter Brown
Links: Nature, robots, adoptive parents, animal instincts
Warnings: Animal death, mild peril (characters chased),

Dragon Storm
Alastair Chisholm
Links: Dragons
Warnings: Mild peril

Royal Rabbits of London
Santa & Simon Sebag Montefiore
Links: Animals, Royal family, London
Warnings: Mild peril, bullying

Space Detectives
Mark Powers & Dapo Adeola
Links: Space travel, aliens
Warnings: Mild peril

Interview with a Tiger
Andy Seed & Nick East
Links: Animals, interviews
Warnings: None

Factopia
Kate Hale & Andy Smith
Links: Multiple!
Warnings: None

Earth is Big
Steve Tomecek & Marcos Farina
Links: Nature, Maths, science
Warnings: None

Kay's Anatomy
Adam Kay & Henry Parker
Links: Science, bodies
Warnings: All bodily functions included

OBVIOUSLY FAR TOO MANY TO FIT ON A SMALL FLYER

For more information on these books, scan the QR code. For more advice or to get in touch;
Email: Misterbodd@outlook.com
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ASPIRATIONAL READS LONGER READS FUNNY READS

As a parent and a teacher, one of the hardest things is finding appropriate challenging reads for Key Stage 1 pupils.

Wanting to stretch capable readers usually ends up with them being given inappropriate books. This is why I wanted to create this new book list, to support parents and teachers to find appropriately challenging books for younger readers.

All 16 of the books on the main list have been enjoyed by my own children when they were in Year 2.

As well as being accessible as read alones for your most capable readers, the list is also a great list of read alouds for younger children who enjoy longer stories. The longer reads section does include some challenging reads than many KS1 children may find too tricky.

I hope you and your readers enjoy.
@MisterBodd

FOR YOUNGER READERS

Guardians of Magic
Chris Riddell
Links: Magic, fairy tales
Warnings: Mild peril

Peanut Jones
Rob Biddulph
Links: Draw with Rob, famous artists, London landmarks
Warnings: Mild peril, Missing father

Rainbow Grey
Laura Ellen Anderson
Links: Weather, superpowers
Warnings: Mild peril

Charlie Changes into a Chicken
Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne
Links: School show, transformation
Warnings: Mild peril, sibling in hospital

Rex: Dinosaur in Disguise
Elys Dolan
Links: Dinosaurs, careers
Warnings: None

Grimwood
Nadia Shireen
Links: Animals, comparing country and city
Warnings: Mild peril, missing parents

Legend of Kevin
Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre
Links: Mythical creatures, extreme weather
Warnings: None

Panda at the Door
Sarah Horne
Links: Mary Poppins, Edinburgh Zoo
Warnings: Parental split (resolved)



WE ARE HIRING

Join Our Team !

**DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN
YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL?**

JOB POSITION : SMSA

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 access to 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:



Monday - Friday
11.45am – 1.15pm
£10.79 per hour
Permanent Contract



The ideal candidate would have to:

- Be patient and caring
- Be dedicated to all children achieving the best they can
- Be 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 Newbirdge
Primary School**

**enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk
01225 421675**

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

3 x spaces left

Wed 25th

Full

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!

★ **OCTOBER HALF-TERM** ★
MULTI-SPORTS CLUB
 AT KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB
 BS31 1HU

 Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th October
 9.00am–3.30pm

- Welcome to all
- School Years 1-7
- Varied multi-sports/activities
- Inclusive & friendly
- Low child:coach Ratios
- Learn new skills
- Meet new friends
- HAVE FUN!

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A
DAY**



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 <p>23rd Oct</p> <p>Bath Lantern Workshop</p> <p>A fun activity for kids to get involved with over the October Half Term!</p> <p>Banish the winter blues by creating a willow lantern at our lantern making workshop.</p> <p>You can show off your lantern at Bath Lights the Night.</p> <p>Tickets are free, donations are welcome</p> <p>welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night</p>	 <p>15th Nov</p> <p>Bath Lights the Night</p> <p>Bringing light to the streets of Bath during the gloomy dark days, join us across the city to walk through the streets of Bath with beautiful handmade lanterns created by local children. Finishing at Bath Abbey for some music.</p> <p>Seats are on a first come first served basis.</p> <p>welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night</p>	 <p>15th Nov</p> <p>Music at the Abbey</p> <p>Following the Bath Lights the Night procession through the city, we will meet at the Abbey for an evening filled with music and singing from the Orchestra of Everything.</p> <p>If you are in the parade we will reserve a seat for you.</p> <p>Tickets are free, there will be a retiring collection in aid of Dorothy House.</p> <p>welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night</p>
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Browse events and activities at welcometobath.co.uk/beautiful-bath-at-christmas