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w/c Monday 17th June Swimming Y6 pm

Tuesday 18th June Lower School Sports 9.15am – 10.30am

w/c Monday 24th June Swimming Y5 pm

Monday 24th June Class photos

Tueday 25th June Year 4 Stonehenge visit

Wednesday 26th June Year 6 Life Skills trip

Thursday 27th June Year 6 Emergency First Aid

Friday 28th June INSET Day – school closed

> Tuesday 2nd July NPSA Meeting 4B Forest School

Wednesday 3rd July 2M Forest School

Thursday 4th July Moving on Morning

Friday 5th July NPSA Festival of Football

> Saturday 6th July School Fair

Tuesday 9th July 4T Forest School

Wednesday 10th July 2R Forest School 2M School Trip Optional Parents' Evening

Thursday 11th July Year 6 Production 7pm

Year 6 Production 7pm

Friday 12th July 2R School Trip NPSA Lolly Sale

Thursday 18th July Year 6 Leavers; Tea and Disco 4.30pm to 6pm

Friday 19th July
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
1.45pm
End of term for the children

For inset days and more information: https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week.

Year 5 and Year 6 Girls' Cricket Tournament: Our girls' cricket team was in action on Tuesday, playing at the Sulis Club. The team, representing our school brilliantly, were: Bethan T, Bea V, Emma H, Zelda L, Julia F-C, Maddie H, Chloe G, Clara W and Evie H. Like last week's team, they reached the semi-finals, and had a great deal of fun in doing so. Well done, girls and especially Maddie, Player of the Match.

Newbridge v Combe Down: After school on Thursday, we welcomed Combe Down. The mixed team was Benjamin W, Bethan T, Isobel M, Kameron B, Chase D, Oscar D, Jack T, Eddie M, Clara W, Ruby E and Patrick W. Please read below for a match report – illustrating resilience, skill and team work. Well done, all.

Lower School Sports: Our Lower School Sports will be held on Tuesday 18th June, at 9.15am - this will include Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Parents and carers are warmly invited to spectate. The children will complete three activities on the school field and the event will last just over an hour and will end with a toddlers' race. There will be a coffee van on site, with some of the proceeds from this going towards the NPSA. With the current poor weather, if we understand that the conditions will not be safe/too wet, we will make the decision to postpone the event on Monday.

Responsible, hardworking citizens: You might remember that Harry R (Class 1EO) and Ella R (Class 4B) hold an annual plant sale. Through dedication, care and hard work they grow many plants from seed over the course of the year, with the help of their parents, they hold a plant sale at their house, and again have generously donated the proceeds of this - £500, to the NPSA to support our Library project. We are very grateful and we are so proud of Harry and Ella for being such responsible and caring Newbridge citizens.

B&NES Hub Collaboration: Our collaboration with the Local Authority maintained schools in B&NES remains very strong. Nearing the end of our second year of professional development work together, we are all reaping the benefits of sharing good practice, resources and ideas. Recent events have included Headteacher peer reviews of our schools, the moderation of writing with colleagues, a training session on Special Educational Needs and subject cluster meetings for all areas of the curriculum. We are currently planning for next year's activities and keeping the children's learning and progress at the centre of our action plan.

School photographs: Class photographs will be taken on Monday 24th June. If your child has PE on this day, please can they come to school dressed in their school uniform, with their PE kit in a bag. They will then have the chance to change before their PE lesson.

Parental Questionnaire 2024: To aid our future development planning, please can we ask for your time to complete the Parental Questionnaire, will be published next week. Please complete one response per household and if this could be done by Friday 28th June. it would be appreciated. We found your responses last year very helpful and a summary of these, as published last July, is included below. We are delighted to have fulfilled every aim, as set out in this document to you, over the course of this year.

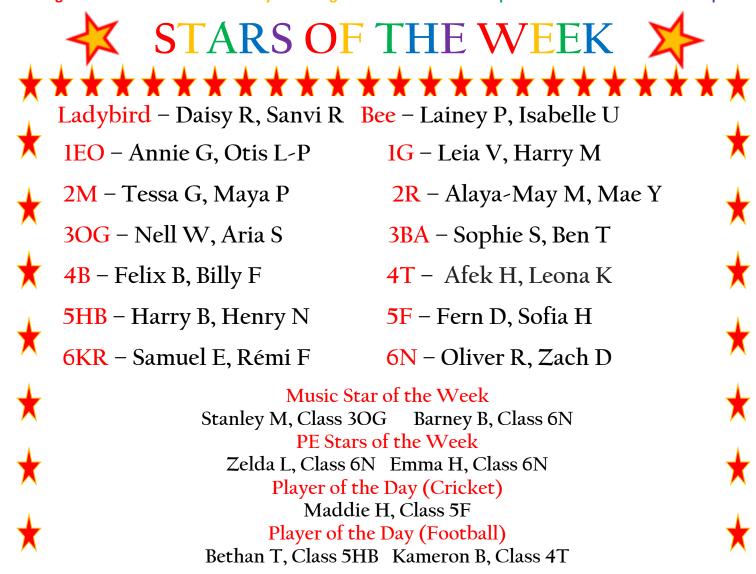
Taking images at school events and use of mobile phones: Please can I remind parents and carers that whilst it is permitted to take images at school events, no one else's child should be posted on social media. In addition, if a parent or carer is working with a child in a volunteer capacity, personal mobile phones must be out of sight and not used at this time. We are continually reviewing our pupil mobile phone policy, and the advice at this time remains that the older children should only have a phone at school — which is kept in the office - when it is vital to the child's safety for walking to and from school. However, I strongly advise that phones are not brought to school, at all.

Science and Art Week: Science Week will take place next week. This year's theme is 'Perfect Patterns'. Please read below for more details and the ever popular competition, with all entries closing on 19th June.

NPSA BBQ: Sadly, the poor weather has put paid to our usual style of BBQ and the plan has had to move indoors. This will have put additional strain on the parents who have kindly stepped up to organise this for our community and I especially offer my thanks to them. Sincere thanks is extended to Tom Dunn, parent of Sophia and Toby, who has given his time to cater for the event with his catering company, Black and White. Thank you for your support in attending this evening, we are sure it will be enjoyable, despite the weather.

Google Classroom: Please remember to log into your child's Google Classroom account to see what has been taught this week and the activities completed. The teachers take additional time to complete the posts for you to enjoy and utilise. This week only 11% of the school has interacted with the posts.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Gill Kennaugh



Festival of Football

The Upper-School (Year 3/4/5/6) Festival of Football will be taking place on Friday 5th July, 3:30-5:30pm.

Teams of 5 (maximum 7 with 5 players on the pitch) will play against each other in short games with a possible knock out stage depending on numbers.

Each team needs to register with a responsible adult as their manager by Friday 28th June.

Entrance is £3 per child, preferably paid in teams to the NPSA bank account (account number 82873168, sort code 30-99-86) stating the team name as reference. Use the link to register - one form per team.

Click here to fill in the online admission form.



Bethan and Abigail, from Year 5, are remarkable citizens.
Having written to Wera Hobhouse, to gain support, they have planned the Big Bath Clean-Up for this Saturday, 16th June.
If you would like to take part in this activity, to help clean up our local area, please meet in the school car park at 9am.

Newbridge Primary School Facebook Page

As a school we have created a new Facebook page to promote our Newsletters, events, jobs and many more exciting things that take place at our school.

You can give our page a follow/ like by clicking here.



Year 5/6 B&NES Girls' Large School Cricket Tournament



The team: Bethan T, Bea V, Emma H, Zelda L, Julia F-C, Maddie H, Chloe G, Clara W and Evie H

Like the boys' tournament last week, the standard was high throughout, but Newbridge were well prepared by our excellent school cricket coaches, Tom Baker and Ella Worthington. Ella from Landsdown Cricket Club has specifically been working to develop Girls' Cricket within the school this summer, which we have welcomed.

Group games saw Newbridge beat Bathwick 44-34, and then see off Trinity, with a 46-23 win. The confidence was growing and under expert the leadership of Captain, Zelda and Vice Captain, Emma the next match saw a convincing 73-34 win against St Peter's.

The next stop was the Cup Quarter Finals against a well organised Farrington team, who put up some firm resistance before Newbridge ran away with a 78-47 victory.

Reaching the Semi Final saw Newbridge's run of success come to an end, as we fell short to a very strong St Stephen's 'A team', 27-142.

The player of the day was Maddie, who is relatively new to cricket but performed excellently with both bat and ball.

Well done to all involved, and a huge thanks to Mrs Dennis, who came along to support and encourage the team throughout the day.

Mr Wallace – PE Leader

Newbridge Mixed Football v Combe Down



The team: Benjamin W, Bethan T, Isobel M, Kameron B, Chase D, Oscar D, Jack T, Eddie M, Clara W, Ruby E and Patrick W

On a wet and windy Thursday, Newbridge hosted Combe Down in our first mixed football match.

The first quarter was very evenly balanced with both teams working hard in and out of possession. It was great to see everyone in the team linking up so well and encouraging each other. Impressive defending and goal keeping was the main feature of the quarter with neither team managing to break the deadlock.

The second quarter saw Combe Down pull away with two goals in relatively short succession.

Unperturbed, Newbridge moved through the third quarter with some excellent interlinking play and started peppering the opposition goal, it felt like only a matter of time before a Newbridge goal would come but unfortunately it didn't, mainly thanks to some excellent goal keeping from the Combe Down keeper.

Newbridge went on to lose the game 4-0 but without some excellent defending and goal keeping from our two players of the day Bethan and Kameron it could have been more.

Well done to all involved!

Mr Wallace – PE Leader

Incredible creations!



Finley P, in Class 5F, has created a beautiful, wooden model of a longship, at home. The project has taken five months to complete - perfect timing for the new Year 5 History topic about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Alongside, this, Finlay has also made a smaller cardboard model. Finlay was supported in this home-learning by both of his grandfathers — what a team!





Rising Stars Gymnastic Competition

Mabel, from Class 4T, went to the Rising Stars gymnastic competition and came first on floor, first on vault and first overall!

How amazing is that? Well done, Mabel.



Dance Sessions with Miss Harriet



Everyone Active

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first dance session of the term this morning—it was

Sessions will continue each Friday morning at 8.10am until 8.40am.



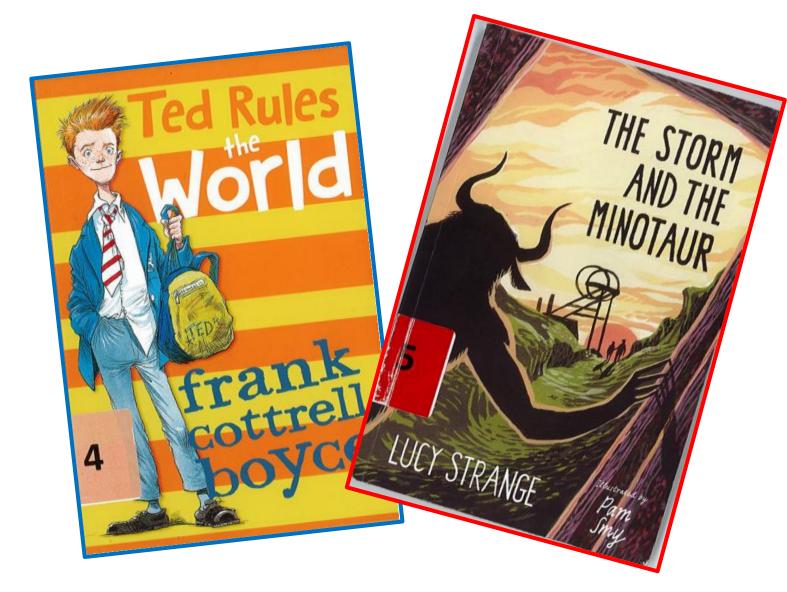


Have you seen our Key Stage 2 Barrington Stoke books?

A big selection of our new Barrington Stoke books are missing and we are unable to locate these within our school. We would like to encourage parents and carers to look at home to see if they have any of these books. The books have been very well received within our school and are making a positive impact on progress in reading.

The main identifying factors on these books are the labels on the side and they will have buff-coloured pages.

Please email the school office if you locate any of these books.





OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL







While Sarah Webb is recovering, Jonny and Lesley Houston have temporarily taken over the organisation and running of the holiday club.

Holiday Club this Easter providing 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 Jonny and Lesley Houston and Claire Pickman, who are experienced Forest School leaders, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance.

Also, a possible guest appearance from Sarah Webb.

The site and all activities are risk-assessed.

Dates: Tuesday 30th July, Wednesday 31st July, Thursday 1st August,

Tuesday 6th August, Wednesday 7th August, Thursday 8th August, Monday 19th August, Tuesday 20th August, Tuesday 28th August,

Wednesday 28th August and Thursday 29th August

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

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

2 days booking: £78 per child

Booking essential: Please email Lesley on musiclch@yahoo.co.uk for a booking form.

Spaces are limited to 20 children per day.

Your booking will be confirmed once your completed booking form and

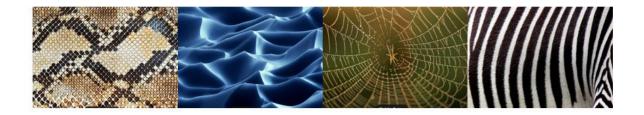
payment have been received.

Please bring: Weather appropriate clothing, morning snack, packed lunch and a

water bottle. Campfire snacks will be provided in the afternoon.



Science and Art Week 2024



From Monday 17th – Friday 21st June we will be celebrating 'Newbridge Science and Art Week 2024'. The theme of this year's special week is 'Perfect Patterns.' We will be exploring anything and everything to do with patterns in the world around us and pattern making. Think animal patterns, leaf patterns, patterns in the night sky, patterns in sound and much more! During the week, there will be a variety of stimulating and engaging investigations and art and design activities.

Competition Time

In the past few years, we have been blown away by your Science and Art Week competition entries!

This year, if you would like to take part, we would like you to create a piece of 2D or 3D art linked to the theme 'Perfect Patterns.' This could be anything from model making and watercolour painting to textile printing and photography.

All entries will need to be handed into your teacher by **Wednesday 19**th **June.** Please ensure that all entries are labelled with your name and class.

Are you ready to explore 'Perfect Patterns?'
Mrs O'Byrne

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| NPS Parental Questionnaire July 2023 – all development points be | Agree/ Strongly Agree | Disagree/ Strongly Disagree | Don't Know | Not applicable | |
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| have now been completed 156 responses received 1 response | e = 0.6% | | | | |
| 1. My child is happy at school | 98.1% | 1.3% | 0.6% | N/A | |
| We are pleased with these strong results. We would urge any parent who senses their child is not happy at school to contact the class teacher in the first instance. | | | | | |
| 2. My child feels safe at school | 99.4% | 0% | 0.6% | N/A | |
| We are pleased with these strong results. Our staff pride themselves on demonstrating care for pupil well-being and safeguarding procedures. | | | | | |
| 3. The school ensures its pupils are well behaved | 96.0% | 1.0% | 3.0% | N/A | |
| These are strong results. However, we are focusing on pupil behaviour as an aspect of our School Development Plan for the year 23/24. We wish to ensure that we have a consistent approach to behaviour strategies in order to support all staff in their varying roles across the school. We will be using 'Walkthrus', based on Rosenshine's principles, to underpin professional development in this area and already we have promoted 'fantastic walking' - meaning that everyone is moving around our large site calmly and carefully at all transitions. We are about to start a consultation on the use of the 'traffic light' system which is part of the school's behaviour policy. We are currently considering how this system might be replaced as it is important that behaviour which falls below our expectations is challenged and that positive behaviour is reinforced. | | | | | |
| 4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with it quickly and effectively | 15.4% | 4.5% | 5.8% | 74.4% | |
| We take all allegations of bullying seriously and we urge any parent to contact a class teacher has not been satisfactorily resolved. When concerns are reported, we work with all parties to The Anti-Bullying Alliance has an agreed shared definition of bullying - 'The repetitive, intentic imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-factoric https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/key-information/policies. | resolve issues and this include anal hurting of one person or gr | es on-going monitoring of soup by another person of | of the situation. For group, where the rela | | |

5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn throughout the term/year.

89.1%

7.1%

3.8%

N/A

We have always provided a detailed breakdown of all learning objectives for each subject, for all classes, six times per year. These have been displayed on the school website at the start of each term, on the class page, and are promoted in the weekly newsletter.

We will move away from this system and will provide parents with documents for each foundation subject, which will map out the progression of skills taught in all year groups. These will be uploaded to the school website for Term 2 and will again be promoted in the weekly newsletter, along with further information for parents about our curriculum.

6. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

Yes - 10.9%

No - 89.1%

N/A

N/A

Pupils are identified as having SEND through a variety of ways including :-

- Performing below age expected levels, or making slower rates of progress than peers
- Concerns raised by parents
- Concerns raised by a teacher, for example behaviour or self-esteem is affecting performance
- Consultations between class teachers and members of the leadership team where progress data is discussed
- Liaison with external agencies, e.g. Educational Psychology Service
- Health diagnosis through a pediatricians or other medical professional
- Liaison with previous school or setting, if applicable

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| 7. My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed. | 88.2% (15) | 11.8% (2) | N/A | N/A |
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At Newbridge we have staff with specialism in Speech, Language and Communication, Social, Emotional and Mental Health, Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia), and supporting pupils new to English. We have worked hard to develop our provision in these areas, as need has increased.

Prior to being added to the SEND Register an *initial concerns* process may be initiated. This entails recording the details of the concern and monitoring the impact of any additional support that is put in place. All parents and carers with pupils on the initial concerns register are invited to meetings of the Parents' Forum for SEND, along with parents of pupils on the SEND Register. We actively seek opportunities to collaborate with parents, through this forum, which meets termly. The Terms of Reference for this group are as follows: *Newbridge Parents' Forum for SEND will work to support staff Senior Leaders and Governors by considering ways to further refine and improve home-school links. Meetings will be held termly and invitation is open to any parent. <i>Minutes and actions from the meeting will shared with link governor for SEND and Newbridge Senior Leadership Team.*

The class teacher should be your first point of contact for initial discussion: they know the pupils best and work with them every day that they are in school. The class teacher will meet parents at least on a termly basis (this could be as part of Parents' Evening, but need not be) to discuss your child's needs, support and progress. Our SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator is a full time member of the teaching staff and can be contacted via the school office for an appointment. Mr Bacon is also available for appointments at Parents' Evening. Further information about SEND can be found on the Newbridge Primary website https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/key-information/send

8. The school has high expectations of my child

84.0% 4.5%

11.5% N/A

The School Development Plan in 2022/23 set out that we should be ambitious for every child and ensure challenge in lessons. Progress in this aspect was made, and we will always seek to improve this. We will aspire, in 2023/24, to improve all statutory outcomes and, as part of this year's School Development Plan, we are focusing on increased pupil engagement in lessons – we visited this at the Inset day at the start of Term 1 and further professional development is planned for the Inset day in January 2024. In addition, through our School Development Plan, we are focusing on the progress of disadvantaged pupils, aiming to ensure that more pupils meet the expected standard in Reading. With this, we aim to fundraise for a new reading scheme for Key Stage 2 pupils, and the NPSA has agreed to target funding in this area.

| 9. My child does well at Newbridge Primary School | 95.5% | 0.6% | 3.8% | N/A |
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| See below. | | | | |
| 10. The school lets me know how my child is doing | 87.2% | 9.6% | 3.2% | N/A |

The question prompted the highest response of Disagree/Strongly Disagree. Therefore, we have reviewed how we report to parents. We will provide new style written reports three times per year, with updates on progress against age related expectations.

Some parents said they preferred face to face Parents' Evenings. However, after consideration and discussion with the teaching staff, the online meetings will remain. Online meetings support teacher workload. With 30 pupils in each class and 10 minute meetings booked, these take a considerable amount of time. It is the case that in face to face meetings parents do not keep to their 10 minute allocated slot and individual meetings can over-run by up to 20 minutes. With uninterrupted meetings that can be accessed from any venue and with the option for parents to join separately, we feel the online meetings serve many purposes. You will know that we reintroduced the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings at the start of term, which were well received. The Open Classroom sessions will remain three times year, providing parents with an opportunity to view their child's learning.

We always promote an open door policy and parents should know that they do not need to wait for a Parents' Evening in order to meet with the class teacher about a concern or progress. Parents are able to request a meeting with their class teacher at any point in the school term, and we encourage this.

11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school 93.6% 1.9% 4.5% N/A

We provide a broad and balanced curriculum, meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum. As another aspect of our School Development Plan this year, subject leaders are being given increased time to monitor their subjects to ensure curriculum coverage and implementation of the progression of skills. Over the course of the year, we will also consider how best we can assess progress in the foundation subjects.

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| 12. My child in Year 1 to Year 6 can take part in clubs and activities at this school | 84.0% | 1.3% | 0.6% | 14.1% |
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We are very pleased with the number of extra-curricular activities we are able to offer, which was up to 23 different activities in one term. We promoted that clubs with a fee would not incur a charge for pupils who are eligible for free school meals by benefit and we were delighted with the uptake. This offer will continue this year.

Some parents commented that our extra-curricular offer could be improved. We will publish all information about the club offer as soon as possible at the start of term – with the high number of clubs, club leaders to liaise with and the forming of registers, this takes a considerable amount of time for the office staff. We are also looking into the number of weeks clubs are offered for. In terms of equal access to clubs, we are only able to rely on the club providers we have available to the school and teaching staff availability, as teachers run clubs in their own time, beyond their directed hours. Available space also has to be a consideration, as the After School Club uses the Upper School Hall and Blue Room each evening, eliminating these spaces.

13. I would recommend this school to another parent Yes - 99.4% No - 0.6% N/A N/A

We were extremely pleased with this strong response – thank you.

These are just some of the many positive comments we received, which all of the staff have welcomed knowing:

Additional points noted:

Notice of events

We recognise that parents need as much notice as possible of upcoming events. Whilst we have endeavored to provide this, we recognise this can be improved. Therefore, a calendar of all school events for the entire academic year will soon be published to parents. It must be understood that some activities are offered to the school at short notice as these might be from sports organisations or secondary schools.

Please always refer to the weekly newsletter for the dates for the term and upcoming events, and the calendar on the school website.

Travel to sports events

We were delighted with our commitment to sporting activities last year, surpassing our own expectations.

We are in the fortunate position of now owning a school minibus, which is completing all of the necessary checks. This will mean that children can be provided with travel to and from events. This has taken investment by the school along with the commitment of school staff for necessary training procedures.

Volume of emails

Some parents commented that they receive too much information from the school. We pride ourselves on our weekly newsletter and the weekly Google Classroom blogs - parents acknowledged how much they enjoyed these. We do though wish to streamline information to parents via email and as much information as possible will be published in the weekly newsletter and therefore we urge parents to access this.

To our knowledge, all emails are responded to by the administration staff within our policy of three working days. Very often, this is the same day, but the number of emails, as you might imagine, is very high. We have recently undergone a full office restructure which will to support a smooth and efficient running of the school.

Doodle

Some parents commented that there is limited response by teachers to the commitment children make to Doodle. We are again reviewing our homework policy, as whilst we invested heavily in the Doodle subscriptions we have not seen the uptake that we might wish. Information about the revised homework requirements will be shared soon.

School Uniform

It was raised that the school uniform is gender specific. We do not promote this and all items can be worn by girls or boys.



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

> 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

icated to all children achieving the best they · 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**

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Peter Pan Pre-School



Craft **Morning**

Saturday 8th June 10 - 11.30am Raising funds for Pre-School

£5 per child

The Peter Pan Cafe will be open. Ice Pops, Tea/Coffee and Cake. Summer Raffle





Tuesday 30th July & Thursday 22nd August

10am-3pm 6-11 years old "can I go back Saltford Hall

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