# NPSA NEWS

There's a lot going on at the moment, not just in NPSA terms, but also with clubs and activities, and just with life – finally – returning to something a bit more like normal. If, like us, you're feeling slightly frazzled, here's a list of what's coming up NPSA-wise through the summer terms. We haven't publicised details for all of these yet, but we will, so please read the newsletter and your class rep messages, and get involved.

- The Mystery Trail (half term)
- · Grow Your Pound (see below)
- Summer Raffle
- Family Fun Run Sunday 4th July
- · Family Fun Day Saturday 10th July
- The Scarecrow Trail Saturday 17th July

#### The NPSA 100 Club

Congratulations to the holders of 79, 64 and 55 – the winning numbers in our May draw. The next draw will be held on Wednesday 2nd June. If you'd like to be in with a chance of winning, you can join The 100 Club here



# Second-hand uniform sale

Thank you to everyone who came along to our rain-affected second-hand uniform sale on Sunday. We made over £420, which is incredible! A massive thank you to Sarah Stacey for giving up her Sunday, and her garden, to enable the sale to take place.



### **Grow Your Pound**

Some of you will remember this event from a few years ago. If it's new to you, keep an eye out for a couple of letters — one for parents and one for children — that will be emailed home next week, and a presentation via Google Classroom, explaining exactly what this is and how it works. In essence it's an opportunity for upper-school children to raise money for the NPSA by starting their own micro-businesses using £1 in seed capital, which is being generously provided by a parent-owned business: *Henny and Joe's*. In previous years this has proved a real hit with the children, sparking their creativity and natural entrepreneurial spirit. We look forward to seeing what they come up with this time!

## Family Fun Day – Saturday 10th July

By now you will all have received some communication from your class reps about this event. We are so looking forward to seeing the children enjoying the games and stalls on offer, and to having families back in school and socialising together. It promises to be a fantastic day!



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in some capacity already – your support is so important. We are still in need of a fish tank (or similar item) to borrow for the day, and there are couple of woodworking jobs unallocated, if that's your skill set. Please speak to your class rep, or email <a href="mailto:npsabath@gmail.com">npsabath@gmail.com</a>, if you can help.

In the coming weeks, there will be lots more opportunities to get involved, so please do help in any way that you can, and in particular support your class rep when (s)he is looking for people to take up slots on your allocated stall.

### New starters in September

If you have friends whose children will be starting Newbridge in September, please encourage them to email <a href="mailto:npsabath@gmail.com">npsabath@gmail.com</a> so that we can add them to our 'new starters' mailing list. This will enable us to invite them directly to events such as the Fun Run, the Family Fun Day, and the Scarecrow Trail, all of which are lovely ways to involve the children in school life, and welcome new parents, ahead of September.

# Gardening update from Kiz and Jubal

We were back at the allotment last week, getting the beds into a fit state for sowing. We weeded and dug over the beds, rescuing a few onions, celeriac and Jerusalem artichokes that had survived since our last visit in December. Jubal used the compost from our bins to freshen up the beds, before we planted sunflower and pumpkin seeds and seed potatoes. The veggies we dug up, as well as some beautiful rhubarb, will be going to the Weston Hub for their community kitchen.

We still have a huge amount of weeding to do, as well as repairs to the beds as ongoing maintenance. We have plans to sow more seeds in the coming weeks and hope to have flourishing beds soon. Kiz will be leaving at the end of this school year so we urgently need more helping hands. It would be great if anyone who is interested could get in touch (email: <a href="mailto:npsabath@gmail.com">npsabath@gmail.com</a>) and start before we break up in July so that the knowledge and plans are shared with several people. No experience necessary – just enthusiasm! We meet on Tuesday mornings at the allotment, 9–11am.







### Free money for the NPSA

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