



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Term Dates

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Forest School 2M

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Forest School 4B

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

NPSA Quiz Night

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Forest School 2R

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Forest School 4B

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Year 6 (6N) Bath Blitz Walk

EYFS Meeting for Parents at

2:45pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Yesar 6 (6KR) Bath Blitz Walk

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 3 to Cheddar Gorge

Feel Good Friday

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Forest School 2M

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Forest School 4T

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Mufti/School Fair

Choir to sing at the RUH

11.30am

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Lower School Nativity 9.30am

2M acting, 2R choir

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Flu Vaccines

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Lower School Nativity 9.30am

2R acting, 2M choir

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 2 Rehearse at Emmanuel

Church

Volunteers' Thank You 2.15pm

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 2 Emmanuel Church

Nativity 9.30am TBC

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Lunch

Upper School Christmas

Concert at 7pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Upper School Christmas

Concert at 10am

Lower School Christmas Parties

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Last day of Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone enjoyed their well-deserved half term. With the business of the week, we are back into the full swing of term and many really great things have been happening already.

## Class 2M 'Help Out'

Firstly, during half term, Rupert Taylor, a school governor, rallied a team of support from Class 2M to tend to the Spiritual Garden. Our school site, although fabulous, takes more upkeep than we can manage and so the parental support to cut back areas and keep them tidy is help gratefully received. Thank you to everyone involved.

## Our Curriculum

Please find below a piece written by Mr Newman about the school's curriculum. We wish to help parents understand more about what we teach and with this the progression of objectives and skills taught across the subjects and year groups. The staff have produced Curriculum Thread documents which you can find on the school website [here](#). There will be regular curriculum updates in the newsletter going forward.

## Year 3 Botanical Gardens and Royal Crescent visit

Monday saw Year 3 taking off on foot, to the Botanical Gardens and to the Royal Crescent to enjoy the awe and wonder of our world. In beautiful sunshine and with the kind help of many parents they took time to look at the world around them, fitting with their enquiry 'What makes our world amazing?'.

## Year 5 Space Day

If you were to return to primary school, I bet you would enjoy Space Day! To introduce the start of their new enquiry the children were enrolled into astronaut training! In teams, they had to use a range of skills to complete a variety of space-related activities. The day culminated in rockets being blasted into the stratosphere! What great learning and what great fun!

## Year 4 Cross Country Competition

Wednesday proved very exciting. Ten Year 4 pupils represented the school in the Bath Schools' Cross Country Competition at the Glasshouse Playing Fields. Not only was participating exciting, but being the first children to ride in the school mini-bus to travel to the event made for a memorable occasion. Well done to those who took part – there were some fantastic results. Please read below for a full report.

## Year 4 visit Hayesfield School

On Thursday, all of the Year 4 pupils attended a high quality music concert at Hayesfield Secondary School. We were invited to attend and of course jumped at the chance for the children to experience a live performance. The children were enthralled and, as always, were brilliant Newbridge ambassadors.

## Supporting Julian House

Gavin Osborn, representing Julian House, made a visit to school on Thursday. He spent time telling the Year 4 children all about the work of this local charity to support those who are homeless. This term the children are considering in their enquiry: 'Does charity begin at home?'. Please see below a recount of the afternoon's visit.

## Prospective Parents' Open Afternoon

We held another prospective parents' open afternoon on Tuesday. I cannot tell you just how many positive comments we received about the conduct and confidence of the Year 6 pupils who acted as tour guides. The parents were blown away! As I always say, our children are our best advert – and we are very proud of them all. More prospective parents still wish to visit our school and therefore a further open afternoon has been set for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm.

## Everyone Active with Cheryl from Mojo Moves

I was delighted to see many take up the opportunity for a fun and active dance session this morning. We had a few parents, a grandma and some pre-schoolers – which was great. Thank you to Cheryl from Mojo Moves and to everyone for coming along. Same time, same place next week – and if more adults want to join in, we would love it.

## Welcome

This week we have welcomed Isaiah to Class 1EO and Finn to Class 3BA. We hope they will both be very happy at our school and that their families will feel welcome and a part of our special community.

### NPSA Fireworks Night

How fortunate were we that the annual firework event could take place and what a fantastic, family evening it was. With food, drinks and a first class display, it made for a great evening. Sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who ensured the evening ran smoothly - manning stalls, collecting tickets and marshalling. There were also those preparing food, supporting behind the scenes and those who stayed to clear-up. We couldn't complete such events without you. The biggest thanks goes to Becca Whelen and Kathy Burdett who had offered to lead on the event. We are all very grateful for the hours all volunteers put in to support our children, our families and our community - thank you.

To get involved in the NPSA, please come along to the next NPSA meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Class 6N.

Following this, there is the annual Quiz Night taking place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Teams can be entered [here](#) - sign up, it's always a great evening.

### Supporting Children in Need

We thought it fitting to support Children in Need this year. The day is being marked on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. In exchange for a small donation we ask the children to wear anything with a spotty theme. Please know that this is a personal choice and that children do not need to dress up or wear anything different.

### 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.

### School Calendar and Term dates

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

We all wish you a lovely weekend - please keep safe.

With best regards,

Gill Kennaugh

# STARS OF THE WEEK



★ **Ladybirds** - The Whole Class      **Bees** - The Whole Class      ★

★ **IEO** - Isaiah P, Harry R      **1G** - Harry M, Georgia S      ★

★ **2M** - Finola S, Louis R      **2R** - Finn O'B, Rose Y      ★

★ **3OG** - Leo T, Angus P      **3BA** - Finn C, Roly H      ★

★ **4B** - Khadeja K, Rory W      **4T** - Amelie S, Alice S      ★

★ **5HB** - William B, Abigail B      **5F** - Grace W, Thai P      ★

★ **6KR** - Tom M, Elisa P      **6N** - Greta H, Ruben T      ★

★ **Music Stars of the Week**      ★

All of Year 4



# A HEADTEACHER MENTION



Heidi from Class 2M and Rosy from Class 4B, very kindly completed some litter picking in the local community during half term. They managed to collect a bag full of litter.

Well done girls, thank you for being such responsible Newbridge citizens.

## Our Newbridge Curriculum

We believe the Newbridge Curriculum should provide our children with an **engaging, creative and purposeful** opportunity to make **connections** in their knowledge alongside developing each of them as future citizens of our community and beyond. The **progressive** and **sequenced** nature of our **broad** and **relevant** curriculum allows for children to be **challenged at all levels** and is inherently based on our values of **Learning and Communication, Creativity and Imagination, Personal Development, Collaboration** and **Citizenship**.

Over the last academic year our Subject Leaders have worked on 'Curriculum Progression Threads' for each of their subjects. 'Threads' are the golden traceable pieces of learning and skills that develop over time. They are evident in each subject, each year. For example, in History, Chronology (ordering things by time) is one of the 'Threads' - using our new approach you can track how this skill is developed year on year. These documents are available on our school website. From now on, foundation subject lessons will link to these 'Threads' and will eventually become a common language for the children.

You can see all of the Curriculum Thread documents [here](#) on the school website.

Moving forward, soon will be turning the spotlight onto different subjects and showcasing what we are learning across the school through the newsletter. I am sure you will love seeing the creative, engaging and fascinating ways that our teachers deliver our curriculum.

Mr Newman

## Year 3 Botanical Gardens and Royal Crescent Visit

Year 3 had an exciting start to the term when they visited the Botanical Gardens and Bath Royal Crescent. Their enquiry for this term is 'What makes our world amazing?' and the year group certainly saw some amazing sites on their trip. The children walked over 13,000 steps and were impeccably behaved the whole time, meaning that everyone could really enjoy looking at the beautiful signs of Autumn, natural and man-made wonders.



# Year 4 Cross Country Competition



The Bath Schools' Year 4 Cross Country competition was held on Wednesday afternoon at Glasshouse Playing Fields at Odd Down. Each competitor had to run 2 laps of the field, which was more than enough to test their stamina and speed over the distance. There were 11 schools taking part and more than 120 children.

The boys team of Harith, Afek, Rory, Arthur, Otis and Charlie were the first to compete and the girls provided enthusiastic and loud vocal support, especially when Harith ran very fast to finish in fourth place overall. It was then the girls turn to race and the team of Amelie, Olivia, Niki, Anisa, Precious and Audrey ran extremely well, again to excited and encouraging support from the boys.

After these races were completed came the fun distance relay races and the support, excitement and volume levels went up a notch as the girls finished in fourth place and the boys' team came first!

It was a hugely enjoyable event, made even more exciting by the need to shelter at the end from the sudden hail storm before returning to school on the minibus.

Mr Seaborne

# Year 5 Space Day

In Year 5 this week, to introduce the start of their new Space enquiry, the children were enrolled into astronaut training! In teams, they had to use a range of skills (including teamwork, problem solving and physical fitness) to complete a variety of space-related activities. The day culminated in rockets being blasted into the stratosphere where, on-board (and safely contained) were egg astronauts who then parachuted back down to terra firma.





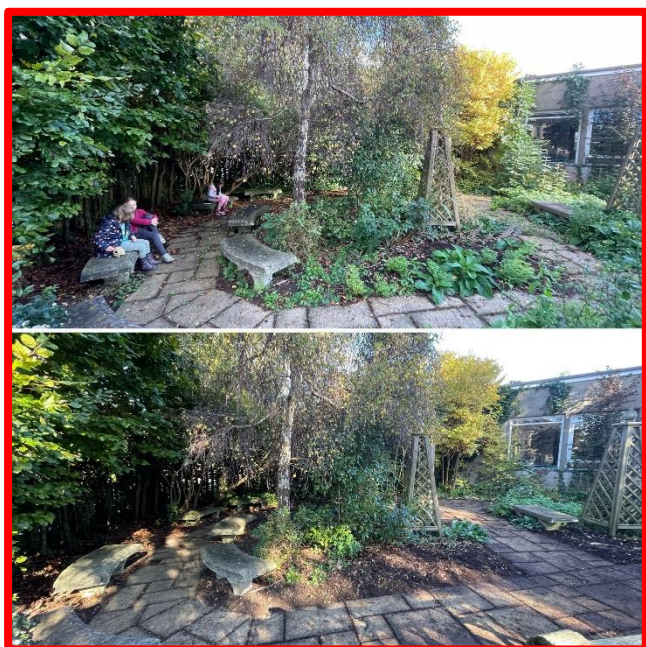
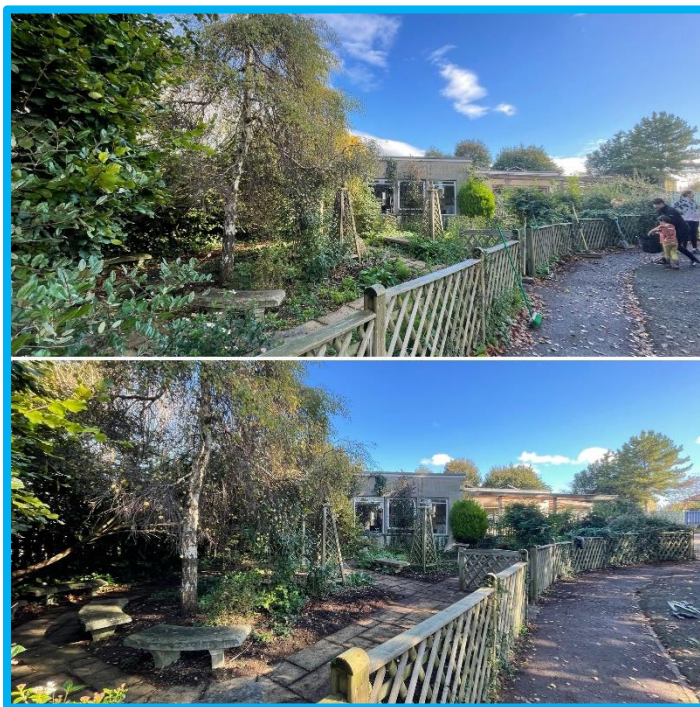
On Thursday afternoon, Year 4 had a visit from Gavin Osborn, who works for the charity, Julian House. Gavin came to launch our Enquiry: 'Does Charity Begin at Home?'

The children had prepared questions and were so excited and keen to find out about this great charity and how it supports vulnerable people within our local community.

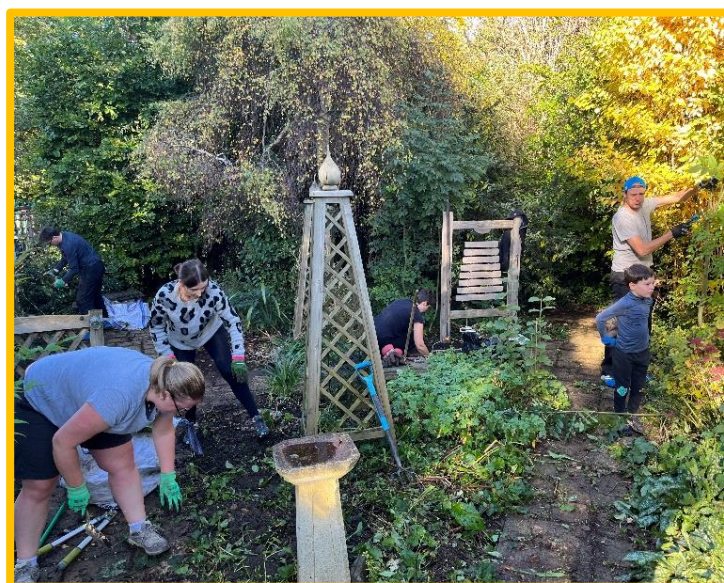
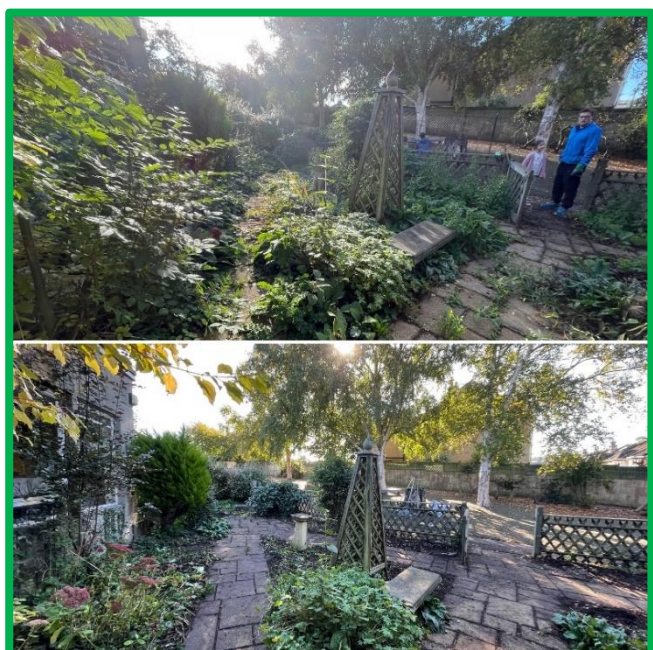


## Class 2M 'Help Out' in the Spiritual Garden

A group of parents and children from Class 2M, completed another 'class help out' last Sunday. It was a small group which tackled the Spiritual Garden – clearing and cutting it back to make it tidier and more accessible.



Thank you to the kind and willing volunteers who helped :  
Ed Williams and Luke,  
Ed Yarker with Mae and Rose  
Fiona Williams and Ben, and  
Laura & Rob with Zeke and Sollie.



# Year 4 visit to Hayesfield School

On Thursday Year 4 had a very exciting trip to Hayesfield School where they were joined by students from all six Bath secondary schools. The event was run by West of England Music Association and we were very pleased to be invited.

The children were able to watch a variety of live performances such as solo instrumentalists, vocalists, rock bands, a full orchestra, a folk group, a jazz band and a woodwind ensemble - what a great mix! The children loved hearing all the different performances and it gave them a really good flavour of music in general.

The final event was the children all joining in singing a song called 'It's Time' which had been written especially for the event. The children had learnt the song in music lessons ready to perform and it really came to life when the orchestra accompanied it live!

Thank you again to our amazing parent helpers who accompanied us and to Year 4 for behaving so beautifully.





## Everyone Active

Thank you to Cheryl, from Mojo Moves, for another fantastic dance session!





## 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,  
Mrs Amor





## ‘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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) as we’d love to see what fantastic stories have been created!



# 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 Newbridge  
Primary School**

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

# BATH CITY FOOTBALL CLUB FOUNDATION & FAMILY DAY




## BATH CITY v AVELEY

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - 3PM KICK OFF **SCAN ME**  
**U16S GO FREE!** [www.bathcityfc.com/tickets](http://www.bathcityfc.com/tickets) OR Pay on the Gate  
 KINDLY SUPPORTED BY THE ROPER FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST




 <p><b>23rd Oct</b></p>	 <p><b>15th Nov</b></p>	 <p><b>15th Nov</b></p>
<h3>Bath Lantern Workshop</h3> <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><a href="http://welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night">welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night</a></p>	<h3>Bath Lights the Night</h3> <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><a href="http://welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night">welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night</a></p>	<h3>Music at the Abbey</h3> <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><a href="http://welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night">welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night</a></p>

Browse events and activities at [welcometobath.co.uk/beautiful-bath-at-christmas](http://welcometobath.co.uk/beautiful-bath-at-christmas)