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Tuesday 21st November

Forest School 2M

Wednesday 22nd November

Year 6 (6N) Bath Blitz Walk

EYFS Meeting for Parents at
2:45pm

Forest School 4B

Thursday 23rd November

Yesar 6 (6KR) Bath Blitz Walk

Friday 24th November

Year 3 to Cheddar Gorge

Feel Good Friday

Tuesday 28th November

Forest School 2R

Wednesday 29th November

Forest School 4T

Friday 1st December

Mufti/School Fair

Choir to sing at the RUH

11.30am

Tuesday 5th December

Lower School Nativity 9.30am
2M acting, 2R choir

Wednesday 6th December

Flu Vaccines

Thursday 7th December

Y6 choir members to sing at
Stratton House

Friday 8th December

Lower School Nativity 9.30am
2R acting, 2M choir

Monday 11th December

Year 2 Rehearse at Emmanuel
Church

Volunteers' Thank You

2.15pm

Tuesday 12th December

Year 2 Emmanuel Church
Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch

Upper School Christmas
Concert at 7pm

Thursday 14th December

Upper School Christmas
Concert at 10am

Lower School Christmas
Parties

Friday 15th December

Last day of Term 2

Wednesday 3rd January

First day of Term 3 for
children

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a very busy week in school. I don't know how we keep up with it all, sometimes. Our primary school thrives when it is busy and bustling – there is always something happening to be proud of and to celebrate.

Children in Need

Thank you for the donations received today for Children in Need. The children were excited to join in with this – giving back and knowing their kindness will make a difference to others really matters to them.

Anti-Bullying Week

We take all concerns about bullying seriously and urge children and parents to report any matters promptly. The Anti-Bullying Alliance's definition of bullying is 'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online'.

This week marked national Anti-Bullying Week. The messages this year were based around 'make a noise about bullying'. On Monday, when Mr Bacon led our whole school assembly, he reminded the children about what differentiates bullying from other types of behaviour and who to speak to in and outside of school with concerns about unpleasant behaviour and bullying. Time was also spent thinking about what constitutes 'banter' and how people have to be careful to ensure that this isn't also unintentionally hurtful. For resources and advice about bullying, please find a link to the Anti-Bullying Alliance [here](#).

Becoming a member of the JLT

Below you will read some details about how children in Year 1 to Year 6 can apply to be members of the JLT – the Junior Leadership Team. This is a school council which will be involved in school and community matters which may include fundraising, the curriculum, online safety, recruitment and representing the school in meetings. All of the application details are posted on Google Classroom for the children to access. We look forward to receiving many applications.

Boys' Football Tournament

Our Year 5 and Year 6 Boys' Football Team played in the B&NES Schools' Tournament on Thursday, at Odd Down Sports Complex. The boys followed in the footsteps of the girls' team and put on an impressive show of skill and sporting spirit. Please read below for the full report – recognising how brilliantly the team performed and yet how unfortunately their run came to an end. Well done boys – you are a credit to yourselves and the school. And thank you to Mr Farrier, our Football Coach, for being so supportive.

Everyone Active with Cheryl from Mojo Moves

A lot of fun was had this morning in the Upper School Hall, with Cheryl from Mojo Moves. I counted about 40 people taking part. If you haven't been along, you will be amazed to see the hall turned into an 80's disco – what a brilliant start to a Friday!

Our NPSA

Last Friday saw the annual NPSA Quiz Night. Thank you very much to all who made this happen and especially Neil Clews, Tamsin Smith, Lucy McIlroy, Helen Clarke and past parents, Mim and Nick Wharf. It was a lot of work but to know the NPSA raised over £1500 was worth it, I'm sure.

We were very excited to receive many fabulous NPSA logo design entries. These can all be seen on the Blue Room windows. It was a very hard job choosing one design which will be digitalised and used on NPSA correspondence – however, after much deliberation Anwen's, from Year 1, was selected. Well done!

For all reminders and updates please find this week's NPSA newsletter [here](#).

Google Classroom

Please read the 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today by your child's teacher detailing the learning this week. If you could leave a simple message or even a thumbs-up, we would love to hear from you and to know the updates are valued as interaction has tailed off.

School Calendar and Term dates

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

Thank you for your continued support.

With best regards,
Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



★ Ladybirds – Fraser B, Ivy	Bees – Sophia S, Freddie S	★
★ IEO – Oscar S, Phoebe H	1G – Evie O'B, Oscar L	★
★ 2M – Ava B, Grace D	2R – Izzy M, Chloe B	★
★ 3OG – Jia W, Ruben C	3BA – Benjamin B, Duru-Nia C	★
★ 4B – Felix B, Izzy S G	4T – Victor B, Tabitha S-M	★
★ 5HB – Sonny M, Chloe G	5F – Chase D, Finley P	★
★ 6KR – Shahan S, Harry W	6N – Ethan M, Bea V	★

★ Music Stars of the Week ★

Bella T, Class 3BA Edward S, Class 5F



A HEADTEACHER MENTION



I am always struck by how genuinely kind and caring our children are. They think about others, both in and out of school, and always wish to make a difference. This week, Imogen kindly thought to donate some of her own games and puzzles to different areas of the school, to support children who may need a bit of calm time throughout the week. She showed me them at the start of the day and the delight she took from being able to help in this way was very special. Thank you, Imogen.



Medical Needs

Medication

It is at the Headteacher's discretion whether or not prescribed medicines can be administered in school, however, we wish to do all we can to support this.

We will only administer medicines which have a doctor's prescription and which are considered conventional medicines. A medical indemnity form must be completed by the parent/carer and handed to the school office prior to medication being administered. This form can be found on the school website [here](#).

Children must not bring medicines in to school. For safety reasons, medicines must be handed to the office by the parent/carer and returned to the parent/carer. All medicines must be clearly named.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

An infection causing diarrhoea and vomiting can be easily passed to others. Anyone with gastroenteritis should be regarded as very infectious and must be kept away from school until the diarrhoea and vomiting has stopped and they have been passing normal stools for at least 48 hours. Please contact me, via the School Office, for all concerns regarding children's medical needs.

Thank you,
Jacky Hansard
Deputy Headteacher

Attendance Matters

- The school's attendance target is 96.7%.
- Our current whole school attendance is 96.31%.
- Parents and teachers share the responsibility for supporting excellent school attendance and regular attenders make better progress, socially and academically.
- Mrs Hansard, Deputy Headteacher, is responsible for school attendance. and with staff members will work with pupils and parents to remove any barriers to good attendance.
- Parents and Carers are responsible for contacting the school office staff to report absence before 9.30am on 01225 421675.
- The school gates open at 8.45am and pupils are expected to be on the site by 8.53am and in class by 8.55am for registration.
- **90% attendance is classed as persistent absenteeism – this is equivalent 19 days off school a year.**
- We cannot authorise holidays or visits out of school unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- Fixed penalty notices may be issued to parents and carers in accordance with the [school's Attendance Policy found here](#).

Thank you for supporting



Together we raised over £400

AROUND SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 4 had such fun investigating sound and making their own telephones.



In their dance session they learnt to be spies and choregraph a dance sequence to Mission Impossible.



Year 1 Avon Fire Visit

Year 1 had an exciting visit from the Avon Fire Service on Thursday. Their enquiry this term is 'How can we keep safe?' and the children loved learning about how to stay safe in a fire.



They learnt that they must Stop, Drop and Roll and even had a chance to practise this. The fire fighters also taught the children about keeping safe in many other ways and how the Fire Service have many roles such as helping rescue people from a cliff or a damaged car, not just putting out fires.



Supporting Children in Need



The children have enjoyed dressing up in their spotty clothes for Children in Need this year.



The Junior Leadership Team

Newbridge Primary School formally invites pupils to apply to join the Junior Leadership Team.



Mrs O'Gara and Mr Bacon would love for you to apply to be part of Junior Leadership Team (formerly School Council).

We are looking for one pupil from each class in the Lower and Upper School to join us and help the Senior Leadership Team (Ms Kennaugh, Mrs Hansard, Ms Rhodes, Mrs Bartlett and Mr Newman) and the Governors, by discussing ways that we can make Newbridge an even **more** fabulous school.

The Junior Leadership Team will meet regularly. We will be especially interested in:

- ✓ The Curriculum (the lessons that you are taught in class)
- ✓ Wellbeing (how we look after ourselves and each other)
- ✓ E safety (keeping ourselves safe online and at other times)
- ✓ Eco – issues (how we look after our environment)
- ✓ Supporting charities (local, national and international)

JLT Members are elected by the pupils in their class to*:

- Go to meetings and take part in discussions.
- Let the class know what was discussed at meetings.
- Take the views of classmates to the JLT.
- Be involved in projects that the JLT runs.

Inside the brain of a JLT member...



*Mrs O'Gara, Mr Bacon and other staff will draw up a short-list for each class based on the applications

I'm interested in joining the JLT! How do I apply?

Think about what would make you a great member of JLT. The information here should help you. You can apply in writing, by making a PowerPoint slide show, or by recording a short sound file or video which would be uploaded to Google Classroom*.

Applications Need to be submitted into your Google Classroom Folder by Sunday 26th November.

Year 5 and Year 6 B&NES Boys' Football Tournament



On Tuesday 14th November the football team played in the B&NES Schools' Football Tournament at Odd Down. As always, those chosen to represent Newbridge did us proud, both on and off the pitch.

We were drawn in a tough group, which included St Stephen's Primary School (who had beaten us in Term 1 in the B&NES Cup), and a very strong Widcombe team. The players all rose to the challenge, playing 4 games, winning 3, drawing 1, scoring 11 goals and conceding only 1. Newbridge came top of the group!

In the Quarter Final we were drawn against Moorlands – an opponent we are very familiar with on the football pitch, having been knocked out of the tournament by them last year. After full-time and extra time, the game remained 0-0 after some energetic and committed Newbridge attacking, defending and teamwork. Sadly, on a penalty shoot-out, we went out of the competition.

Well done to Shahan, Rhed, Flynn, Tom, James, William, Barney, Shahdan, Louis and school captain, Sam. You worked so well as a squad, you played with enthusiasm and passion, and you represented Newbridge positively and with great sportsmanship both in victory and in defeat.

Michael Farrier
School Football Coach



500 Words Writing Competition

Last Friday marked the deadline for the national '500 Words' story writing competition and we have received several stories that have been sent off for the competition. All the stories we have seen are absolutely fantastic, imaginative and original and we wish them luck in the competition. To celebrate the stories that the children have written, over the next few weeks we will publish a selection of the ones we received.

We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did.

Best of luck to all the entrants!

Lilly the Dragon! – By Georgie K from Class 3BA

Once upon a time, there lived a little green dragon and her name was Lilly. She was a very shy dragon and she never made friends which made her very sad and lonely. She soon realised that she would never make a friend and she had to look for one. So she set off looking for a friend. But she was too shy to talk. Later on, she told her mum and her mum came up with a great idea.

Lilly's mum took Lilly to another shy and lonely dragon. They soon made friends and together they made more friends with different species of dragon. Lilly the dragon was so happy, she jumped up and down and said, "Yipee! I have made friends, lots of friends. Now I am not shy anymore. I wonder if I could make more friends, but maybe with different animals this time." And she did, with a little help from her new best friend.

"Come on," said Lilly, "Let's play some games." One said Tag, one said Duck, Duck, Goose and another said Hide and Seek. They played more and more games until they were done. One of the animals said thank you.

"No," said Lilly, "Thank you. Because you all helped me to not be shy anymore."

"Yay!" said the animals, "teamwork makes the dream work!!!"

The end for now.



Time Travel - by Thomas B, Class 4T

One day, Oliver went to Birmingham with his family and did the back to back houses tour. A back to back house is a court or street of thin houses. Oliver and his family were standing in a sunny, empty courtyard surrounded by red brick houses when their tour guide said, "Go into this house and have fun." As Oliver stepped into the old, terraced house he felt a tingly sensation and heard a rushing sound in his ears. Oliver said, "Where are the lights? I feel funny! Does anyone else?" "Yes!" said his sister Amelia. As Oliver looked back at her, he noticed the courtyard they had just entered from was no longer peaceful and quiet. Instead it was dirty, smelly and bustling with people: some kids were playing, a group of women were washing clothes by hand in the outhouse opposite, some men were coming back from work looking dirty and exhausted with their shoulders slumped. They were wearing oversized coats and had soot on their faces.

Oliver turned around to see a wooden table with people around it in a very dark room.

"This is very weird!" exclaimed Oliver with a shocked look on his face. "I think we've travelled back in time to the Victorian era!" Then his mum screamed. The people looked at Oliver and his family and then they stood up.

The people said, "Come and have some Holy bread with us." Oliver said "Yes." So they all had holy bread. Oliver asked, "Are you Jewish?"

"Yes how did you know?" said a man.

"Because I learnt about Jewish people and their traditions like Shabbat at school."

"Wow! You go to school! Our children work for hours. One son works in a coal mine and the other son works in the sewing factory. Our daughter helps at home and has to walk half a mile to a well seven times a day to get fresh water, but eleven on a washing day." said the man dressed in an oversized coat.

"How are we going to get home?" cried Amelia.

"If you stay, you children will have to work in a coal mine, factory or sweeping chimneys."

"NOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!" screamed the children. "Where is the toilet?" asked Oliver.

"It's outside the house on the left."

"Oliver, please can we get back to the future before you go to the toilet!" said Amelia with a note of desperation in her voice.

"Oh yes Amelia, you're absolutely right. I remember reading in Horrible Histories that the Victorian toilets were gross and carried lots of diseases."

The Victorian man said, "If you just touch the Jewish symbol on the front door, it will bring you luck. Perhaps that will help you to get back home." "Thank you," said Oliver and his family. So, Amelia went to touch the Jewish symbol then opened the door. "Bye," said the Victorian family. Oliver and his family walked through the old door, back into the empty courtyard they had started in.



Everyone Active

Well done and thank you to everyone who came along to our fun dance session this morning – it was **GREAT!**



A big thank you from Genesis Trust Bath Food Bank to our school community, for donating 203.2kg of food following our Harvest Assembly.



Date: 15th November 2023



Genesis Trust Bath
The Gateway Centre
Snow Hill
Bath
BA1 6DH

Dear Newbridge Primary School,

Thank you for your generous harvest donation to Bath Foodbank, we hope you had a wonderful celebration.

Each year harvest donations bring vital supplies to the foodbank, and as we head into the colder months, your gift will be needed to provide 3-day emergency food parcels for local individuals and families in need.

We aim to make our centres a welcoming and safe place for those needing to use our service, where our volunteers offer a hot drink and take the time to listen. For many this may lead to us providing information and access to further support. With funding from the Trussell Trust we are partnering with Citizens Advice and Clean Slate, to provide an on-site adviser during most of our foodbank sessions, as well as on-line referrals. An advisor is available to speak confidentially to anyone who comes in to collect a food parcel, providing support and advice on issues which may have led them to need emergency food parcels.

Partnerships like these, as well as the ones we hold with supporters like you, are enabling people not only to access emergency support but also to journey toward a better future.

Thank you again and best wishes,

Grainne Moher
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from Bath Foodbank

Newbridge Primary School

for collecting

A huge 203.2kgs of food for Harvest

and for supporting families, couples and
individuals facing crisis in our community.
Your help will make a difference to people's lives!



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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



**Newbridge
Primary School**

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**



Just off Chelsea Road in Newbridge, we are at the heart of the community, have strong links with local schools and have been caring for local Pre-schoolers from 3 – 5 years for more than 40 years. We pride ourselves on providing a calm and nurturing environment for children, with a higher than usual ratio of staff to children of 1 to 6. We are a not for profit charity Pre-school and encourage parent volunteers to be involved with the running of Pre-school, fundraising and social events. Find out more at www.peterpanpreschoolbath.co.uk or email to arrange a visit peterpanpreschoolbath@gmail.com. Applications now being taken for starts in September 2024 and January 2025.

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DECEMBER 2023

2023

BOOK NOW! SPACES GOING!!

MAIN CAMP AGES 7-16 18 & 19 DEC

PERFORMANCE CAMP AGES 12-16, DEVELOPERS AND PERFORMERS AGES 11-12, BEGINNERS, IMPROVERS AGES 7-10

BOOK HERE FOR MAIN CAMP

HPC AGES 14-18 20 DEC

RECOGNISED REFERRAL ROUTE FOR EHB TA: WORK AT STRETCH, FUEL YOUR AMBITION TO PROGRESS

BOOK HERE FOR HPC

1-2-1 & SMALL GROUP COACHING

THROUGHOUT TERM TIME AND HOLIDAYS

BOOK HERE

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL



The Nest Project would love to invite you to put a smile on a child's face by joining us in our Christmas gift bag appeal.

With the cost of living rising, this time of year can put real financial pressure on families that are already struggling. Each gift bag will be given to local families with young children in BANES.

THANK YOU!

To sign up, scan the QR code!



