



NEWBRIDGE News

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Term 2

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

Term 3

Wednesday 3rd January
First day of Term 3 for
children

Monday 15th January
Clubs start this week

Tuesday 23rd January
NPSA meeting 7.30pm

Friday 26th January
Feel Good Friday

For Term Dates please
look [here](#)

Dear Parents and Carers

We are more than half way through this term and are now looking ahead to all of the Christmas activities. Some families won't know what happens around the school nativities and performances, so I have set out the details this week. It gets very busy, so please keep a check on the dates.

Feel Good Friday

Today saw our monthly Feel Good Friday. There was no better way to start it, than with a fun dance session with Cheryl from Mojo Move before school. Again, many people – children and adults came along to cut some shapes and definitely feel good about the start of Friday. In class, the children took time and care to think about others and prepared blank Christmas cards for a charity, Compassionate Communities. The day was focused around random acts of kindness.

BBC 500 Words Writing Competition

You will know that we encouraged the children to enter the BBC 500 Words Competition. Some entries were shared with the school and so each week we will publish the ones we received in the newsletter. If your child entered, and you did not email it to us, please do so. Thank you and well done to all – we have enjoyed reading your stories.

Bath Blitz Walk – Year 6

Class 6N and Class 6KR each took part in a Bath Blitz Walk, this week. Having walked to the centre of Bath, the classes were received by Adrian, who is a Mayor's Guide. He took the children around Bath City Centre, explaining the impact of the Blitz on Bath and pointing out the damage caused to buildings, and the restoration in later years. This enhances the current Year 6 enquiry, 'How do I cope in a crisis?'. The children were respectful and engaged – and were amazed at how Adrian could remember so many facts!

Year 3 out and about to Cheddar Gorge

Year 3 have also been out and about this week. They set off first thing this morning for a visit to Cheddar Gorge. This sits with their enquiry 'What makes our world amazing?' We look forward to an report on the visit, next week.

Boys' Football – Newbridge v Roundhill

The Year 5 and Year 6 boys had a great result on Tuesday, when they played away at Roundhill. They kept their chins up after last week's tournament, demonstrating resilience and skill. Well done, all!

Children's use of phones

We are very aware that more and more children have their own phones. The older children can only bring their phone to school to support their independence when walking to and from school, if absolutely necessary. The phone must be turned off when entering the school site and only turned on after leaving the site. All phones must be handed to the class teacher on arrival at school. We are also aware that children are members of online platforms, such as WhatsApp. Being a part of these groups can cause issues and upset, which we have had to manage in school. Please can I remind all parents that WhatsApp is a platform for young people aged over 16 years. Here you will find some helpful guidance from the NSPCC about safety considerations that must be taken around WhatsApp [Is WhatsApp safe for my child?](#) . I urge you to read this to help keep your child safe online.

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 applications by midnight on Sunday 26th November.

Google Classroom

Please read the 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today, written by your child's teacher, detailing the learning this week. This update is provided so that parents and carers can continue learning conversations at home. Often, parents tell us that their child does not let them know what happens at school and so this is provided in response to this. 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.

Christmas Choir Tour

It's a busy time for the choir – everyone loves to hear them sing and we love to give back to our community. They will be singing at the RUH on Friday 1st December in the morning. On the same day, they will be singing at the opening of school Christmas Fair. Year 6 choir members will again sing at Stratton House Residential Care Home on Thursday 7th December.

Lower School Nativity Arrangements

On Tuesday 5th December and Friday 8th December, we will hold the Lower School Nativity performances. Each year, Year 2 pupils lead the performance and act out a short play, with plenty of singing. On Tuesday 5th December Class 2M will be the actors and Class 2R will be the choir. This arrangement will reverse for the Friday. At each performance, the Year 1 and Reception classes will join in by singing a song or performing a dance. Therefore, for Reception and Year 1 parents, it will not matter which performance you attend, unless you have a child in Year 2, and wish to come on the day they are acting. Tickets will not be issued for these performances - instead, parents should wait after drop off or return to queue at the back door of the Upper School hall, for a 9.30am start.

On Tuesday 12th December, the Lower School will visit Emmanuel Church on Apsley Road. Year 2 children will complete a simple nativity and all of the Lower School will join in with Christmas songs. Parents are welcome to attend, but please know it will be a bit of a squeeze. This performance again starts at 9.30am.

Lower School Christmas Parties

All of the Lower School classes will have a class party on the afternoon of Thursday 14th December. The children do not need to bring anything but are allowed to wear their own suitable clothes, should they wish.

Upper School Christmas Music Concert

The Upper School Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm and Thursday 14th December at 10am. In this, the choir will perform along with other musical items. More details about these concerts will follow, but please know parents and carers are welcome at either performance.

Our NPSA

For all reminders and updates please find the latest NPSA newsletter [here](#).

We wish you a good weekend.

With best regards,

Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



★ Ladybirds – Alys J, Khmani M ★ Bees – Ayaz H, Thea H ★

★ IEO – Ava L R, Claire N ★ 1G – Agnes W, Charlie B ★

★ 2M – Erika G, Theodore P ★ 2R – Alaya-May M, Hugo S ★

★ 3OG – Albie S, Aria S ★ 3BA – Joey L A, Sophie S ★

★ 4B – Precious F, Ioan H ★ 4T – Jeremiah C, Thomas B ★

★ 5HB – Florrie S, Mangus H ★ 5F – Alessia Z, Shadan S ★

★ 6KR – Bertie O, Remi F ★ 6N – Katie M, Daniel A ★

★ Music Stars of the Week ★

Saskia H, Class 3OG Eli R, Class 5HB



A HEADTEACHER MENTION



Rhed M, from Class 5F has always been keen to share with me his love of golf and the progress he is making. Over the year he has told me about the amount of practice he puts in and how, because of this, he was selected for the Wiltshire County Team.

This week, he was very excited to show me the trophies he had been awarded at the end of season presentation at Cumberwell Park. What a stack! Two were for golf competitions he had won and the other was presented to him as the most improved player.

We are all so impressed – and it shows what can be achieved with dedication and commitment.

Well done, Rhed, and good luck for next season.

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

AROUND SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Florence's Volcano Eruption



A few weeks ago, Florence from Class 3BA created a model replica of Pompeii volcano. The model took Florence 7 hours to create, with some support from her sister Evie, who helped

with the buildings at the front of the display.

On Monday, Florence and the Year 3 classes watched in amazement as they created some miniature explosions in the Upper School playground.

The whole year group watched as the Pompeii volcano erupted multiple times in front of the year group. Thank you Florence for creating awe and wonder for everyone to enjoy.



Newbridge Boys Vs Roundhill



Back to Winning Ways for Newbridge Football Squad!

Newbridge footballers were in action on Monday afternoon in the new Bath Schools' competition 'Invitational Mini-League' (IML). This is a year-long competition, involving WASPS, Oldfield, Roundhill, Moorlands and Newbridge. It includes both A and B team players, with the aggregate score being the result.

Our first IML outing saw us away to Roundhill, with the final score being 6-0 to Newbridge. 3 goals per team shows that we have exciting and quality players across the whole squad who are all working hard and enjoying playing football.

Following the disappointment of the tournament the previous week, the boys picked themselves up and played a lovely passing, flowing game. I was impressed by the team ethic, and how hard every player worked. There were some great goals as well - pick of the bunch goes to Harry R scoring on his debut, after a great shot from Arthur had been saved.

We are back in IML action on Thursday 30th at home to the B&THNES tournament winners WASPS, which will be a tough match. All supporters are very welcome to come and cheer on the teams!

Well played Harry, Louis, Rhed, Reuben, Arthur, Flynn, Shahan, Barney, Tom, Shadan, William, James, Jake, Ollie, and Sam!

Mr Farrier – Newbridge Football Coach

Year 4 Forest School

Year 4 have had a very busy week. They made conker soap and Christmas decorations in Forest School, and pan pipes in Science.





EYFS CARNIVAL

The Early Years Foundations Stage (EYFS) had a carnival this morning. They created hats and paraded around the school site with their whistles, musical instruments. What a fantastic carnival for the children to be a part of.





Year 6 Bath Blitz Walk

Leaving school at 8.30am, we set off on our long walk into the centre of Bath. We headed for Queen Square and then turned towards the Bath Abbey, where we met the tour guide whose name was Adrian. He set the scene for us and told us about how, in 1939, nothing really went on for Bath in the war except the message from the Prime Minister saying that Germany was at war with our forces. Then we moved over to the Roman Baths which the women in WW2 used as a washing service; and the statues were used to hang up the washing line! Moving on, we learnt about incendiary bombs around the city centre and all the damage that these did.



After a while, we walked to Queen Square and found out that the Francis Hotel was heavily bombed. A moment of reflection was had at the memorial at the entrance of Victoria Park.

Did you know that the grass area outside the Royal Crescent was used as a 'Dig for Victory' allotment?



Our tour finished at the Assembly Rooms where we found out that the Queen visited the city following the destruction to support the residents and build morale.

We really enjoyed the informative tour and are looking forward to sharing all our knowledge with our family and friends when we are next in the centre of Bath.



Bertie and Patirck, Class 6KR



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.

Junior Leadership Team (JLT) News

The deadline to apply for the Junior Leadership Team is midnight on Sunday 26th November.

Please upload the application video, portraying why you have chosen to apply and what difference you think you can make.

Every year the JLT choose to support different charities and the current JLT have chosen to support these charities going forward:

- International Red Cross (chosen by Rakib)
- Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (chosen by Ollie G)
- Dorothy House (chosen by everyone)

More information as to how the JLT and the rest of the school will support these charities, will be announced shortly.



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500 Words Writing Competition

The deadline for the national '500 Words' story writing competition has now passed 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 in 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.



Charlie and Jennifer- By Annie G, Class 1EO

Charlie was born on the 1st December 2017 at Bristol Zoo and he is 5 years old. Charlie liked being warm and cosy so he longed to live in a human house. One day Jennifer visited the zoo and told Charlie she wanted to take him home and held up her address to the window. The next day when the zoo was closed Charlie escaped, he climbed over the wall and made his way to Jennifer's house by hiding in the bike compartment of a train.

When he got to Jennifer's house he ran upstairs and got into bed, it was so warm and cosy – just what he wanted. At bathtime he was so big when he got in the bath all the water splashed out and went everywhere. The towels didn't fit around him so he ran through the house spraying water everywhere! To get the water off he ran outside and rolled around in the grass which made him muddy and then he left muddy paw prints through the house and got back into bed smearing mud everywhere!

In the morning he ate all the cereals up so there was no cereals left for Jennifer. Then Jennifer's Mum made her some toast and as she went to get the butter Charlie ate the toast! Jennifer then went to get a yoghurt to eat and Charlie was so excited to be living in a house he knocked the yogurt all over the floor.

Jennifer took Charlie to school with her for her show and tell. The teacher was so surprised to see Charlie with Jennifer, she couldn't stop laughing! Jennifer's class thought Charlie was cute and they all played tag with Charlie but Charlie always won as he could run really fast and swung through the playground to get away. When it was time for Maths Charlie got all the answers right as it was his favourite subject.

After school he went to gymnastics with Jennifer and he was brilliant at all the exercises. He was the first gymnast ever to get all 20 medals in one day!

That weekend Charlie went on a caravan holiday with Jennifer and her family. Charlie was too big and couldn't get through the doors of the caravan so he had to sleep on the grass outside. Charlie loved splashing around in the rock pools and eating ice cream. Jennifer loved having Charlie with her on holiday because he gave her a piggy back everywhere!

Although Charlie had a great holiday with Jennifer he started to miss his home at the zoo, the human world was too small for him and he missed his gorilla family. Jennifer felt sad that Charlie was leaving but she had lots of happy memories with Charlie.

Once Charlie had returned to the zoo Jennifer went to visit him often and they talked about all the fun they had had together when Charlie came to stay with her. They agreed that they are best friends forever.



Amelie R Class 3BA entry for the 500 Word Competition

Once upon a time there was three bears.

HANG ON!

Sorry that was the wrong story. Where has the right book gone? Huh? All of the book titles are drifting away! We need to get the right book quickly before it's tile comes off too.

NOOOOO! It's title came off!

Hang on... A portal. Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhh! Wait! Oh no! I'm in a maze of things that might eat me!

Noo!

I was almost eaten!

Oh great, where am I now?

Oopsie I'm mini! Ahhh giant bird! I'll be safe in this cave. So that's where the book titles got to, they were in the cave.

Finally, I'm home!

Once upon a cake...

The End... or not!

Huh, I'm a boy! Nope, I'm a giant. THIS is so annoying. Wait where's my book off to? Slow down book!

Forget what I said, THIS is awesome. Oh I'm a girl again.

Maybe this was a dream. I'll just put some makeup on. Oh no my makeup's a portal.

I'm in the world of cats! I'm HAPPY now!

Aww I liked it there. Wait am I in the STONE AGE? Ok, I am NOT NOT NOT NOT happy. OOps I made a tornado of anger. OK, so I...

WOAH!

BEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEP

Grrr why is my head like this?

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Seriously!

A giant jewellery shop. Oh that's more like it. Wait these pieces of jewellery are normal size. I know that's because the jewellery is made by giants. Oh. Could I work here? Sure. Happy!

NOOOOO! It was all a dream but seriously I want to go back to that cat world.



Everyone Active

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





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**

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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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BATH, SOMERSET

DECEMBER 2023

2023

BOOK NOW! SPACES GOING!!

MAIN CAMP AGES 7-10 18 & 19 DEC

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

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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 wishlist

Can you help support local families this Christmas?

- Chocolates
- Gravy powder
- Selection boxes
- Oil
- Hot Chocolate
- Tinned Custard
- Marshmallows
- Jars of coffee
- Biscuits
- Tinned fruit
- Jams & spreads
- Juice
- Yule Logs
- Washing up liquid
- Tinned ham
- Toiletries
- Tinned Salmon

Collection date : 13th December

For more information please scan this QR code for our website

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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!

