



# NEWBRIDGE News

www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk  
enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk  
Tel 01225 421675 / 421620

Issue 2.05  
2.12.22

## Dates this Term

### Friday 2nd December

Mufti for Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair 5pm

### Saturday 3rd December

Santa's Grotto – NPSA

### Monday 5th December

Year 3 to Emmanuel Church

Boys' Cup Match v  
Moorlands School

### Tuesday 6th December

Individual Photographs

### Thursday 8th December

Lower School Nativity at  
9.30am – 2M performance

### Friday 9th December

Lower School Nativity at  
9.30am – 2R performance  
Y6 Choir members to sing at  
Stratton House am  
Year 3 to Cheddar Gorge

### Monday 12th December

Volunteers' Thank you at  
2.15pm

### Wednesday 14th December

Lower School to Emmanuel  
Church 10am  
Christmas Lunch  
Upper School Christmas  
Concert at 7.00pm

### Thursday 15th December

Upper School Christmas  
Concert at 10.00am  
Lower School Parties pm

### Friday 16th December

End of Term 2

### Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Inset Day

### Wednesday 4th January

Children return to school

Dear Parents and Carers

As always, it's all go at Newbridge. Rehearsals are well under way for the Lower School Nativity, the choir are continuing to prepare for their busy time and we still have trips and outings happening. Please keep up to date with all correspondence and necessary consent forms.

### Contacting the school

For all correspondence, please can parents use this email address

[enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk).

### A special Nativity

On Thursday afternoon, some Year 3 and Year 4 children made a visit to the St Johns Foundation at Combe Park, to take part in a scratch nativity, with a real life donkey! It was such an incredibly, magical experience for the children, and for the residents. I wasn't able to attend, but I cannot tell you how excited the children were to tell me all about it, on return. Their faces were a delight – a real awe and wonder moment. You will see some beautiful photographs, of this memorable visit, further in the newsletter.

### Our NPSA – supporting our children, our families and our community

#### The return of the Christmas Fair

Today, sees the return of the Newbridge Primary School Christmas Fair....the first since 2019. It will be opened by our school choir at 4.45pm and will be filled with stalls, games and refreshments from 5pm until 7pm. Many, many parent volunteers have enabled this to happen – both in the preparation and by offering to run a stall. The coordinator of the master plan is Amy Osborn, and we are very grateful for all of the energy she brings to our NPSA. Thank you very much for the donations received over recent weeks, and today, in exchange for non-uniform. We hope that if you are coming, you have fun. We always need help tidying up and packing away, too, so we would be most grateful for any help beyond 7pm. All funds raised from the fair and the raffle will contribute towards our playground improvement project. Please can I remind all parents and carers that you are responsible for your children, throughout the fair, and that the children should only be in areas of the school, where the fair is taking place.

#### The NPSA Santa's Grotto

Many thanks indeed to Hannah Brownell who has organised the Santa's Grotto to take place tomorrow. The outdoor classroom in the the Conservation Area will be transformed to a magical space, ready for a very special visitor. We hope everyone who is coming, enjoys it.

#### Winter Windowland

Saturday also sees the return of Winter Windowland. Thank you to the creative and dedicated families who have decorated their windows, for all to enjoy. The displays will be on show each evening until 11th December, between 4.30pm and 8.00pm. It really is a magical tour, so please download a map from this link <https://npsabath.org/events/> so that you can enjoy it throughout next ten days. Sincere thanks to Liz Rayner who has coordinated this special event.

#### The NPSA Newsletter

In case you missed this week's NPSA newsletter, with all of the latest updates and future events, you can find it [here](#).

### Lower School Nativities

These will take place on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December at 9.30am. Adults are welcome to attend, though we ask that you only attend one performance, please, due to space. Please queue at the back door of the Upper School Hall. On Wednesday 14th December, the Lower School children will visit Emmanuel Church, at 10am, for a simple Nativity, performed by Year 2.

### Upper School Christmas Music Concert

These will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm and Thursday 15th December at 10am. In this, the choir will perform, along with a Newbridge mini-orchestra and pupils from Year 5, with a composition they have been practising. Again, parents and carers are welcome to attend. The Thursday performance is usually less busy. Before the evening performance, mulled wine will be served in the Blue Room. All children need to wear full uniform, please.

### Individual Photographs

Please remember that these will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Each child will have their photograph taken, and sibling groups will be photographed, too. Following the images being taken, you will be provided with details about how to order these online. All children should wear full school uniform on this day, and bring PE kit to school, if they have this lesson.

### Booking a Christmas Lunch

Please remember to book your child's Christmas Lunch by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, as no bookings will be accepted after this time. The original menu stated the menu choice on this day was gammon or egg mornay. However, this has been exchanged for the Christmas Lunch Menu. If you booked the gammon option, and your child does not want the Christmas Lunch, please cancel your booking by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We will send the Christmas Lunch menu to you on Monday

### Thank you to our Volunteers

We would like to invite all volunteers who have helped our school, since September, to come for a 'coffee and mince pie thank you' on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm. This will be held in the Blue Room, with a musical accompaniment from some of our children. Please complete this form, if you have volunteered and are able to come [Volunteers' Thank you](#)

### Extra Curricular Activities

All extra-curricular activities are now finished for the term, other than a catch-up session for Rich Little's Tennis Club on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all the children who made the commitment to attend activities and to all of the club leaders for providing these opportunities. A revised extra-curricular clubs list will be issued at the start of Term 3, with a view to all activities commencing on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

### Google Classroom 'blogging'

Please read your child's Google Classroom 'blog'. Here you will find out about all of the learning and activities the class has completed this week. There will always be photographs uploaded, too. These 'blogs' will give you further insight into your child's week and enable conversations about learning, at home. If you could leave a message, in response to the blog, or simply a 'thumbs-up', we would love to hear from you.

### And finally

We wish to remember and celebrate the life and talents on an ex-pupil, William, who recently died. Today, Mrs Hansard and I attended his funeral. We were struck by the love, support and comfort from the Newbridge community. His family and friends are very much in our thoughts at this most difficult time.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Gill Kennaugh

# ★ ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★ ★



★ **Bee** – Fleur D, Etta C      **Ladybird** – Layla J, Olly H      ★

★ **IEO** – Zeke S, Marc R      **1G** – Bella C, Hugo S      ★

★ **2M** – Beatrix B, Alice L      **2R** – Katie H, Roly H      ★

★ **3OG** – Niki P, Lyla R-B      **3BA** – Jacob H, Arthur L      ★

★ **4B** – Abigail B, Oliver A      **4H** – Ruby B, Timofii L      ★

★ **5HB** – Julia FC, Seb S      **5G** – Louis G, Remi F      ★

★ **6KR** – Thomas P, Astrid H      **6N** – Finn G, Amber A      ★





Class 4B – Practising Maths skills in ICT and writing character descriptions



A Year 6 displayed, inspired by their recent Bath Blitz Walk



Class 4T – Making  
Christmas wreaths and  
toasting marshmallows, in  
Forest School





We were absolutely delighted to be welcomed to the St Johns Foundation, at Combe Park to take part in a scratch Nativity, with a real donkey!





Chase said, "I enjoyed seeing Diarmuid the donkey. I liked the songs because it was really calm. I was the Inn Keeper, it was great! We had a happy time there altogether".





## Parents' Forum for Special Educational Needs and Disability – SEND

We will be holding our first face-to face meeting since Spring 2020 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. The main item for discussion is supporting pupils' mental health. If you would like to attend, please can you contact Mr Bacon via the Newbridge Enquiries inbox, as it would be very helpful to have an idea of numbers in advance.

Terms of Reference for Parents' Forum for SEND:

- *Newbridge Parents' Forum for SEND will work collaboratively to support, parents, staff, senior leaders and governors.*
- *The Forum is an advisory group and whilst it has no executive (decision-making) function within the school, feedback will be sought in response to any suggestions or recommendations to build on existing Newbridge systems.*
- *Meetings will be held termly and invitation is open to any parent.*
- *Minutes and actions from the meeting will be shared with link governor for SEND, school senior leadership team, and circulated via the school newsletter.*
- *Representatives from other local groups designed to support parents of pupils with SEND will also be invited to attend, for example, SENDIAS (formerly SEND Partnership) or B&NES Parent Carer Forum.*

Areas scheduled for discussion include; Home-school communication; School Policies around SEND, Behaviour, and Anti-Bullying; Interventions & Additional Support; Transition; Mental Health and Wellbeing; and other matters that may arise during the course of the school year.

These items sit within the context of whole school improvement priorities as outlined in the School Development Plan, SEND Action Plan; SEND Policy, SEND Information Report, and Disability Equality Scheme and Action Plan.

## Vacancy at Bath Spa Students' Union

We are looking for a

### **Finance & Administration Assistant**

The role is a part-time role (12 hours a week)

Full details can be found on our website below

<https://bathspasu.co.uk/your-union/vacancies>

## WINTER WINDOWLAND

The window displays will be on show each evening from 3<sup>rd</sup> December to 11<sup>th</sup> December, between 4.30pm and 8.00pm.

Download a map from this link <https://npsabath.org/events/> so that you can enjoy it all .