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Term 2

Monday 11th December

Year 2 Rehearsal at Emmanuel Chuch

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

Friday 9th February End of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 19th February Start of Term 4

Friday 23rd Febraury Feel Good Friday

Tuesday 27th February to Tuesday 5th March Book Fair

> Monday 4th March Book Week

Wednesday 6th March

Year 5 Residential Meeting at 3:30pm

Thursday 7th March Year 6 Residential Meeting

at 3:30pm

World Book Day

For Term Dates please look <u>here</u>

Dear Parents and Carers

It's starting to feel a lot like Christmas. The parade of nativity costumes seen around school, the multiple Christmas trees popping up and the sound of carols being sung by the choir, are reminders that we are now fully immersed in all that is Christmas in a primary school. That said, the curriculum is still jam-packed, with many fantastic learning opportunities.

Lower School Nativity

The Lower School performances of the 'Wriggly Nativity' which took place on Tuesday and again this morning, undoubtedly brought everyone some Christmas joy. To see all of the children from Reception to Year 2 taking centre stage and enjoying their special moment, brought smiles and a few tears of pride to their audience of proud parents, carers and grandparents. Class 2M and Class 2R led the acting and the singing and they had all worked so hard to learn their lines and deliver them with gusto to a hall full to capacity. Reception, in their Christmas jumpers and as Christmas trees, showed everyone their confidence and courage as they took to the stage. Donkeys and stars in Year 1 warmed our hearts, too. Well done to everyone and of course to our teachers and teaching assistants who coordinated nearly 180 children playing their part in one nativity – this is no mean feat! Thank you also to our audiences for willing the children on and celebrating their success – the performances made for very special moments for everyone.

Our NPSA - supporting our children, our families and our community

The Christmas Fair last Friday was a great success. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who worked tireslessly before, during and after the event. Your energy and commitment is noted and appreciated. Thank you also to the choir for opening the event and drawing the crowds in. All of the funds raised will continue to support our playground project and the purchase of reading books. Santa's Grotto was completely magical on Saturday. The scene was set when the heavy frost arrived - the Outdoor Classroom made for the perfect setting. Sincere thanks to Hannah Brownell, Tracey Pollard and Gemma Phillips for making this happen and to those who sold refreshments on the day along with Joe Laishley for completing hair wraps. Of course, this would not have been possible without Santa, and we thank him for fitting us into his busy schedule. The Christmas Puddings have sold well, as have the wall planners and Christmas cards. All of these items are bespoke to Newbridge and again take volunteers to commit to making these happen. On top of this, the school was decorated for Christamas by willing NPSA members. I don't know what we would do without our NPSA — it really is the glue that holds our community together.

Thank you to our Volunteers

To thank our volunteers, we would like to invite you to a coffee and mince pie on Monday 11th December at 2.15pm. This will be held in the Blue Room and some children will play some musical items to show our appreciation. Please complete this form, if you able to come <u>Volunteers' Thank you</u>

The Choir to Stratton House

The Choir was in action again on Thursday; giving back to our community. The Year 6 members visited Stratton House Residential Care Home on Weston Lane. Everyone enjoyed the visit, greatly. Thank you to Mrs Best and Mrs Osborn for enabling this to take place.

Boys' Football Match

Our boys' football team played against WASPS on Thursday. The team had been prepared by Mr Farrier and Mr Seaborne, with training sessions after school this term. Mr Farrier's contribution to our school is greatly valued in this role and as our safeguarding governor. Please read on for the match report.

Staffing

Mr Seaborne will retire from his post at PE teacher at the end of this term, having completed 12 years in his role at our school. We wish him health and happiness in his retirement and thank him for all he has contributed to our school throughout this time. Mrs Berridge will commence maternity absence from Term 4 and we are delighted to have appointed Mrs Derrien to this vacancy in Class 5HB.

Welcome

It has been a please to welcome Walter and his family to our school, joining Bee Class. We hope they will all be very happy in our school community.

JLT announced

Congratulations to all of the children in Year 1 to Year 6 who have now joined the JLT. Thank you for the many applications received, all contributions were highly valued.

Emmanuel Church Nativity

The Lower School children will visit Emmanuel Church on Wednesday morning, for a simple Nativity performed by Year 2. Reception and Year 1 will join in with Christmas songs. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

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 party 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. Details about the concerts were sent to parents of those taking part, this week. Everyone is invited to enjoy the performances.

Eco Ambassador Applications - close on Monday at 9am

Applications close on Monday 11th December, for those children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 who wish to be considered as an Eco Ambassador. This initiative has been driven by Hayley in Year 4 and Grace in Year 5. Full details of how to apply are posted on Google Classroom.

School Menu and meal bookings for Term 3

The menu for Terms 3 and 4 is now on the website, <u>here</u>. Please make sure you book your child's meals by midnight on **Wednesday 13th December**, for Term 3.

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 therefore the blog is provided in response to this. If you could leave a simple message, we would love to hear from you and to know the updates are valued.

Lost Property

There remains a great deal of lost property in school. For Upper School, please check the pegs immediately inside the cloakroom. For the Lower School, please check the red box in the Lower School hall.

Severe Weather

Please be advised, that if it is necessary to close the school in the event of severe weather, parents and carers will be notified by email. This decision will be made as early as possible and will be determined by understanding the safety of the school site and which staff are able to travel to and from work.

Have a lovely weekend, ready for the final week of term.

With best wishes,

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A HEADTEACHER MENTION

Through their enquiry, 'Does charity begin at home?' the Year 4 children have been learning about the support Julian House offers to our community and those who are homeless. To give back, the children all committed to a reverse advent calendar. This means, that on each day of December, they have brought to school a useful gift, for the charity to distribute. These have included personal care items.

What a thoughtful, kind and giving gesture. Our children really do understand and show compassion and empathy.

Thank you, Year 4

Newbridge Boys Football v WASPS

Thanks to all the boys who took part in the League match against WASPS yesterday afternoon, in dark and wet conditions. It was a massive effort from every player and the supporters all appreciated how hard you worked from start to finish, giving everything you had as you represented our wonderful school.

WASPS, who recently won the B&NES tournament, were a tough opponent and deservedly won the game, but we played some top football and continue to improve as a team, as a squad, and as individual footballers.

Many more matches to come in the New Year, next up for us in January is Oldfield Park Juniors!

Great work boys, keep that energy going.

Mr Farrier NPS Boys Football Coach

AROUND SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Junior Leadership Team (JLT) News



JLT MEMBERS

4B – Henry G
4T – Jem C
5F – Chelsea L
5HB – Bethan T
6KR – Alfie G
6N – Spike F

A big thank you to everyone who applied to become a member of the JLT. There were some fantastic applications and anyone who put themselves forward should feel very proud of themselves. Last Friday, Mr Bacon met with the outgoing JLT members to vote on who they felt the best candidates would be to replace them. We would like to congratulate Toby, Evie, Lucy, Etta, Riya, Alfie, Henry, Jem, Chelsea, Bethan, Alfie and Spike on being selected.

We look forward to listening to your ideas in the new year!

The NPSA Santa's Grotto

On Saturday, Newbridge Primary School and the NPSA welcomed a very special visitor.











Many very excited children visited the NPSA Santa's Grotto. Older children kindly helped as Santa's Elves, to ensure smooth runnings.

Thank you to Gemma Phillips, Hannah Brownell and Tracey Pollard who organised this event and other parents for helping with refreshements.

Year 4 Forest School

Class 4B had the best time at Forest School this week, where they built a fire and toasted tasty marshmallows. Some children created Christmas decorations using wood, nails and wool. They have had a wonderful time in the woods this term, learning so much about our environment and themselves.









Year 3 - Pneumatic Systems

Year 3 have been learning about pneumatic systems. The children investigated what objects can be made to work with air.











Year 6 perform carols at Stratton House Residential Care Home



On Thursday afternoon, the Year 6 choir children drove in the school mini bus, with Mrs Best to sing some carols for the residents of Stratton House Residential Care Home.

The children were greeted with lovely smiles and enthusiasm and did a brilliant job of chatting to the residents before they began to sing.

Some of the residents wanted to join in the singing with us and the children were so thoughtful in sharing the carol sheets with them. A special mention goes to Seb who saw a resident struggling to find the correct page and went over and helped her - well done, Seb, showing real Newbridge values.

Some of the children were told by two ladies that their singing had 'made their day' - which was lovely to hear.

The behaviour was exceptional and the children were so respectful throughout. Overall, it was a wonderful experience that we are keen to repeat. Thanks to Mrs Osborn and Mr Prince for accompanying us.

Year 6 make Woolton Pies

We made Woolton Pies (wartime pies with rations). We brought in the ingredients we wanted to use in the pies - in particular, seasonal vegetables. We were given leeks, potatoes and carrots as our basic ingredients. Ms Card explained how to cut the vegetables safely and Mrs Dennis taught us how to make pastry using three ingredients.

eating them even more!

We enjoyed making the pies and enjoyed



by Zach and Barney













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 Newbirdge Primary School

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Victoria Art Gallery free festive fun

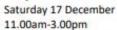
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Surreal Star & Make an eye-catching Surreal decoration for your Christmas tree. Pop in to the gallery for a free creative activity. Will your star have an eye or an ear or maybe both?



No need to book, children must be accompanied by an adult. Activity will be held in the entrance foyer of the gallery.

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www.victoriagal.org.uk

Roman Baths - December 2023 **Family activities**

To Sunday 5 January

This time of year was the Roman festival of Saturnalia. Explore the Roman Baths with Hoot to find out his Saturnalia Secrets.

He's behind you!

Saturday 16 December 11.00am - 3pm The Romans invented pantomimes with an actor wearing a different mask for each character - create a mini pantomime theatre.

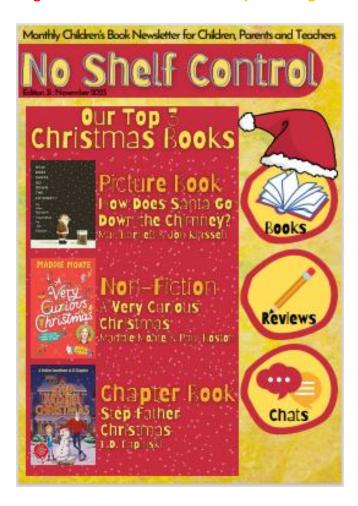


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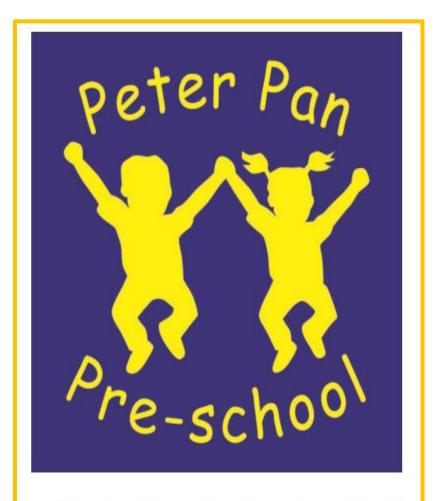
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Just off Chelsea Road in Newbridge, we are at the heart of the community, have strong links with local schools and have been caring for local Pre-schoolers from 3 – 5 years for more than 40 years. We pride ourselves on providing a calm and nurturing 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.





