



NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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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 February

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

Monday 11th, Wednesday 13th

and Friday 15th March

Parents to view books

For Term Dates please look [here](#)

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of a brilliant term. It has been a joy to see the children progress, to develop in confidence and to reap the benefits of all that school life offers. We are so proud of our children and I wish to thank each and every one for all they bring to our school and our community, each day. Thank you, for your continued support throughout the term – we are grateful for the help you offer the children with learning at home, for the volunteer work you complete in school and for supporting the NPSA.

As a small way of saying ‘thank you’ it was lovely to welcome our volunteers to a ‘music and mince pie’ afternoon on Monday, followed by joining with the whole school at an assembly to receive a huge round of well deserved applause and some Newbridge singing.

Our staff are pretty amazing, too - each one has played their part in ensuring school life has been fun and exciting. They have worked tirelessly and very much deserve the upcoming break. Your acknowledgment of their work, with generous gifts and cards, is greatly appreciated and, on behalf of the staff, I wish to say thank you.

The week has again been jammed packed with festivities – we have completed a Volunteers’ Thank You, a Church Nativity, two Upper School Music Concerts, over 400 Christmas Lunches, Class parties and a Christmas Assembly. I think everyone now needs some down time, before festivities commence at home.

Staffing

Mr Seaborne will retire from his post as our PE teacher, today. He has taught at our school for 13 years, in this role. We had a fitting celebratory and goodbye assembly, yesterday, followed on by a retirement tea, where we expressed our appreciation of his work and wished him health and happiness in life beyond Newbridge. Mr Seaborne loves being active, outside and travelling – so we know he will planning new adventures now. Thank you to the parents who kindly contributed towards a gift for him, too.

Emmanuel Church Nativity

The Lower School children and parents visited Emmanuel Church on Tuesday morning. We were warmly welcomed by the vicar, Michael Farrier and members of the church. The Year 2 children performed a beautiful nativity, and the other year groups joined in with the rousing singing. This is always a very simple, yet very special, Newbridge tradition. Well done to all involved.

Upper School Christmas Music Concerts

I hope you had the pleasure of attending the annual Upper School Christmas Music Concert on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, this week. It was outstanding. We were all so impressed by the children who participated in the choir, the orchestra, in the Year 5 ensembles and as soloists. All of the performances were exceptional and I am truly proud of everyone who took part. Our staff also took centre stage – bringing a bit of fun for everyone to enjoy. Mrs Best, single-handedly, put the performance together – her leadership of music, across the school, is exceptional and we are all so grateful for all that she does to encourage and inspire our children to love and learn music. Thank you to the many parents, carers and grand parents who attended and for the donations we gratefully received for our chosen charity this year, Dorothy House – a charity that is close to our hearts when remembering a special member of our school community. Together, you raised £363.48.

Christmas Lunch – what an extravaganza!

One of their biggest challenges for the catering team this year took place on Wednesday. With seemingly little effort and stress, they prepared, cooked and served over 400 Christmas lunches! This was 100kg of roast potatoes – can you imagine?! Everything was under control, and with this, the children had a fun and memorable lunchtime. Our lunchtime supervisors and cooks work incredibly hard for our children, every day, and we are so very grateful for this and the care they offer.

Our NPSA – what an incredible start to the year!

Our NPSA, and its support for our children, our school and our families continues to go from strength to strength. The charity continues to be a large part of our school life and the activities and events held so far this year have demonstrated everything that is special about our community in the way in that people want to help, to give and to be a part of it all. You will see from the image below how extraordinary funds have been raised so far this year. Thank you, again, to everyone involved and especially our committee members who complete their roles so well, led by Fran Derrien.

Everyone at
Newbridge Primary
School wishes you
a very Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year



Eco Ambassador Applications

Grace, Hayley and I would like to say thank you for the many Eco Ambassador applications we have received. We are still working our way through them all, and we will let you know in the new year who has been selected.

Forest School at Newbridge

You may have noticed the stunning images in the newsletter each week showing just some of what takes place in Forest School. We know we are very fortunate to have the Conservation Area to utilise, but would like to acknowledge that none of this would be possible without Sarah Webb, our passionate and inspiring Forest School teacher. The children enjoy and benefit from this experience, greatly. As in previous years, we now take a step back from Forest School for Year 2 and Year 4 in Term 3, to allow the Conservation Area to rejuvenate.

Extra-Curricular Activities – please sign up

The extra-curricular clubs lists for Terms 3 and 4 was published on Monday. Please find a link to the list of activities [here](#). For those children entitled to free school meals eligible by benefit, there will be no charge applicable for fee paying clubs – please let the office know which clubs you would like your child to attend. Applications to clubs close on Monday 18th December.

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.

Google Classroom

Please read the ‘blog’ posted on Google Classroom today, telling you all about the learning and activities 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.

Contacting the school

For all correspondence, please can parents use the email address enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk

I wish you all a restful holiday and a very happy and healthy New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

With best wishes,

Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



★ Ladybirds – Whole Class

★ Bees – Whole Class

★ IEO – Bonnie H H, Layla J

★ IG – Rayan K, Jacob K

★ 2M – Rex R-B, Mya W

★ 2R – Etta H, Sophia A

★ 3OG – Kiere G, William C

★ 3BA – Riya G, Ethel L-S

★ 4B – Arthur L, Zach H

★ 4T – Ronnie H, Afek H

★ 5HB – Flynn N, Nancy B-J

★ 5F – Adam A, Poppy H

★ 6KR – Millie M, Frankie R

★ 6N – Oliver R, Barney B



A HEADTEACHER MENTION



This week's mention is for all of those who have contributed and committed to music in our school. Well done and thank you to all of the children who have taken part in the many events and activities in recent weeks, representing our school so well. You have brought a lot of joy, to a lot of people and should feel very proud – thank you.



Year 2 Great Fire of London

Year 2 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London this term. They designed and created model Tudor houses, made of similar materials to the ones that would have been found in London at the time. Both classes gathered on the playground, and with the help of Mr Clark watched their designs get burned down, just like the real fire!





Our Nativity!



A HUGE well done to all the performers who took part in this year's Christmas Production, 'A Wiggly Nativity'. You all acted, danced and sang your hearts out and gave it everything on stage. We are all very proud of you. From the Christmas trees in Ladybirds to the Makaton masters in Bees, from the little donkeys in 1G to the stars in 1EO, and of course from our brilliant actors and singers in 2R and 2M. We hope you enjoyed the show and we wish you a Merry Christmas!





Emmanuel Church Nativity

The children in Year 2 did very well at the performance at the Emmanuel Church on Tuesday. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help walk the children to the church and to those who joined the congregation.







Our Christmas Concert



On Wednesday and Thursday we hosted their annual Christmas concert. Over 150 children took part and we had performances from the school choir, school orchestra, Year 5 Gamelan and a number of solos and duets. The children were incredible and performed brilliantly - a special thank you to Year 6 performers, for whom this is their last Christmas concert at Newbridge. There was a huge audience on Wednesday night made up of parents, carers, grandparents and siblings and there was a real buzz in the air! Thank you so much to those of you who donated to support Dorothy House - we raised **£363.48**

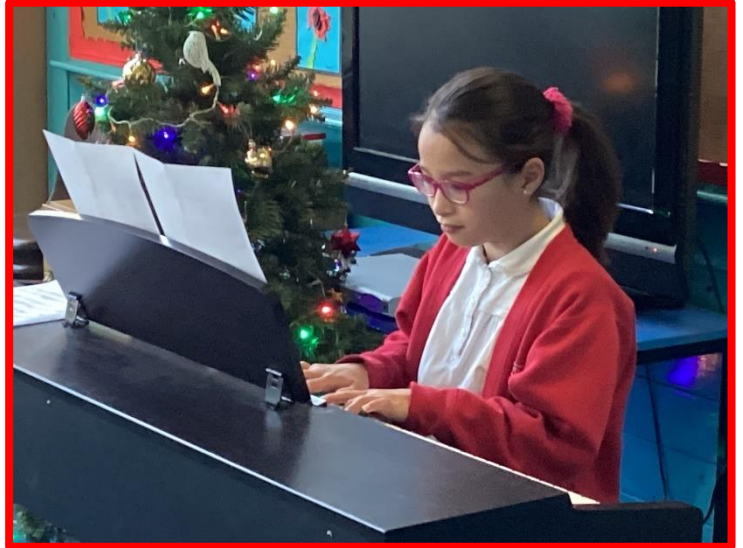




Volunteers' Thank You



We had some brilliant performances at the Volunteers' Thank you from Zelda L, Millie M, Emma H, Seb and Amelie S and Jack B. Well done to all the performers.



Christmas Lunch



A big thank you to the School Kitchen Team for Christmas Lunch on Wednesday this week. Over 400 Christmas meals were made and as you can see by the pictures, a lot of joy was had!







Father Christmas came to visit the Lower School





Everyone Active

Well done and thank you to everyone who came along to our last fun dance of the year – it was GREAT! We look forward to continuing these sessions in the New Year.





Back to School picnic £780

Planners £338



100

100 club £359

Fireworks £1669



Corporate donations £2550



Quiz £1910



Christmas cards TBC



ELECTRIC BEAR

Parents social £210

WHAT AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU



Cake sales £494

Newbridge Primary School

Uniform sales £108

FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Fundraising total

£15,336

Scarecrow Trail £73



Santa's Grotto £592

Bath Half Marathon £3759



Xmas puddings £235



Bags 2 School £85

Parent donations £85

Giving Machine £42



Christmas fair £2047





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**



Dear Parents & Carers,

Instructor Nick here - Taekwon-Do is at **Newbridge Primary School** & we are offering a Month Free! It's on **Mondays**, spaces will be limited and may be subject to a waiting list. It's all about high performance freestyle Tae Kwon-Do & developing that Self-control and Confidence. Yes, we have the black belts, kicks and tricks, but it's all about:

Teamwork
Integrity
Growth
Energy
Respect
Self-Control



The upcoming 4 week free trial will run at **Newbridge Primary School** starting **Monday 8th January** and continue at that location going forward:

Infants/Juniors (School Yr 1-6): Mondays 6:30-7:15

Please do not enter the building on pickup, release will be outside.

Our classes are the lowest priced pro Tae Kwon-Do sessions in the area! After the free trial, should you wish to continue, classes are just £32 a month, which includes **all training, belts, gradings, replacement uniforms, patches, licensing & insurance**. Siblings train at a huge £9 per month discount too!

To register your child via mobile or desktop, please fill out this short form: www.tigermartialarts.club/monthfree

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Kat, TMA admin by email: admin@tigermartialarts.club or by phone between 10am-3pm **07921855900**.

Once booked, we'll contact you before the start to confirm details. To find out more: www.tigermartialarts.club

Thanks as always for your support,

Instructor Nick

Head Instructor - Tiger Martial Arts

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

Bath Ukulele's Moorland Road Library Christmas Sing-a-long



Saturday 16th December
11:30am – 12:15pm
All welcome. Collection for Moorland Road Library

Victoria Art Gallery free festive fun

Top of the Tree ★ 🎄 🎅 🎅 🎄 ★

Saturday 17 December
11.00am-3.00pm

★ 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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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.



Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Monthly Children's Book Newsletter for Children, Parents and Teachers

No Shelf Control

Edition 3 - November 2023

Our Top 3 Christmas Books



Picture Book
How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney?
Maurice Sendak & John Kissel



Non-Fiction
A Very Curious Christmas
Maddie Moore & Paul Lester



Chapter Book
Step Father Christmas
J.D. Lipinski




Books



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This Month's Book Reviews



Glassborn
Peter Bural
Usborne 9+

Set in Fairyland in 1826, Acton Belle is led to a hidden key by a robin. Little did he realise what would follow! He is now the Chosen One and must steal the Glimmerglass crown for the cruel Queen. When his siblings realise they set off on a mission to save him and defeat the evil Fairy Queen.



Kay's Incredible Inventions
Adam Kay and Henry Parker
Puffin 7+

The third non-fiction book from Kay and Parker. Together they have created some superbly funny books that completely entrance their readers. My children have read their copies of the previous books multiple times. This time they look at the inventions that changed the world, obviously including some fails in there too!



An Animal a Day
Miranda Smith, Kaja Kofot, Santiago Calle, Mateo Markov & Max Rambold
Red Shed 6+

Obviously, with 365 animals, you're going to find old favourites but you're likely to find a new favourite too! Each day has facts and illustrations as you travel our planet discovering its wonderful inhabitants.



Do You Remember?
Sydney Smith
Walker 6+

Sydney Smith keeps producing top quality picture books that simply must be shared. Do You Remember? joins a mother and son in their new home as they reminisce with memories of their life. Good memories and bad ones. Once you've finished, you'll want to sit down and remember your own shared experiences.



One To Wait For...
Amulet 9 - Waverider
Kazu Kibuishi - Scholastic - Feb 24

Amulet is, quite simply, the best graphic novel series. We've been waiting for book nine for a long time. If you've not discovered them yet, you simply must. An epic fantasy adventure that will leave you desperate for the next book.



The Ice Children
M.G. Leonard
Macmillan Children 8+

The best adventures happen in books, but what if a book froze your brother? Well, Bianca suspects that the sparkling book has something to do with her brother's situation but unfortunately the books has gone missing! Another classic from M.G. Leonard that will further cement her place in readers hearts!



Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year
Andrea Beaty & David Roberts
Abrams 5+

Finally this brilliant series focuses on the best job on this planet! Teaching! Looking at the influence teachers have on young lives. A reminder of what teachers should be and should do - inspire the younger generation! If you've not got the complete set yet, you need to rectify that pronto!



Cats React to Dinosaur Facts
Izzi Howell
Wayland 7+

How to improve a non-fiction book? Add pictures of cats! How to improve a non-fiction series with pictures of cats? Add Dinosaur facts! A very simple solution that really pays off. We love this series and dinosaur facts live up to the high expectations that we've come to expect from this undeviated series. You'll be hooked from the first page.



Minnie's Mission of Maximum Mischief
Craig Graham, Mike Stirling & Laura Howell
Farrar 7+

It is no secret that we're huge fans of The Beano, but we've never really given their novels a chance. This is the seventh novel based around the Beantown characters and this time it's Minnie's turn to shine. This is a great story with familiar characters. A perfect first novel for fans of the comic books.



One You Might Have Missed
The Cardboard Kingdom - Chad Sell
Alfred A. Knopf - 9+ June 2018

An old favourite that has resurfaced in our house. A book celebrating friendship and creativity. A whole neighbourhood of children are inspired to create alter-egos using the left over cardboard in their houses. A brilliant story that will have a character for every child to connect with. Once you've read it, you'll need to save your own cardboard so that you can join in the fun!

9 New Books This Christmas




Christmas is a magical time of the year and we all know that one of the best things about Christmas (after the food) is the books! Take a look at the feast that is on offer this year!

- Merry Whatmas? Eoin McLaughlin & Polly Dunbar
- Bunnies on a Sleigh Philby Ardagh & Ben Mantle
- Santa's Marvellous Mechanical Workshop Vashli Hardy & Kasia Cottle
- Juniper's Christmas Eve Collier
- You Choose Christmas Nick Sharratt & Pippa Goodhart
- The Nutcracker Alex T. Smith
- Operation Nativity Jenny Pearson
- Dasher Can't Wait For Christmas Matt Tavers
- Tis The Season Richard James



If you have any questions or have a book released soon that you feel deserves a place on the newsletter - Email us - MisterBodd@outlook.com



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.

SPOTTERS HOCKEY **DECEMBER 2023**

BATH, SOMERSET

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

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 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

Mercy in Action

the nest project

Action Pantry

Mercy in Action is a registered charity (number 1051181) and is a not-for-profit organisation. Registered Office: 11 Victoria Avenue, Bath Business Park, Fossebottom, Bath, BA2 8DP. Charity Number: 1051181. Charity Registration Number: 1051181.

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!



