# NPSA NEWS

Thank you to all of you that came along to the NPSA meeting last week, it was great to be able to celebrate the fundraising successes of last term and to look forward to the year ahead.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Bag2School Drop off 21/22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Second-Hand Uniform Sale
29th Jan – more info to follow next week



# **Bag2School Collection**



Our first Bag2School collection of 2022 will take place on Monday 24th January. Please **bring your donations** - in sealed bags, please - **to the lower school foyer either on Friday 21st Jan** when you drop off or collect your children, **or between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Saturday 22nd Jan.** 

As a reminder, Bag2School will accept any of the following items: re-usable clothing, paired shoes (please tie them together), bags, hats, scarves & ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers).

They do not accept the following: duvets or blankets, pillows or cushions; carpets, rugs or mats; soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniform (with OR without logo); corporate clothing and workwear; textile off-cuts or yarn.



#### **JOIN TODAY**

The NPSA 100 Club has now been up and running for a year. In that time it has raised £1,578 and given out £328 in prizes. Congratulations to all our winners and a huge THANK YOU to all our club members. You can see how your £2 or £4 a month really does add up.

With little other fundraising activity happening at this time of year, joining The 100 Club is a really simple way to make a difference to the NPSA. It costs just £2 per month (payable by standing order) or £4 if you choose to have two numbers. Each month all the numbers are entered in a draw and if your number is picked then you win a small cash prize. It is really easy to join: you spend five minutes filling in this application form then we send an email confirming your number(s), and you set up a monthly standing order to pay for your numbers. If you use online banking, it will take less than 15 minutes to become a member.

Join today, and your numbers will be included in next month's draw on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **BATH HALF** 2023

Could you, would you, run the Bath Half to raise funds for the NPSA in 2023?! A few years ago, a team of Newbridge parents and staff raised over £2000 doing just that, and we'd love to have a team taking part in this fantastic local event next year.

We pay for your place, all you need to do is commit to running the Half and raising a minimum of £150 through sponsorship. We'll help with fundraising, and we can definitely promise you a huge amount of support along the Newbridge section of the route!

If you've always said to yourself that you'll run the Half one day, why not give it a go? It's a challenge for regular runners and newbies alike, but the sense of achievement at the end is enormous.

We'll soon be able to buy places for next year's event, so while you don't have to say a definite yes today, if you're interested please let us know by emailing npsabath@gmail.com so we can gauge how many places we might need.

## **Amazon Smile & The Giving Machine**





Have you signed up for AmazonSmile and The Giving Machine? If not, please do. As of December 2021, Amazon Smile has generated £392.66 for the NPSA and the Giving Machine has raised a total of over £3000 over the many years since we registered. However, at present, there are only 7 active users of the Giving Machine and we would love to change this! On either site, you can register "Newbridge Primary School Association" as your chosen charity, we'll receive a donation every time you shop via the app or web page, and it won't cost you a penny. Even small donations from occasional purchases add up, but if you're buying a new washing machine, or booking a holiday (we wish!) then you could generate a substantial donation. You can find more details here.

## **NPSA Committee Vacancies**

In July this year, we will be saying goodbye to Mim Wharf, our Secretary, and Fiona Remnant, our Ticketing Coordinator, as their youngest children finish Year 6. At the same time, Katherine Wellings will be standing down after two years as Chair.

It is really important that all three vacancies are filled, and in particular that we find volunteers to replace Mim and Fiona while they are still here to complete handovers with their successors.

Being a part of the NPSA Committee can be hard work, but it is also fun and very rewarding, and the best way to make a positive difference to our community. If you have some spare time, enjoy helping others, and would like to use your skills (and learn new skills) in supporting our school, please email npsabath@gmail.com to find out more.

We have detailed "job descriptions" for all three roles, which you can read <a href="here">here</a> and Fiona, Katherine & Mim are all happy to talk to anyone who might be interested in volunteering.

We look forward to hearing from you!

