

# NEWBRIDGE

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#### Dates Term 1

Term 2 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 20G Forest School

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November NPSA Fireworks 4B Forest School

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November Anti-Bullying Week

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** 2R Forest School NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 4BA Forest School

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 20G Forest School

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November Class 6N Bath Blitz Walk

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November Class 6KR Bath Blitz Walk 4B Forest school

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November NPSA Cake and Uniform Sale

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2R Forest School

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 4BA Forest School Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

20G Forest School

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 4B Forest School

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Decemeber Year 6 Choir to Stratton House

Non-Uniform for School Fair Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Clubs finish this week

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** Lower School Nativity (2OG) at 9.30am 2R Forest School

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Lower School Nativity (2R) at 9.30am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

4BA Forest School Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December Volunteers' Thank You

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch Upper School Christmas Concert

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Parties Upper School Christmas Concert

#### Inset Days 2024/25

Monday 6th January Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a phenomenal term. From the moment the staff stepped into the Inset Day on 2nd September, we have not stopped. Each week the children have built on prior learning and our expectations, which has resulted in a term everyone should be proud of. Ladybird and Bee Class deserve a very special well done as they have now completed their first term at school.

I offer my sincere thanks to all of the staff who go above and beyond to support our children every day. I hope that they, as well as the children have a very well-deserved half term break.

**Celebrating Harvest:** Thank you very much for the generous donations for Julian House and the Next Project, brought into school this morning. The display of goods made a fantastic backdrop to our Harvest Assembly, in which all of the children performed songs. It was a lovely end of term treat for the whole school to join together and especially to welcome Bee and Ladybird Classes to perform to the whole school for the first time. In our assembly we thought about how when we work together as a community, we can make a big difference to others. We also thought about the work of farmers, the challenges they face and how grateful we are for their skilled work.

**Florence Nightingale Day**: The children and staff were dressed for the occasion on Monday. It was Florence Nightingale Day, for Class 1DO and Class 1G. The day was themed on their current enquiry 'What makes a hero?' and the children came to school dressed as doctors, nurses and soldiers. The children worked across the year group and completed a range of activities and learnt about the impact of Florence Nightingale's work. The day highlighted what a hero is and the impact we can all have by showing care for others. Thank you to the parents who organised the children's outfits for the special day.

Valuing Difference: You will know that last week we held Valuing Difference Day. We did not have time to share many updates in last week's newsletter, so there are plenty below for you to enjoy this week. The children are continuing to talk about the messaging and activities – and the role they played in further developing the understanding of others. Thank you, again, to our visitors, who made the day even more memorable.

**Year 6 Netball Tournament:** On Wednesday, ten girls set off, a week later than planned due to the weather, for the B&NES Schools' Netball Tournament held at Ralph Allen School. Well done to Alessia Z, Grace W, Olivia S, Chloe H, Evie H, Bethan T, Amiria A, Abigail B, Alice S and Maddie H for representing Newbridge Primary School so well. Please see below for a recount of the match from Mrs Bartlett, the coach.

**Football Today:** Good luck to both the Boys' and Girls' Teams, who are playing in matches after school today. We will report the results in the next newsletter.

**Online Safety:** You will know that are very keen to promote information about helping you to keep your children safe online. This week's Online Safety meeting, led by South West Grid for Learning, was extremely eye opening. The meeting covered mis-information, gaming, parental controls, security and threats, and suggested practical ways that parents and carers can support their child's safety online. Please follow the link to access the presentation that was delivered

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**Good Bye and Good Luck**: This week we wish Atharv and his family much luck and happiness. The family have already relocated and Atharv will start a new school closer to his new home. Good luck, Atharv.

Lost Property: There is much lost property in school. Please check the red box in the Lower School hall and the two rows of pegs immediately inside the Upper School cloakroom. It all needs to go.

**Contact Details:** Please can all parents ensure the school holds up to date contact details for their child. All parents and carers must supply two contacts.

Please read the teacher's blog on Google Classroom for further updates. You will note from an earlier email that the ability to post a comment has currently been disabled in line with the Online Safety Policy which you can find <u>here</u>.

Wishing you a great and safe half term holiday. The children will return to school after half term on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

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# $\mathbf{X}$ STARS OF THE WEEK $\mathbf{X}$

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **Bees** – Whole Class!

- 1DO Annabel B, Arlo G
- 20G Phoebe H, Harry R
- **3DE** Quinn H, Rueben L L
  - 4B Ollie G, Sophie S

5HK – Khadeja K, Naleen Y

6KR – Edward S, Thai P

- Ladybirds Whole Class!
- IG Rosie C, Owen P
- 2R Isabella I, Eddy S
- 3M Izzy C, Ruairi H
- 4BA Jia W, Saskia H
- 5F Tommy E, Lyla R-B
- 6N Tom C, Isla S

#### PE Stars of the Week:

Everyone who has taken part in extra curricular clubs this term and represented the school.

Music Stars of the Week:



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### Whole of Year 3 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **HEADTEACHER MENTION**



Isabelle and her friends love to help out and give back to their community. You might remember that in the snow last year, they took part in the Big Bath Sleep Out for Julian House. This time, Isabelle made some bracelets, and set up stall to sell them. They raised fantastic £76 for the RUH! You are such a superstar citizen,

Isabelle – and thanks to Evie and Dylan for your help.

# Valuing Difference Day Reception

In Ladybird and Bee class we read the story 'All are Welcome', and discussed how we are all different, and why this is a good thing. The children enjoyed talking about the different languages they spoke, and what makes them unique. We drew pictures of ourselves and the things that we enjoy there were so many differences to celebrate!





### Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed reading a book called 'The Book of Diversity' which led to a great discussion about how we are all unique and special in different ways. We then drew pictures of ourselves to reflect our differences and we will display these as a collaborative piece of artwork. We also read some pages from 'Young, Gifted and Black' and focused on Mary Seacole and her work in the Crimean War. We have also been looking at Malorie Blackman, who is the author of the book that we are using in our English lessons. We finished off by listening to some fun music by Stevie Wonder!!



### Year 2

In Year 2, we were lucky enough to have a parent visit our classes to talk to us about their hidden differences. Scarlet lives with epilepsy and is partially sighted. We had a lovely discussion about how being **accepting** and showing **kindness** at all times was really important. We then followed two lessons from our PSHE scheme of work on **celebrating difference**. We thought about the differences and similarities within friendship groups and that friendships are not based on physical attributes etc. We then learned about the importance of Black History Month. This led us on to creating artwork inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat. What a truly wonderful day!



### Year 3



Year 3 were very lucky to be visited by Michael, a Paralympian triathlete who represented Team GB in Paris. He told us his story of how he became a Paralympian, and what it took to get there. His main messages were that you need to work hard, have fun, and try and always turn negatives into positives.

We were then visited by some Year 6 pupils who taught the classes about discrimination and protected characteristics. Finally, in the afternoon, we discussed what bullying was and made anti-bullying posters.



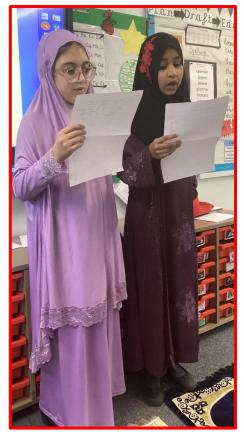






In Year 4, we had a super day thinking a lot about Valuing Difference in our community and within the wider community. We focused on Black History Month and learnt about Rosa Parks, which the children found fascinating.

In the afternoon, we were lucky enough to have a visit from two Year 5 children who told us about their Muslim faith. They wore their hijabs and demonstrated how they pray to Allah. We were mesmerised and the Year 4 children asked some very thoughtful questions.



### Year 5

Last Friday it was Value Difference Day. We dressed up and performed to Year 5 and Year 4 about what Muslim people wear and how they pray. We were incredibly happy because all of the children loved it which we really appreciated.



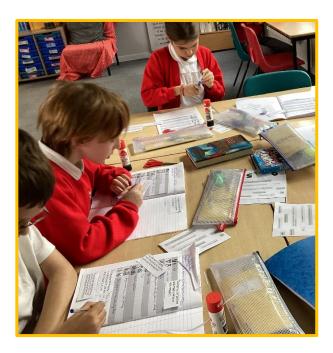




### Year 6

In Year 6, for our Valuing Difference Day, we explored valuing difference both in our class, year group, school, local community and the wider world. It was a really insightful day where we have focused on Neurodiversity, Hate Crime and Racism. These are hard topics to engage with but the children did brilliantly.

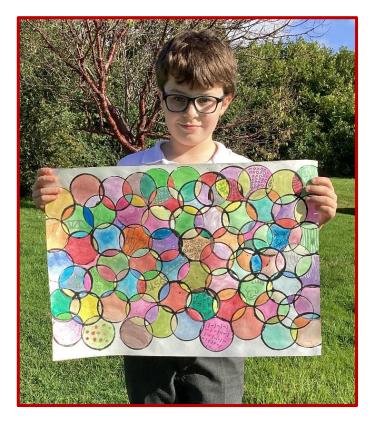












Valuing Difference Day Art Work

Jack B, from Class 5F, made this piece of art work to symbolise how everyone is different. Each one of these circles is different; not one circle is the same.

Jack, this is incredible! Well done.

# Valuing Difference Day Display

This display includes some of the art work made by Year 6. Here are some of their thoughts:

Alice S, Class 6KR – 'Through being part of the NET, I taught others about how it is good to be different.'

Maddie H, Class 6KR – 'We learnt that we are all equal, even if we are different.' Rakib K, Class 6KR – 'In art we used typography to illustrate our thoughts on valuing difference.'



### Valuing Difference Day Cake Sale





A big thank you to everyone who brought cakes and other savoury goods in for our Valuing Difference Day Cake Sale. As you can see, our children loved them.

On Wednesday this week, our Year 6 teams took part in the B&NES High Five netball tournament at Ralph Allen.

Both teams played 5 games with one team managing to get to the semi final. I was incredibly proud of all the children, as this was the first time they had played competitively against other schools. They were all great ambassadors for Newbridge, demonstrating excellent team spirit and support for each other. Well done everyone, you were brilliant!

Thank you to Mrs Dennis and Mrs Ross who helped us on the day and a big thank you to parents for supporting the teams too!

### Year 6 Netball v Ralph Allen



**Mrs Bartlett** 

### Year 1 Florence Nightingale Day



On Monday, Year 1 took part in a themed Florence Nightingale Day. The children took part in various activities, including: looking at books and images (secondary sources) to learn about Florence's life. comparing hospitals then and hospitals now, learning how to bandage a wounded soldier and taking part in some role play as a doctor, nurse or soldier in the Scutari Hospital. They had so much fun and learned so much about how to be a hero, without needing to wear a cape.









### '500 Words' Writing Competition

The annual 500 words competition has relaunched! There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds**. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous **grand final** at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities. There are also lots of **prizes to be won** - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

Not only that, the winning stories will receive an original <u>illustration</u> from Dapo Adeola, Nigel **Parkinson, Lydia Monks, Momoko Abe, Rob Biddulph or Yasmeen Ismail.** The main rule is that the story needs to be **no more than 500 words long**. For all other rules and details, go to the following link: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4</u>

All stories must be submitted online at the website above. The deadline for the competition is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. If anyone does submit a story, please also send us a copy at school via the school email address <u>enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk</u> as we'd love to see what fantastic stories have been created!

#### **Fixed Penalty Notice**

If your child misses school because of an unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (or 5 days), the school may issue penalty notices.

Penalty notices will be issued separately to each parent, and for each child. The fine for each penalty notice is £120, with 28 days to pay. If you pay within 21 days, the fine is reduced to £60 for each penalty notice.

For example, a family with two parents (1&2) and two children (A&B) taking unauthorised absence would receive the following penalties:

- Parent 1 = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties
- Parent 2 = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties Total payable by the family = 4 penalties (or £480).

If the family in this example had paid their fine within 21 days of being issued the penalty notice, they would have had to pay £240.

For further information:

**B&NES Website for parents** – Penalty Notice code of conduct. <u>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/pay-penalty-notice-non-attendance-school</u> <u>Information for Parents and Carers August 2024 (1).docx (live.com)</u>

### Our New Library

We love spending more time in our new library during lesson time. Thank you to the NPSA for creating this beautiful space for us.

#### Are you interested in volunteering in our school?

Our generous volunteers are incredible and complete a number of different roles within our classrooms. We could not do all that we do, without you.

If you are inspired to volunteer in school, please contact the School Office: <u>enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk</u>



### **Online Safety**

This week's Online Safety meeting was extremely eye opening. The meeting covered misinformation, gaming, parental controls, security and threats, and suggested practical ways that parents and carers can support their child's safety online.



The hours children spend online is disproportionate to the amount of time within the curriculum we have to teach online safety, but it is crucial that we give children the skills in which to navigate themselves in an increasingly online world

Please follow the link to access the presentation that was delivered <u>https://prezi.com/view/4GCKbcJh</u> <u>BJM2ZSCi3TGK/</u>

If you have any questions, please direct them to Mrs Derrien through the <u>enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk</u>



#### Learning and Communication Creativity and Imagination Personal Development Collaboration Citizenship OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT

#### **NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## Holiday Club provides a range of fun outdoor activities for children aged 5-11 including:

Den building Campfire cooking Environmental arts and crafts Bush craft Storytelling Games

Plus plenty of opportunities for free range, child-led play and exploration

#### Sessions will be led by either Jonny Houston or Claire Pickman, both experienced Forest School leaders, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site and all activities are risk-assessed.

- Dates:Monday 28th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October.Please note, no holiday club on Tuesday 29th as there is treework planned
- **Time:** 9.00am 4.00pm
- Cost: 1<sup>st</sup> day booking: £40 2<sup>nd</sup> day or 2<sup>nd</sup> sibling £38

Please note, payment will be asked for at time of booking.

Booking essential: Please email Lesley on musiclch@yahoo.co.uk for a booking form. Spaces are limited to 20 children per day.
Your booking will be confirmed once your completed booking form and payment have been received.

**Please bring:** weather appropriate clothing, morning snack, packed lunch and a water bottle. Campfire snacks will be provided in the afternoon





#### Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are pleased to announce that we have now arranged a parental knife crime awareness event at St Mark's School on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024, starting at 6pm. Please book through our Eventbrite Link below.

The event is aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bnes-vrp-knife-crime-awareness-event-forparents-carers-tickets-1022634837327



