

# NEWBRIDGE

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#### Term 3

Friday 31st January NPSA Cake & Uniform Sale Parents to look at books 3.15pm - 4pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Parents to look at books 3.15pm - 4pm Tuesday 4th February Parents to look at books 3.15pm - 4pm Wednesday 5th February Parent and Teacher Meetings Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February Parent and Teacher Meetings Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February End of Term 3

#### Term 4

Monday 24th February Start of Term 4 Tuesday 25th February Book Fair Week Friday 28th February EYFS Egg Theatre Trip NPSA Cake Sale Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 Roman Baths Visit Thursday 6th March World Book Day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March NPSA Cake and Uniform Sale Wednesday 12th March Year 5 Residential Meeting 3:30pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March Ladybird Class Assembly 2.40pm Tuesday 18th March NPSA Meeting Friday 21st March Bee Class Assembly 2.40pm Monday 24th March Clubs finish this week Tuesday 25th March NPSA Meeting Friday 28th March Year 4 Assembly 2:30pm Monday 31st March Year 6 Dance Umbrella Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April End of Term 4

#### Inset Days 2024/25

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Please <u>click here</u> for the terms dates.

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

**Ofsted Inspection December 2024:** This week we were able to publish the Ofsted Report following the inspection in the final week of Term 2, we are delighted with the many positives that have been noted in the report, knowing that the Lead Inspector had to bring together the findings over two days into this short document. We are especially proud of being recognised as a school *'that puts pupils at the heart of all it does'*. The report highlights how brilliant our children are – being respectful, responsible Newbridge citizens. It also illustrates the skill and commitment of the staff and governors, and how we do not rest on our laurels, wishing to continually develop in teaching, learning and our wider school offer. We have been developing assessment strategies in all curriculum areas, and we will continue to refine these, to ensure any gaps in knowledge are identified and adaptations are made. Again, thank you very much to the parent community for being behind us in the inspection, and for completing the questionnaire made available at the time – your continued support is especially valued. The inspection report is available <u>here</u>.

Young Voices 2025: There is less than one week to go until all 114 choir members, volunteer parents and staff set off for the World Resort Arena at the NEC, for the concert of the year. They will perform with thousands of other primary aged children from across the country, Good luck to everyone taking part, and sincere thanks to everyone who has made the trip possible. Especially Mrs Best, our wonderful Music teacher. Sadly, Mrs Best is not going to make the trip as she is in the late stages of pregnancy. We wish her luck as she has now commenced maternity absence. Mrs Keep will be holding the reins, until Mrs Best returns to work. Junior Leadership Team: Following an assembly on Monday led by Mr Bacon, applications are now open for the next round of the JLT (Junior Leadership Team). All information and the application process has been published on Google Classroom. This is for years 1 to 6.

**Outdoor Play and Learning:** OPAL continues to be a big hit with the children at lunchtime. This week, we have opened more areas with new opportunities. We now have Art Zone, Water World and Mr Benn's Dressing Up Shop. Children are being awarded with OPAL badges and the Golden Welly, for demonstrating all of the values of OPAL. We are fortunate to have a site which allows this, and a team that is supporting this priority. **Open Classrooms:** The classrooms will be open to all parents from 3.20pm to 4.00pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to view pupil books. There is no need to book for these sessions and we politely ask that all visitors are respectful of the environment and resources.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** A letter was sent today informing parents about how to sign-up for an online Parent/Teacher Meeting being held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February or Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Bacon will also be available on the sames dates. The booking system will be live from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. The meetings are held online to enable parents to join from different locations, to ensure every parent's meeting is equal in length, and to support teacher workload. Please note that parents do not need to wait until the Parent/Teacher meeting to raise a concern; an appointment can be requested via the school office at any time.

Thank you, NPSA: We held an online meeting on Tuesday evening. This was mainly a review of recent events, and outline future ones - which highlighted the efforts of so many in ensuring our community comes together to have fun and raise much appreciated funds. Next Friday, there is a cake sale at the end of the day. Additionally, ten committed parents and staff have signed up to run the Bath Half, for the NPSA – thank you so much! There are further details of this, below.

**Violent Knife Crime Reduction:** We hosted a meeting on Wednesday on behalf of B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership. This was informative and we hope to offer further events in the future. As a school we want to play our part in raising awareness of such issues and have already been fortunate to receive three workshops for the older children in relation to keeping safe, through the VRP.

**Idling Vehicles:** Keeping a vehicle engine running while parked and waiting, contributes to poor air quality, affecting the health of those in our community. Therefore, parents and carers are asked to turn engines off at pick-up and drop-off times to help create a cleaner, safer environment. B&NES are promoting the 'Kick the Habit' campaign, and you can read more about this <u>here.</u>

**Google Classroom:** Please read the 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today, telling you about the class learning and activities. This update is provided for parents and carers to continue conversations at home. With best wishes, Gill Kennaugh

**STARS OF THE WEEK** 

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<mark>Bees</mark> –Miles B, Nancy H

- 1DO Eartha LS, Max W
- 20G Louella P, Reuben H
- **3DE** Ben W, Luke W
  - <mark>4B</mark> Amelia R, Finn C
  - 5HK Whole Class
  - 6KR Edward S, Grace W

Ladybirds – Finn O, Teddy H IG – Elliot F, Isla B

- 2R –Effie W, Leo L
- 3M Arthur B, Ruari B
- 4BA George R, Lucy W
- 5F Lyla RB, Tabitha SM
- 6N Isobel M, Oliver A

PE Stars of the Week: Sophia D Class 3M, Noa J Class 3DE Music Stars of the Week: Sami R Class 5F, Sam R Class 5HK

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## **SPORT THIS WEEK**

#### **Girls' Gymnastics**

On Tuesday, the Year 5 and Year 6 Girls' Gymnastic Team made their way to Baskervilles to compete in the B&NES Schools' Competition. With strong gymnastic ability, we knew the girls would put in great individual performances, and combine in the hope of achieving a successful team outcome. Representing Newbridge were:

Level 1 – Isobel M, Alice S, Bethan T, Amelie S and Audrey E.

Level 2: Ruby E, Flora K, Alessia Z, Chloe G and Fern D.

Please read on for all of the results, you will be amazed!

#### **Boys' Football**

The boys played in a cup match away to WASPS – our local rivals, also on Tuesday. Following on from the success in the County Finals, the team left in good spirits and feeling confident.

The team was: Sam R, Charlie R, Rhed M, Barney P, William B, Afek H, Ben T, Harry B, Flynn N and Tom C. It was a well matched game, with superb play by Newbridge in the first half, ending in Newbridge 2 goals up. In the second half, the battle continued, with WASPS coming back, and Sam making some superb saves. The end result was 2:0 to Newbridge, meaning the team moves to the next round of the cup. Well done boys, and thanks to Mr Farrier.

# Little Free Library



We have lots of books in our book exchange- the Little Free Library in the foyer of the Upper School- ready to be given a new home. There are picture books and chapter books so there's something for the youngest to the oldest children to enjoy. We have lots of books in storage so you are welcome to simply choose a book to keep with no need to exchange at this time. Happy reading!

Mrs Amor

### Year 5 and Year 6 Gymnastics Competition at Baskervilles

On Tuesday, 10 gymnasts (Chloe, Ruby, Alessia, Fern, Flora, Bethan, Isobel, Amelie, Audrey & Alice) went to Baskervilles Gym to take part in a B&NES Schools' Gymnastics Competition. Read on for a report from the participants.

'When we got there, we did a quick warm up before we started the competition. Firstly, we went on the equipment, which were bar and beam, where we showed off our amazing skills. Secondly, we went to the rest station to practice our routines, that went really well.

After we rested, we started floor, where we individually showed the judges our routines. Next, we went to over to the vault, where we were judged on how powerful, but neat, our vaults were. Finally, we got our overall results. The level ones (Bethan, Isobel, Amelie, Audrey & Alice) came second- each getting a silver medal. Amazingly, Audrey came second individually.

The level twos (Chloe, Ruby, Alessia, Fern & Flora) came first - everyone getting a gold medal. Impressively, Ruby came second individually with 19.7 and Chloe came first place with 19.9 out of twenty'.

What an incredible achievement from the whole squad, you should be very proud. A big thank you to Mrs O'Gara for organising this opportunity for everyone to enjoy.

















# Our First OPAL Golden Welly Winners



Congratulations to Jem and Edward on being our very first 'Golden Welly' winners, what a fabulous achievement!

The Golden Welly Award winners are selected by our lunchtime Play Team, who identify children who are going above and beyond in their lunchtime play – helping the play team, being inclusive or being extra creative in their play.

Our Play Assembly this week also saw the opening of more new areas for children to play in at lunch times with Digger World, The Garden, Fancy Dress Shop and Art World - all opening in the Lower School. While the Upper School saw the opening of Water World and their own Fancy Dress Shop.

Please keep supporting your child's OPAL journey by making sure they are attending school everyday with a warm waterproof jacket with a hood.

We've received lots of brilliant donations so far, thank you and please keep them coming. In particular we are looking for larger wellies (size 5 plus), a variety of utensils, pots, trays and pans for the mud kitchens, lego, small figures and anything with wheels!

### OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL February 2025



#### 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:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 9.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: 1<sup>st</sup> booking: £40 2<sup>nd</sup> day or 2<sup>nd</sup> child: £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







### Everyone, Mojo Moves is back!

It was lovely to see Cheryl, this morning, and have her back in school leading our FREE early morning dance sessions.

It is a lot of fun, and a great way to start the day. It is open to all ages – parents, grandparents and toddlers, too.

There is no need to sign up, just come along at 8.10am on a Friday morning, in the Upper School Hall.









Are you having a clear-out?



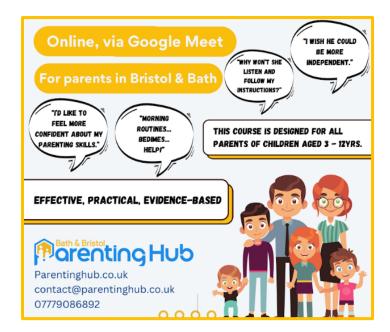
To keep the excitement of OPAL going, we particularly are requesting the following items, if you might have any, please.

Anything on wheels - Suitcases, pushchairs, trolleys, skateboards, scooters, bikes, wheelchairs, Trunkis
Fancy Dress clothing - Fun items for dressing up, any shape or size Kitchen – Pots, pans, utensils
Wellies – Size 5 upwards
Food Waste Storage Bins – Stoarge For Art World Materials Garden Trowels - Any small hand tools

Anything else, we'll give it a second life....surprise us!











#### Have your say on Bath Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Links

It only takes 10 minutes to have your say on four active travel routes across Bath.

The four routes will create more than 6.2km of cycling routes across Bath through advisory lanes, dedicated spaces and quiet routes. It will also provide significant walking and wheeling improvements, such as upgraded crossings and more convenient and safer options

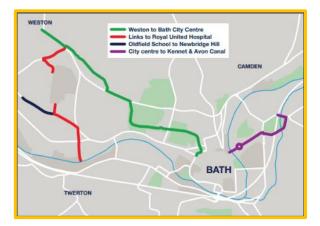
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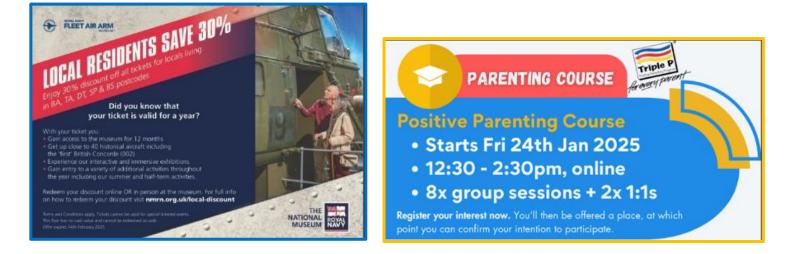
Links to Royal United Hospital

**Oldfield School to Newbridge Hill** City centre to Kennet & Avon Canal

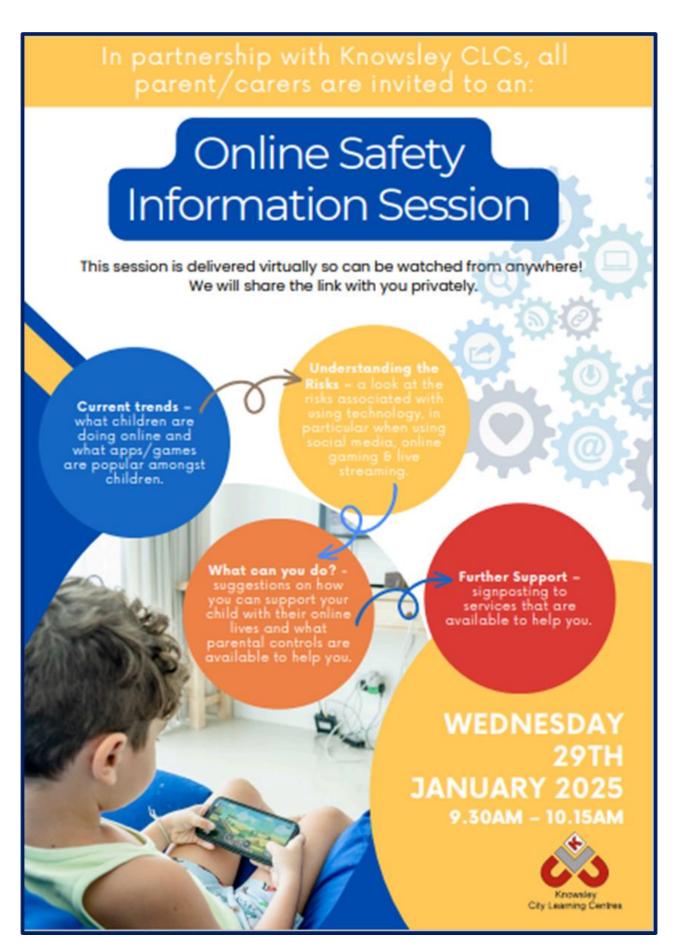


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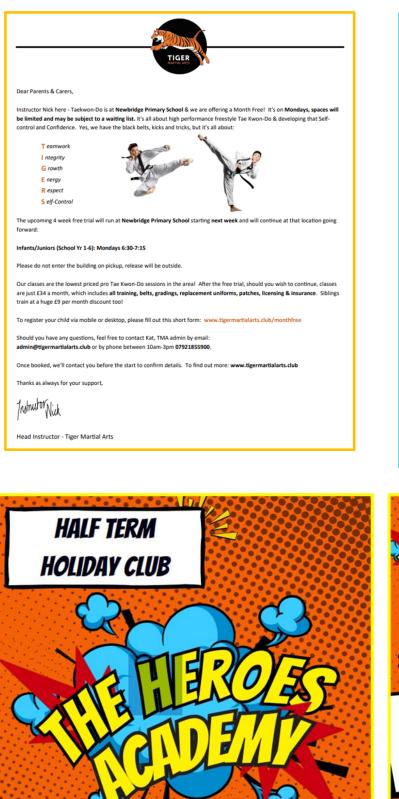
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