



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Term 3

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
Clubs start this week

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
NPSA meeting 7.30pm

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**  
Feel Good Friday

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
End of Term 3

## Term 4

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
Start of Term 4

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Forest School 2M

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
Forest School 4B

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
Feel Good Friday

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February to  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
Book Fair

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Forest School 2R

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
Forest School 4T

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
Book Week

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
Forest School 2M

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
Forest School 4B  
Year 5 Residential Meeting at  
3:30pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 6 Residential Meeting at  
3:30pm  
World Book Day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday  
13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parents to view books  
3.20pm to 4.00pm  
Clubs finish this week

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
EYFS Assembly 2.40pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
NPSA Meeting

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parents' Evening

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
Express Yourself Day  
End of Term 4

For Term Dates please  
look [here](#)

Dear Parents and Carers

Within a week of the term starting we have already completed much learning and many activities – we don't stand still and always look for ways to engage and support our pupils. We thrive on being busy and providing the very best opportunities for all.

### Visitors to Bath City Farm

We were welcomed as visitors to Bath City Farm on Tuesday afternoon. With having this wonderful resource less than a mile away, we seized the opportunity to take up regular sessions at the farm – learning about the necessary care of the animals and the space. It was bitterly cold on Tuesday, but this did not deter from a rewarding afternoon for everyone involved. Again, we travelled to and from the visit on our school mini-bus – this makes for a special outing in itself and ensures accessibility and ease.

### Eco Ambassadors announced

Following much deliberation, Hayley from Year 4 and Grace from Year 5 joined me in the whole school assembly on Monday to celebrate all of the applicants and to announce those who have chosen to be Eco-Ambassadors at this time. Many brilliant ideas were put forward by all candidates and we will be using these to help shape up what the newly formed team can achieve. The selected Eco Ambassadors are: Fern D, Grace W, Niki P, Cerys L, Roly H, Ivy C, Hayley M, Otis H and Grace B.

Well done, everyone, and especially to Hayley and Grace for championing this project.

### Year 2 Play Leaders announced

Our children understand the importance of being responsible citizens and know that many roles of responsibility are necessary and available across the school. One of these important roles is that of a Play Leader. The Lower School announced their new Year 2 Play Leaders in assembly, those children who will support others to have a happy and inclusive time on the playground. The selected Year 2 Play Leaders are Jacob S-G, Isaac H, Anna C, Matilda S, Grace D, Mae Y, Theodore P and Quinn H. Well done for showing all of the responsible attributes we look for in school.

### B&NES Sports Partnership - Ten Pin Bowling!

You will know that we are very keen for as many children as possible to represent the school and our ambition comes following the many activities children missed out on due to Covid. There was a first on Wednesday – the Newbridge Ten Pin Bowling Team travelled in the school mini-bus to the Bath Leisure Centre, in conjunction with B&NES Sports Partnership, Bath Rugby Foundation and Bath College, to join other schools for some skilled bowling and much fun. I think the pictures below show you just how much the children got out of the activity!

### A spotlight on the school curriculum

For your information, and in response to the Parental Questionnaire in July 2023, we have modified the way in which curriculum information is available to you. We moved away from Curriculum Termly Overviews and instead have shared the documents created for each foundation subject, which map out the threads of learning and progression of skills taught in all year groups. You can find all of these [here](#). We also said that we would provide parents with curriculum updates in the newsletter, highlighting what the children will learn and retain to allow them to build upon prior knowledge in a logical and sequential manner. This week we have placed the spotlight on Geography, which you can read about below.

### School Behaviour Routines and Expectations

In the feedback to the Parental Questionnaire in July 2023 I said that we would be focusing on pupil behaviour as an aspect of our School Development Plan for the year. This work started in September with us wishing to ensure that we have a consistent approach to behaviour strategies in order to support all staff in their varying roles across the school. We have used 'Walkthrus', based on Rosenshine's principles, to underpin professional development in this area and already have promoted 'fantastic walking' - meaning that everyone moves around our large site calmly and carefully at all transitions. I also said that we would start a consultation on the use of the 'traffic light' system, which is part of the school's behaviour policy, with the view to replacing this. We have taken time to explore how this system will be replaced as it is important that any behaviour which falls below our expectations is challenged and that positive behaviour is reinforced. The Parents' Forum for SEND met before the end of last term to discuss the 'traffic light' approach and there will be a further meeting arranged in the next couple of weeks to discuss our new Behaviour Expectations and Newbridge Routines (if you would like more information about this group, please contact Mr Bacon via the school office).

Our Behaviour Expectations are that all pupils are Respectful, Responsible and Safe. We have broken these down into smaller steps and will teach all classes using positive affirmation: that 'at Newbridge we....' The Newbridge Routines are the way we explicitly teach these expectations, building on the success of Fantastic Walking. We will use school assemblies to consolidate each Routine and celebrate our collective successes. If any pupils need additional support or adaptations, we will put these in place in the same way that we would provide this for any other type of learning. We are updating our Behaviour Policy to reflect these changes, which also include information about how we analyse and follow up on any behavioural incidents.

#### Our NPSA – supporting our children, our school and our families

Following the flurry of Christmas activities, these are the next events planned by the NPSA over the coming weeks. **Bingo** - Tuesday 23rd January 3:30pm in the Lower School Hall. Tickets are £2.50 and are available [here](#). There will be a limited number of spaces so please be quick to avoid disappointment. Year 5 and 6 are able to attend unaccompanied, but please be aware that if your child normally makes their own way home, it may be dark by the time it has finished.

**NPSA meeting** - Tuesday 23rd January and this will take place online - please look out for the link if you would like to join.

**Cake and Uniform Sale** - Friday 26th January in the Upper School Hall from 3.15pm.

#### Extra-Curricular Activities

All extra-curricular activities commence from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you very much to all those who have signed up – we are passionate about the wider curriculum and place value on the skills and enjoyment gained from taking part in a wide and varied activities. Many thanks, indeed, to the staff and volunteers who lead the clubs. For those children entitled to free school meals eligible by benefit, there will be no charge applicable for fee paying clubs. Please contact the office to know where there are remaining spaces.

#### Contacting the school

For all correspondence, please can parents use the email address [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk).

**Google Classroom** Please read the 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today, telling you all about the class learning and activities. 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.

#### Severe Weather

With the weather changing in recent weeks and with forecast conditions, please be advised that if it is necessary to close the school parents and carers will be notified by email. It is rare for this to happen but not unknown. Any necessary 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.

With best wishes,  
Gill Kennaugh

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



★ Ladybirds – Arlo G, Sorsha B ★ Bees – Jacob S, Mia P ★

★ IEO – Olly H, Charlotte J ★ 1G – Alfred P, Lola S W ★

★ 2M – Quinn H, Anna C ★ 2R – Jonny P, Clarice J ★

★ 3OG – Mackenzie P, George R ★ 3BA – Joey L-A, Katie H ★

★ 4B – Rory W, Felix B ★ 4T – Leona K, Ellie-Mae H ★

★ 5HB – Abigail B, Jimmy L-A ★ 5F – Reuben J, Poppy H ★

★ 6KR – Lynne A, Louis G ★ 6N – Oliver R, Daniel A ★

★ Music Star of the Week ★

Rosy T, Class 4T Ruby E, Class 5HB



## A HEADTEACHER MENTION



Ellie-Mae from Class 4T, wowed us this week with her incredible replica of a Roman Shield. This was inspired by the enquiry this term, 'How did the Romans change Bath?'.

Over the years of Ellie-Mae being at our school, this is not the only replica or model she has made. Ellie-Mae had made one every year and we love how passionate she is about extending her learning at home. Well done Ellie-Mae.

## Team Newbridge – 'Best Brilliant Bowlers' at the B&NES Ten Pin Bowling Competition

On Wednesday, 7 children took part in a B&NES Sport Partnership Ten Pin Bowling Competition at Bath Leisure Centre.

The team demonstrated enthusiasm, commendary and respect throughout.

Thank you Chase, Ruby, Adam, Thai, Florrie, Sami and Naleen for representing our school and living up to our school values – you were fantastic!

Sami – "It was the best day of my life!"



# Year 6 Heart Dissection

At first there was a lot of suspense as Mr Newman calmly walked in with a cloth over a bag of pig hearts! Soon afterwards, he lifted the cloth . . . I thought they would be very different but they just looked like pink, slimy blobs! Once we all had a good look at the heart and Mr Newman put his gloves on, he pulled out a knife and started cutting the heart. We all thought it would blow out blood everywhere but he reassured us it wouldn't! Then he stuck one of his fingers up the Aorta - it was revolting. Next, Mr Newman cut the pig heart into another piece so he could show us the Atriums and Ventricles. Finally, Mr Newman gave us the opportunity to hold and lift the pig's heart, it was heavy and slimy. While also being a bit gross, this lesson was very educational and fun.

Bertie and Patrick Class 6KR



## Our Eco Ambassadors



Fern D, Grace W, Niki P, Cerys L, Roly H, Ivy C, Hayley M  
Otis H and Grace B

## Our Year 2 Play Leaders



Mae Y, Quinn H, Isaac H, Jacob S-G,  
Matilda S, Grace D, Theodore P and Anna C.

## Bath City Farm Visit

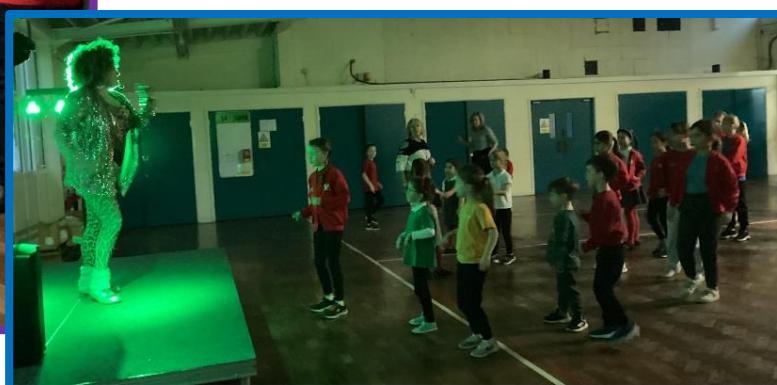
The children had a rewarding time at Bath City Farm this week.





## Everyone Active

Thank you to everyone who came along to our second fun dance session of the year – it was **GREAT!** Sessions will continue each Friday morning at 8.10am until 8.40am.



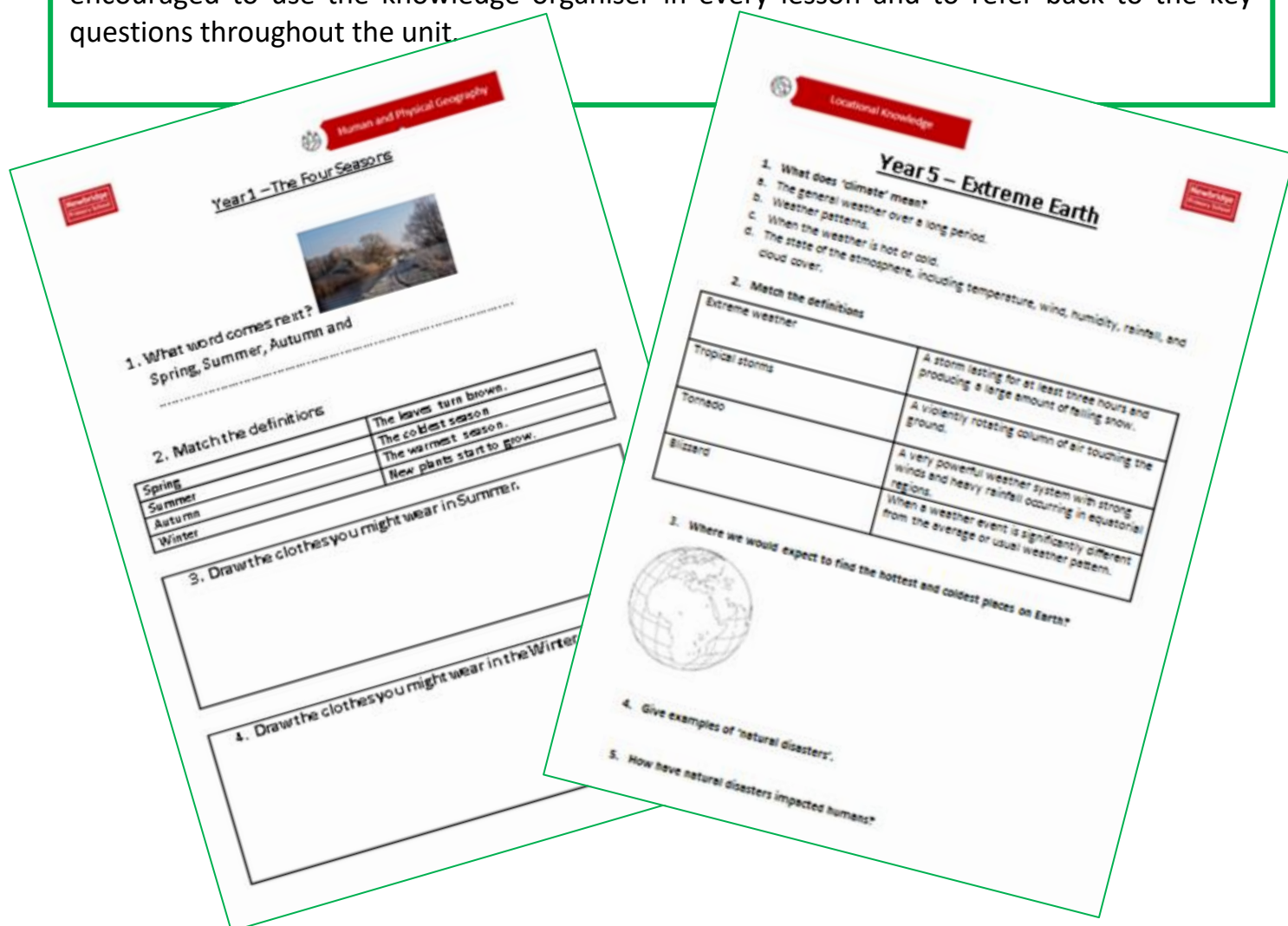


# Spotlight on the Geography Curriculum

At Newbridge we have an inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum which embeds key geographical concepts, knowledge and skills, in order to provide the children with a life-long fascination of the world around them.

We have developed a number of new structures which we believe will help the children to learn and retain the information that they are taught during each lesson and allow them to build upon their prior knowledge every year in a logical and sequential manner. Over the course of each year, the children are taught the key threads of; 'Locational Knowledge', 'Place Knowledge', 'Human and Physical Geography' and 'Geographical Skills and Fieldwork'. Each unit has a specific focus on (but is not restricted to) one of the threads.

At the start of every unit, the children take a short quiz to see what they already know about their new topic. The same quiz is repeated at the end of the unit to show how much new knowledge the children have acquired. In order to support the children, we have also created knowledge organisers – a single page sheet for your child's book that summarises the key information for each unit. Knowledge organisers contain a glossary with definitions of key words and concepts, diagrams, pictures, key questions and key information. The children are encouraged to use the knowledge organiser in every lesson and to refer back to the key questions throughout the unit.




Newbridge  
Primary School

Year 1 – Four Seasons

Key Vocabulary

<b>Season</b>	The seasons are four different times during the year with different types of weather.
<b>Spring</b>	Spring is a time of new plant growth. It is also when animals become active again after the winter.
<b>Summer</b>	Summer is the warmest season of the year. It falls between spring and autumn.
<b>Autumn</b>	Autumn is the season when leaves turn brown and fall from the trees. It starts to get colder.
<b>Winter</b>	Winter is the coldest season of the year. It falls between autumn and spring.
<b>Weather</b>	Weather is the way the air and the atmosphere feels. It includes the outside temperature, the strength of the wind, and whether it is raining, sunny, hailing, snowing, sleeting, foggy, or cloudy.

Key Questions

What are the four seasons?
What happens when the seasons change?
What is weather?

What clothing should I wear in the summer?
What clothing should I wear in the winter?

Key Knowledge

To know the four seasons of the year.
To know that different seasons have different weather.
To know how the order of the seasons.
To know the months for each season.
To understand that there are different types of weather.
To know suitable clothing to wear for each season.

Pictures

Spring









Summer

Autumn

Winter

Season

Weather

<div>Newbridge Primary School</div>		Year 5 – Extreme Earth		<div> Locational Knowledge</div>	
Key Vocabulary		Key Questions		Key Knowledge	
extreme weather	Extreme weather is when a weather event is significantly different from the average or usual weather pattern.	How does climate and weather affect different places on Earth?		To describe features of extreme weather	
tropical storms	A tropical storm is a very powerful weather system. It has strong winds and heavy rainfall that can be disruptive and dangerous.	Where we would expect to find the hottest and coldest places on Earth?		To discuss the effect of a drought on the environment.	
tornado	A violently rotating column of air touching the ground, usually attached to the base of a thunderstorm.	What causes droughts?		To compare different types of extreme weather, such as tropical storms, tornadoes and blizzards.	
blizzard	A storm lasting for at least three hours and producing a large amount of falling snow.	How have natural disasters impacted humans?		To explain how natural disasters can cause devastation on Earth.	
tsunami	A tsunami is a series of extremely large waves caused by a large and sudden displacement of the ocean, usually the result of an earthquake below or near the ocean floor.	Why is it important for scientists to study natural disasters?		To describe the differences between a volcano and a mountain.	
Water cycle	The water cycle is the continuous movement of water within the Earth and atmosphere.	<div></div>			
mountain	A landform that rising steeply at least 1,000 feet (300 meters) or more above its surrounding area.				
volcano	Openings, or vents where lava, tephra (small rocks), and steam erupt onto the Earth's surface.				
Images					
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Hurricanes	Tsunamis	Forest fires	Tropical storms	Earthquakes	The Water Cycle

## OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**February 2024 Holiday Club days provide 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 Sarah Webb and Claire Pickman, both experienced Forest School leaders based in and around Bath, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site and all activities are risk-assessed.

**Tues 13th**

**Wed 14th**

**Thurs 15th**

**Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm**

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

**Cost:** 1 day booking: £40 per day – siblings £38 per child per day  
2 day booking: £78 per child  
3 day booking: £38 per child per day

Booking essential, please email [valair1@hotmail.com](mailto:valair1@hotmail.com) or call on 07825 610145 for a booking form.  
Spaces are limited to 20-25 children per day.

**Come in!**  
**For tasty food**  
**and good company**



**Free meals**  
**Wednesdays**  
**7.00pm**

**Everyone is welcome**

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**Girlguiding**  
88th Bath City Rainbows

A new rainbows unit has opened in Bath!

Once a month on a Saturday  
9am-12pm

Girlguiding HQ,  
Walcot street

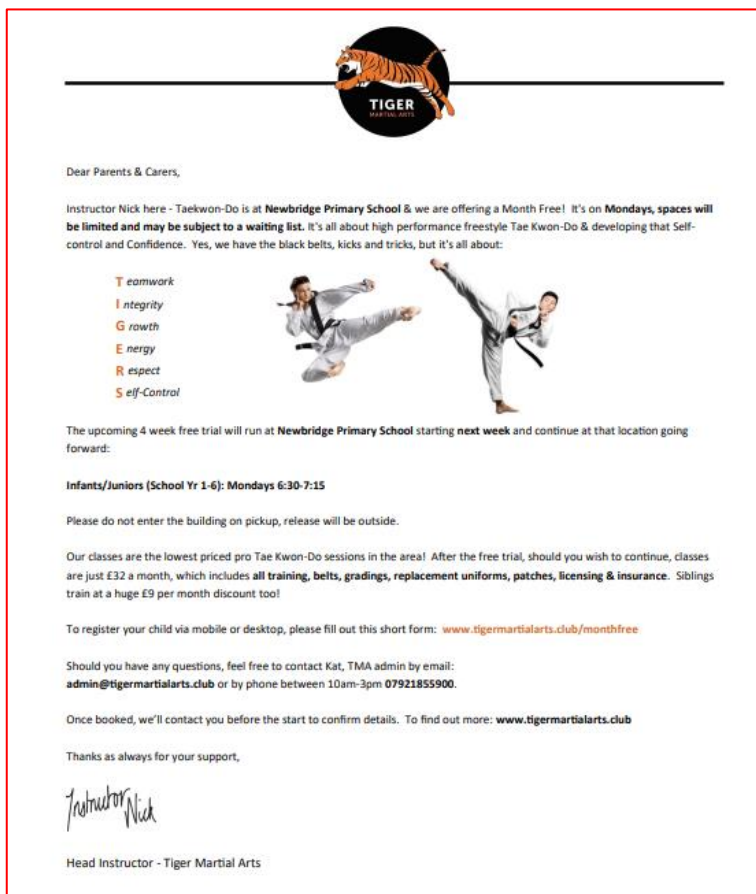
For girls aged 4-7 years

Leaders:  
Holly & Jess

**Rainbows**  
88th Bath City Rainbows

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For more information please contact:  
88thrainbows@girlguidingbath.org.uk



**TIGER**  
MARTIAL ARTS

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:

**T**eamwork  
**I**ntegrity  
**G**rowth  
**E**nergy  
**R**espect  
**S**elf-Control

The upcoming 4 week free trial will run at **Newbridge Primary School** starting **next week** 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](http://www.tigermartialarts.club/monthfree)

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Kat, TMA admin by email: [admin@tigermartialarts.club](mailto: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](http://www.tigermartialarts.club)

Thanks as always for your support,

*Instructor Nick*

Head Instructor - Tiger Martial Arts



**Skills for Work -  
Volunteering Opportunities  
2024**

**FREE ENTRY**

The Event Will Be Held On:  
Wednesday 31st January  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
at Bath Central Library

**Employment & Skills POD**

Bath & North East Somerset Council  
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