



NEWBRIDGE News

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Dates

Term 3

Monday 6th February

Year 1 Space Day

Tuesday 7th February

Year 5 Egyptian Day

Wednesday 8th February

Year 2 to Multi-Skills at Oldfield School

Friday 10th February

Second-hand book sale 3.30pm

End of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 20th February

Start of Term 4

Friday 24th February

Feel Good Friday

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Friday 3rd March

Ladybird Class Assembly 2.40pm

Friday 10th March

Bee Class Assembly 2.40pm

Monday 13th March

Year 6 Residential Meeting
3.30pm

13th/15th/17th March

Open Classrooms 3.20pm to
4.00pm

Thursday 16th March

Year 5 Residential Meeting

Friday 17th March

Year 1 Assembly 2.40pm

Tuesday 21st March

Parents' Evening

Friday 24th March

Year 4 Class Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday 29th March

Parents' Evening

Friday 31st March

Feel Good Friday

End of Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers

How much can we pack into one week, in a school?! There has been so much happening across the whole school, and the newsletter can't cover it all. Therefore, please read your child's class blog on Google Classroom, for further updates and images. The teachers spend time writing this, to give you insight into your child's week and what they have been learning, so that you can continue conversations at home. If you don't have your child's login for Google Classroom, please email enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk.

Young Voices – what an extravaganza!

The highlight has to be the 70 choir members attending Young Voices at the World Resort Arena in Birmingham last Friday. What an incredible experience this was, for everyone – performers, staff, volunteers and families. It was a day and night we will all treasure.

For many months, the children have committed to learning the song words and dance movements, both at home and through their attendance at choir rehearsals. Their investment paid off when they could perform with such joy, with over 6,000 other school children, to a packed arena. I am incredibly proud of every single child who took part and who stepped up for and loved the challenge and excitement of the day. Undoubtedly, this experience will have instilled confidence and the belief that anything is possible.

This opportunity could not have happened without the support of the school staff and volunteers. Thank you, sincerely, to Mrs Best – who leads music in our school and who has led on Young Voices since September – with the able help on the day of Mrs Dinsdale and Mrs Amor. It was a very long day and our volunteers who committed to this deserve huge thanks; we appreciated their time and care greatly and could not have managed the trip without them – Paula Tew, Jo Blair, Louise Slowgrove, Rebecca Holmes, Vivika Houston and Francesca Gulso Gallisai.

The coaches did not return to school until after midnight, and this caused great hilarity to be in school on a Saturday. The parents who travelled to watch the performance were also buzzing with the whole extravaganza – not knowing what to expect. The performance, with the children's choir and guest artists - which included Heather Small (from M People), Urban Strides, The Beatbox Collective and Anna Phoebe was simply outstanding. We have received some lovely emails of appreciation and we are grateful for these, but please know that being able to provide this opportunity for the children comes with a huge amount joy for us, too. Thank you to everyone who made the day possible – let's do it again, in two years' time!

Whilst there are many photographs in the newsletter, I have uploaded two folders to Google Classroom, for Year 3 to Year 6, of photos and videos taken on the day. There are some super ones, courtesy of the Bates family. There are further reports of the day to read in the newsletter, also – from Mrs Best and Thomas in Class 3OG.

Korean Luna New Year

Last Friday, Jieun Lee – Mina's mum, led workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 all about the traditions and celebrations of Luna New Year, in South Korea. The children were fascinated by all that they learnt and enjoyed wearing traditional costumes, making origami and playing games.

Sports Hall Athletics

Well done to our Year 6 athletics team who travelled to the University of the West of England this week, to take part in the County Final of Sports Hall Athletics. It was a great day – filled with track and field events. As ever, we are very proud of the children's efforts, achievements and conduct – they are all super stars and deserve high praise for all they have accomplished.

NPSA Meeting

Thank you to those who came to the NPSA meeting on Tuesday evening. There was a really good turn out, from classes across the school. The team is planning events and are looking as far forward as the Summer Fair. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact your class representative.

Parents' Forum for SEND

Yesterday was the second Parents' Forum for SEND, where items discussed included support for pupils with SpLD / Dyslexia and Home-School Communication. Thank you to all parents and staff who contributed at the meeting and completed the Google Form questionnaires. If you would like any more information about the Parents' Forum, please contact Mr Bacon.

Everyone Active

Thank you to those who came along for fitness, fresh air and fun on Thursday morning. The numbers are picking up, which is fantastic. Everyone is welcome to come along next Thursday, from 8.10am, on the top playground. It is not competitive, at all, we complete as many laps as we can manage – with 12 laps being one mile. It is a great start to the day.

Contacting the school

For all correspondence, please can parents use the email address enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk . There is also a B&NES email address, but this is no longer used for parent correspondence.

Google Classroom

Please remember to read your child's Google Classroom Blog. This is written weekly, by the children or class teacher, to update you on the week's learning and activities. We have noticed a down turn in interactions with the blogs, but are keen to keep providing them, if they are valued. Please leave a comment or a thumbs-up, so we know you are reading them.

Lost property

Please have a look, before you go home today, at the collection of lost property. This is hung on the rows of pegs to the right on entering the Upper School cloakroom and also in the box in the Lower School hall. Please also ensure that lunchboxes, which are continually left in the Upper School, are collected.

Mobile Phones

Please note that only older children should have phones in school, and only for the purpose of walking home independently. If a child has a phone for this reason, it must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day. Children must never turn their phones on, on the school premises.

I hope you have a good weekend.

With best wishes

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★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



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| ★ Bee – Praise F, Alfred P | Ladybird –Reuben H, Ava McG | ★ |
| ★ IEO – Luke W, Etta H | 1G – Martha D, Arthur B | ★ |
| ★ 2M – George R, Lucy W | 2R – Joey L-A, Duru Nia C | ★ |
| ★ 3OG – Sunny C, James R | 3BA – Otis H, Khadeja K | ★ |
| ★ 4B – Ollie A, Bethan T | 4T – Romi H, Edward S | ★ |
| ★ 5HB – Billy G, Zoe M | 5G – Maya C- L, Chloe W | ★ |
| ★ 6KR – Segev H, Rupert N | 6N – Evie D, Tharun PN | ★ |



YOUNG VOICES 2023



On Friday, 70 children, 4 teachers and 6 willing (brave!) parent volunteers made their way on two coaches up to Birmingham to take part in Young Voices 2023. The journey there was smooth and we even managed to navigate a toilet and snack stop at the services half way. Finally, we arrived and, together with over 6000 other children, filed into the arena and were amazed at just how big it was!

Then it was time to rehearse. The children knew their words and music really well and listened attentively to the conductor throughout - not an easy thing to do for 3 hours straight! At 5pm we were allowed to have our tea, the children were really sensible with their food and made sure they hadn't eaten everything by lunch time! It was a 2 hour wait between the rehearsal and concert and we were so impressed with the children - some chose to have a little rest, some read and some still had the energy to sing some more and chant support for Newbridge!

Then it was the moment we had all been waiting for... the concert began. The lights, sounds and atmosphere were absolutely electric - 'CRAZY' according to Zelda! Some of the children were a little overwhelmed at the start, however with some reassurance and support from the staff they **all** began to fully immerse themselves in the experience. Although



we couldn't see that far, we knew our amazing parent supporters were in the audience cheering us on. The concert sped by - we were all blown away by the talent of the beatboxers, solo singers and incredible violinist! The look on the children's faces was priceless and seeing them singing their hearts out, jumping and cheering made all the organising, planning and music learning more than worth it.

On the coach home, probably half the children went to sleep and we had a peaceful journey. We arrived back at 12.15am Saturday morning and all had a giggle that we were in school on a Saturday! Parents were brilliant and all the children were collected promptly, meaning the teachers and parent volunteers could finally get home to bed! WHAT an experience - one that the children and I won't forget in a hurry. One last thing to mention is that **all** of the children were extremely well-behaved throughout and we were so proud of how they represented Newbridge Primary School. I look forward to doing it all again in 2 years time! - Mrs Best





A recount of the day at Young Voices

by Thomas B, in Class 3OG

On Friday the Newbridge choir went to Young Voices 2023 at the Birmingham Arena. It was an extraordinary day! I went with Mabel, Lyla, Olivia, Emma, Freya and Amelie from 3OG.

Young Voices is the biggest school choir in the world with over four thousand schools taking part. Between January and February five different arenas host several Young Voices concerts, each featuring the school choirs and other acts. At the one we went to there were over six thousand children singing together, as well as Heather Small from M People, beatboxers, a rockstar with a violin and a backing band. A conductor guided us through the night by telling the singers what to do by waving a stick and using his hands to make us go louder and quieter.



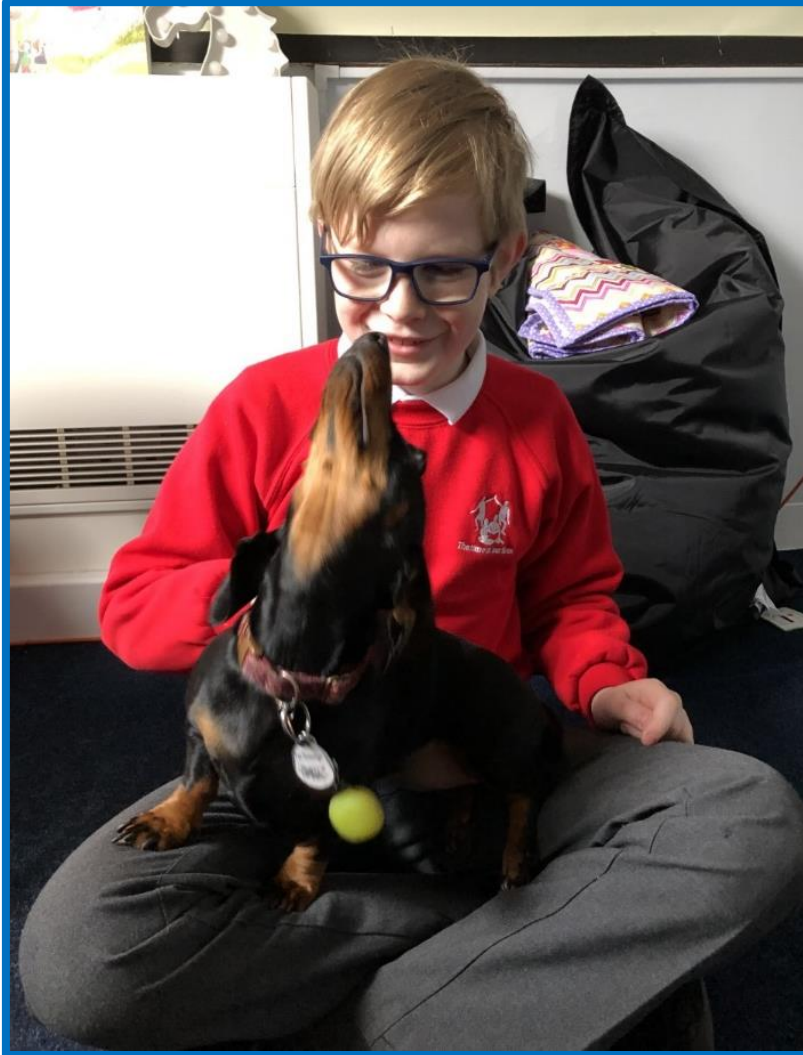
At 10am the Newbridge choir of 70 children got on two coaches which would take us to Birmingham, a three hour journey. Everyone was excited about the trip. We didn't really know what to expect. I just thought it would be like Wembley Stadium without a football pitch but with lots of people instead.

When we got there we were amazed how big the Arena was. It was round and had lots of coloured lights including the Young Voices logo. There were already quite a lot of other schools there, but it still felt pretty empty. We found our seats and practised for three hours and then it was time for dinner which we ate in our seats. We also came up with our own cheer, "Newbridge Primary, Newbridge Primary!"

By 7pm the Arena was full of the families coming to watch their children. It was so busy we couldn't work out where the Newbridge supporters were but we knew they were there somewhere watching. Suddenly, it went all dark and everyone cheered! The children were so excited! Then the lights came up on the stage and some performers started singing and dancing about an astronaut and then they welcomed the principal conductor onto the stage. Our first song was 'Over the Hills' and everyone cheered. It was an amazing experience to sing with so many other children in such an incredible venue. More and more songs followed, some with the school choir and some without. It felt like a real pop concert! My favourite act was the beatboxers. Beatboxing is making sounds with your mouth that sound like real things like switching something on, or musical instruments, or making fart sounds, which everyone thought was very funny. They even got the audience involved.

When the night was over we found our way to our coach and most people fell asleep on the way home. We got back to school at midnight and our parents were waiting. We said, 'Good morning Newbridge' as we went home. We'd had the best day ever!





At school we have a therapy dog called Sausage.

Everybody loves Sausage because she is always very happy, she's very cute and when you stroke her, she feels soft and silky.

When Sausage comes to school, she loves to explore the Forest School and loves playing fetch.

Spending time with Sausage makes me feel happy.



Celebrating Luna New Year



Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic workshop ran by Jieun Lee, Mina's mum, where they learnt all about the Luna New Year and celebrations in South Korea. The oragami and games that they learnt to play were really engaging and everyone had lots of fun taking part.





Year 5 and Year 6 really enjoyed working together and implementing our school values last Friday, for **Feel Good Phase**. They built bridges using a range of materials and tested them to see how much weight they could hold. The most successful bridges were the ones where the team collaborated, communicated effectively and used their imagination.

Feel Good Phase





This week, a group of Year 6 athletes travelled to UWE in Bristol to compete in the **County Finals of Sports Hall Athletics**. This was their second outing as a team and they were up against 18 other schools. The team competed in many track and field events and were bouncing with energy all day. It truly was an unforgettable experience for everyone. You represented Newbridge brilliantly showing resilience, determination and drive - all while having fun.

A big thank you, too, for our travelling team of support!

The team was: Felix T, Tommy W, Thomas P, James W, Charlie B, Ryan S, Xavier S-G, Scarlett S, Nancy P, Ursie W, Isabelle G, Astrid G, Lauren U, Mina M, Millie S, Freddie H, Luke L, Iris H, Mia K and Edie B.





Our School Orchestra

Was your child in the school orchestra for the Christmas concert? Or does your child play an instrument and would like to join? I am planning to restart the school orchestra at some point after half term and in order to do this, I need to know what we have in terms of instruments/levels etc. I am holding a meeting for children from Year 3 to Year 6 who are interested on **Thursday 23rd February at 12pm** in the **Music Room**. Please encourage your child to come (they **don't** need their instrument for this meeting) if they play an instrument and would like to join. I will, of course, let the children know in assembly too.

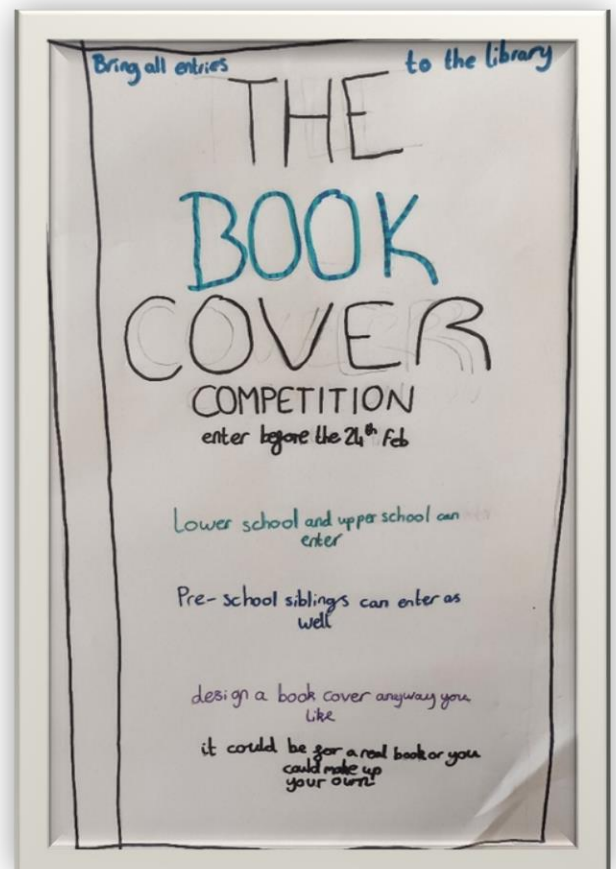
Many thanks, Mrs Best.

Our School Library

After school on the last day of term, **Friday 10th February**, we'll be having a **second hand book sale** in the foyer of the Upper School. We'll also be selling homemade bookmarks, cards, poems and stories. All in aid of new books for the library.

Don't forget, the library is open to borrow books **every weekday until 4pm** and join our **guest storyteller** for story time in the library every **Friday**.

We are delighted to receive our first donation from our wish list - Anisha, Accidental Detective. huge thanks!



The Library is open after school daily until 4pm, run by a group of parents and their children - the library volunteers!

This term, there will be regular story times on a Friday after school.

Throughout Term 3 and Term 4, we'll be running a book cover design competition open to all children and their preschool siblings.

Please deliver your entries to the library. Don't forget to write your name and class on your designs. Closing date 24th February.

We're working on sorting and improving our library book selection. If you can help us by donating any of these wish list book titles, please drop them into the library:

Boy, Everywhere, A.M. Dassu

The Boy Who Met a Whale, Nizrana Farook

Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths, Maisie Chan

Me, My Dad, and the End of the Rainbow, Benjamin Dean

An Alien in the Jam Factory, Chrissie Sains

The Night the Moon Went Out, Samantha Bains

Gaspard the Fox, James Mayhew,

Llama Glamarama, Simon James Green

The Proudest Blue, Ibtihaj Muhammed

Keep an eye out for more library updates - The Library Volunteers

OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT THE WILDWOOD

NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our February 2023 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, with assistance from Bridget, Ellie and Dan.

Sarah is an experienced Forest School leader based in Bath, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site at The Wildwood and all activities are risk-assessed.

Mon 13th

Fully booked

(waiting list is being held)

Tues 14th

Fully booked

Wed 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: £76 per child
3 day booking: £ 36 per child per day

Booking essential, please email valair1@hotmail.com or call on 07825 610145 for a booking form. Spaces are limited to 20-25 children per day and there are limited spaces for under 8's in line with required ratios.



UK Health
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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

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|---|--|
| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.