



# NEWBRIDGE

## News

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### Term 3

**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

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February to  
Monday 4<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 online

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

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

### Term 5

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
Start of Term 5

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
Year 5 Great Wood  
Residential

For Term Dates  
please look [here](#)

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your commitment to all we set out to achieve at our school. We are aware that school life is very busy and that this takes much organisation and support by parents. We do thrive on being a busy, bustling school – with many rich experiences, and we are grateful for your support in making this happen.

**Staffing update:** Please be aware of some changes in our staffing team. Following Mr Seaborne's retirement as a specialist PE teacher, we are delighted to welcome Mr Wallace, who will assume this role from the start of Term 4. Mr Wallace has demonstrated his skill, experience and knowledge in teaching PE and sport and we know that he will be an asset to our staff team and the children's access to high quality lessons and activities. Many of you will know Miss Gatton who taught in Year 5 last year. She has now made the difficult decision to resign from her teaching role at Newbridge. We are all saddened to see her leave – she was a highly respected member of our staff and an excellent teacher. In exciting news, Miss Gatton is expecting a baby which is due in May. We all wish Miss Gatton and her partner every future happiness. Mrs Berridge commences maternity leave today and we are very excited to soon hear about the arrival of her second child. Our very best wishes are with her, her husband and daughter, Mrs Derrien will replace Mrs Berridge from next week and we welcome her to our staff team in this capacity.

**British Values:** Last Friday's focus across the school was on the British Values. All schools are required by law to promote the fundamental British Values of: Democracy; The rule of law; Individual liberty; Mutual respect, and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Please see below for some of the learning associated with these values, supporting the children's understanding more explicitly.

**Key Stage 1 SATs:** The end of KS1 national curriculum assessments are now non-statutory and as a school we will not be completing them. Following the Government's response to the 2017 consultation on primary assessment, the DfE announced that assessments at the end of KS1 would become non-statutory from this academic year. The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) now replaces the end of KS1 assessments, which became statutory in the academic year 2021 to 2022, and the Reception cohort from that year reach the end of KS1 in the academic year 2023 to 2024.

**Gymnasts represent Newbridge:** Our Year 5 and Year 6 gymnastics team competed at a tournament at Baskerville's on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs O'Gara prepared the team with their routines and was proud of all of the performances and the children's conduct. Well done, team, for all of your achievements. Please read below for a super report by Zoe, from Year 6.

**Year 4 compete in Tag Rugby:** Well done to all of the Year 4 pupils who represented Newbridge, today, at the STAR tournament held at Walcot Rugby Club. We will have a report next week.

**Oldfield School lead netball coaching:** Thank you to the Year 12 Sports Leaders from Oldfield School who visited on Wednesday. As part of their programme they are provided with opportunities to demonstrate their sports leadership skills in different settings. We were grateful for their skills in coaching our Year 6 pupils in Netball. I was delighted to see past pupils, Grace and Charlie, taking part.

**Online Safety Meeting for Parents and Carers:** We hope that the online safety meeting provided by Knowsley for parents on Wednesday was helpful. For those who were unable to join, please find a link to the recording of the meeting [here](#). We have subscribed to this organisation and as well as future meetings, we will be able to share helpful newsletters about online safety with parents and carers. Next week we will promote Safer Internet Day in school. We will share more useful resources with parents at the end of the week.

**Lost Property:** Please can all parents and carers check the mounds of lost property we hold in school. For the Upper School, this is hung on the two rows of pegs immediately inside the Upper School Cloakroom. For the Lower School, this is in a red box in the Lower School Hall.

**Parking:** We are very aware that the roads around our school make dropping off and picking up difficult. Local residents are concerned about some of the parking and dropping off arrangements they have seen. Please can I ask all parents and carers to park in line with all restrictions, and importantly, safely. Parents are asked not to drive up to the school gates, blocking access, when dropping off or picking up.

**Inset Days 2024/2025:** The school is allowed to set five days for training each year – these are days that the children do not attend school. These have now been selected and are listed further in the newsletter.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and many thanks for your support and understanding, today.

Gill Kennaugh

# A HEADTEACHER MENTION



Fleur D, from Class 1G, was so inspired by her book 'Making a Toy House' a few weeks ago, that she created her own toy house.

This house had everything you can think of inside; with curtains, beds, art work and many more necessities that we all rely on being in a house.

Well done, Fleur, you are a learning superstar!

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ Ladybirds – Orla H, Toby S

★ Bees – Sidney N, Edie H

★ IEO – Primrose H, Otis L-P

★ 1G – Fleur D, Oscar W

★ 2M – Marc R, Luke W

★ 2R – Zeke S, Ruairi H

★ 3OG – Matilda S, Alfie N

★ 3BA – Olivier F, Ollie G

★ 4B – Iben G, Billy F

★ 4T – Sami R, Kameron B

★ 5HB – Harry A, Thomas C

★ 5F – Samuel G, Olivia S

★ 6KR – Archie P, Maya C-L

★ 6N – Lara H, Ethan M

★ Music Star of the Week

★ Edward S, Class 5F Oscar D, Class 5F



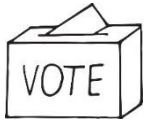


# THE BRITISH VALUES



On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, the whole school took part in Feel Good Friday. We were introduced explicitly to the British Values. These are ideas or thoughts which are considered important in helping us all to live happy, healthy and safe lives in modern British society. The values are:

**Democracy**



**The Rule of Law**



**Individual**



**Mutual Respect**

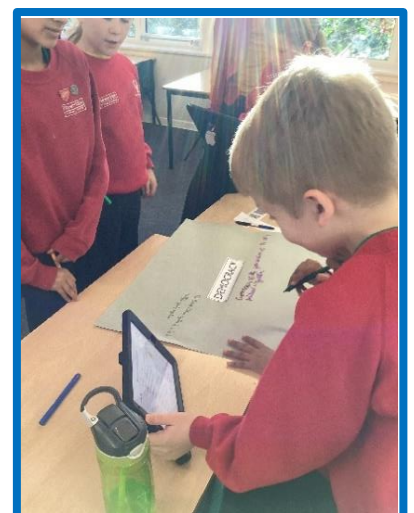
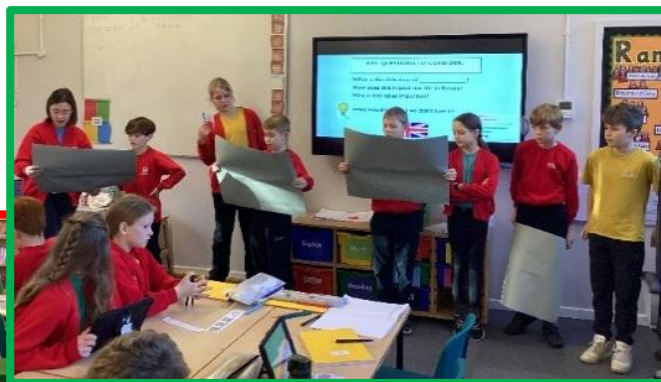
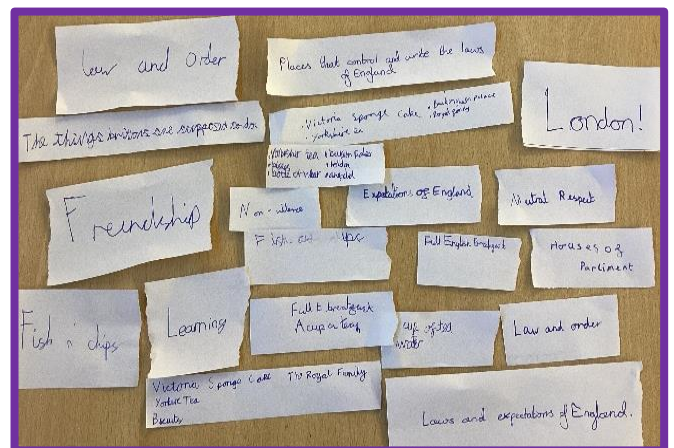


**Tolerance**



**Year 6 explored the purpose and meaning behind the British Values.**

**They linked them to our Newbridge Values.**







On Wednesday this week, Year 2 had a Design and Technology day. As part of their enquiry, 'What is survival?' and to link in with their Geography work on the Arctic, the children designed and created some Arctic explorer vehicles. They used a range of materials and equipment to create their vehicles, and had to be very resilient and creative, solving problems that cropped up along the way. All the vehicles had to have a chassis, axles and wheels.



The children then evaluated their models, and had the chance to celebrate their finished product. A big thank you to all the adults who brought in the materials the children used and to Citrus HR for donating T-shirts used for painting aprons.





## Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics Competition



The Team: Katie M, Maya CL, Zoe M, Chloe W, Millie M  
Sophie E, Greta H, Ruby E, Chloe G and Elsa W.

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of January, ten gymnasts went to Baskervilles Gym for a competition featuring many different schools from around the area. We were put in four different groups to compete in. The rotations were: rest; apparatus; floor and vault. Each gymnast took turns in competing on floor and vault. Once we had finished, the coaches announced the winners for each group. They announced the team awards for level 2. The pressure was upon us and, to our surprise, our Level 2 team won first overall!

As well as that, Chloe G from 5HB, came second in the individual winners. Each gymnast did incredibly well performing in front of a crowd and should be very proud of themselves. We had loads of fun and hope all the gymnasts did too.

By Zoe M, Class 6N



### Volunteering in School

A big thank you to all of the generous volunteers who come into school 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:  
[enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)

## Google Classroom

Please read the 'blog' posted on your child's Google Classroom today, telling you about the class learning and activities. There was an increased number of comments and interactions last week, which we are grateful for. The teachers take additional time to complete the posts weekly and therefore it is important that we know this work is useful and valued.

## Requests for Mojo Moves Free Dance Session

Please email the School Office at [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) with requests for music at the next Everyone Active Mojo Moves dance session, on Friday.

## Inset Days 2024/25

**These are the five Inset Days (days when the children do not attend school) for the academic year 2024/25.**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

## Lost Property

Please look at the pegs inside the Upper School Cloakroom and the red box inside the Lower School Hall – there is so much that must be claimed.

## Position Available: Clerk to the Governors

We are looking for someone with administrative skills who can manage information effectively and sensitively. The successful candidate will be required to:

1. Prepare meeting agendas
2. Take minutes
3. Maintain an electrical filing system
4. Manage the governing body's needs and keep up to date with statutory requirements

The role does require some flexibility. Meetings mostly take place in the evenings on pre-arranged dates within the school year.

Salary - £1200 per year.

Please contact [NPSGovernors@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:NPSGovernors@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) for further details.





## Everyone Active

Thank you to everyone who came along to our fun dance session this morning – it was

**GREAT!**

Sessions will continue each Friday morning at 8.10am until 8.40am.



# Come in!

For tasty food  
and good company



## Free meals Wednesdays 7.00pm

Everyone is welcome

**FoodCycle Bath**  
Walcot Methodist  
Chapel  
Nelson Place  
BA1 5DA

## JUNIOR CRICKET CAMP 2024 FEBRUARY HALF TERM



**Dates:** 12/13/14/15/16<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
**Venue:** Prior Park College  
**Time:** Full day 9am-3.30pm Half day 9am-12pm/12.30-3.30pm  
**Cost:** £45.00 full day, £25.00 half day  
**ADVANCED BOOKING & PAYMENT REQUIRED**  
**CONTACT:** [KATIE@HINTONCHARTERHOUSECC.NET](mailto:katie@hintoncharterhousecc.net)



## Skills for Work - Volunteering Opportunities 2024

# FREE ENTRY

## Employment & Skills **POD**

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



The Employment and Skills Pod is funded and managed by the West of England Combined Authority, led by Metro Mayor Dan Norris, and delivered by Bath and North East Somerset Council in partnership with Skills Connect.