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Term 4

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

Tuesday 12th March Year 1 Westonbirt Trip

Friday 15th March EYFS Assembly 2.40pm

Thursday 21st March Parents' Evening online

Friday 22nd March Year 4 Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 26th March Parents' Evening online

Wednesday 27th March EYFS Egg Theatre Trip

Thursday 28th March Express Yourself Day End of Term 4

Term 5

Monday 15th April Start of Term 5

Wed 17th – Fri 19th April Year 5 Great Wood Residential

Sunday 21st April NPSA Bounce-a-long and Table Top Sale at 10am

Friday 26th April Year 1 Assembly 2.40pm

Tuesday 30th April NPSA Meeting at 7pm

> Monday 6th May Bank Holiday

For Term Dates please look <u>here</u>

Inset Days 24/25

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Poetry and Performance Week: This week has been inspiring and fun – from performances to pyjamas and with composing and sharing poems in between. Monday's whole school assembly was a highlight and set the scene for a creative week. We were all treated to a poetry recital by some children and staff. A special moment was when Haarekeshnathan recited a poem he had written about his native land, Malaysia. You are able to read this beautiful poem below. The focus on poetry and words continued with story swaps and a star story telling act by the talented Ms Card. Thursday brought fun with pyjamas worn for World Book Day and the children sharing their favourite books. This afternoon is the finale of our week, with another whole school celebration of the works created, practised and performed this week.

Parents' Evening – booking opens this evening: Please note that the School Cloud booking system will be opened this evening at 7pm. Details of how to book were sent by email last week and this week. The online consultations will be held on Thursday 21st March and Tuesday 26th March from 2.30pm to 5.50pm and we ask that all parents make an appointment, please.

Viewing children's learning: On Monday 11th, Wednesday 13th or Friday 15th March from 3.20pm to 4.00pm parents are invited to the classrooms to view their child's learning. There is no need to make an appointment, please just turn up.

Big Bath Sleep Out: You will remember that Last Friday night, four courageous pupils packed their bags, wore plenty of layers and set off with tarpaulin and cardboard to sleep in Alice Park, overnight. Whilst we were all very surprised to wake up to snowfall on Saturday morning, can you imagine Sonny's, Isabelle's, Dylan's and Bethan's surprise at 4.30am?!!

The children were raising awareness of homelessness and funds for Julian House, and are thrilled to know that their current total is £870. What brilliant role models and true Newbridge citizens they are – living out all of our values. We are hugely proud of you.

Year Group Assemblies: You will see that dates are published for year group assemblies in the coming weeks. Please know that parents are invited to these, when the children work together to form a short show and present aspects of their learning. Year 2 and Year 6 do not perform an assembly in this way as they will have produced the Nativity earlier in the year, or the Year 6 production, which is planned for July.

Year 4 out and about: Today, Year 4 set off, on foot, for a visit to the Roman Baths. Their enquiry this term is 'How does the past affect us?' with a spotlight on Roman life. On return, very tired, they have said what a brilliant visit it was - we'll find out more about their visit, next week.

Scooters and bikes on site: Please note that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on the school site by children or adults. At the beginning and end of the day it is incredibly busy and we wish to avoid accidents, whenever possible.

Lower School Apparatus: Please can parents not allow the children to play on the apparatus in the Lower School playground, after school. The school cannot be responsible for children at this time.

Big Plastic Count: Our Eco Team are being very proactive and they would like to ask for you help, too. Next week, they are taking part in the Big Plastic Count and they wondered if your family would like to sign-up, as well. Please read below for the full details and how you can register.

Google Classroom: Thank you to those who engaged with Google Classroom last week; this was 17% of our school, up from 12% the previous week. If you are unsure of how to log on to Google Classroom, or have misplaced the password, please contact the school office. Leaving a simple thumbs-up, in reaction to the 'blog' would be helpful, to know this update by the class teacher is valued.

Our NPSA: There was both a Cake and Uniform Sale in the Upper School Hall after school today – thank you to all those who kindly made donations and to those who organised it. Sadly, due to lack of support, the Adult Bingo night, planned for this evening has been cancelled. Thank you to those parents who has planned this event. On Sunday 21st April there is a 'Bounce-a-long' inflatable session and a Table Top Sale, from 10am. On Tuesday 30th April, an NPSA meeting will be held at 7pm and on Sunday 17th May it is the annual Fun Run on the school field. If you are willing to be a marshall at the upcoming Bath Half on Sunday 17th March, to help raise funds for the NPSA, please contact the NPSA at <u>npsabath@gmail.com</u> for further details.

We wish you a great weekend.

Gill Kennaugh

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds – Flora H, Ruby H Bees – Hettie M, Phoebe P 1EO – Claire N, Tallulah S 1G – Charlie B, Aiden W

2M – Noa J, Finlay H

30G – Alice L, Javier W

4B – Ella R, Josh H

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5HB – Tom C, Jake S

6KR – Ella S, Milo T

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Music Stars of the Week Matilda B-J, Class 3BA Julia F-C, Class 6KR PE Stars of the Week Grace B, Class 4B Rumel H, Class 5HB ******************

HEADTEACHER MENTION



Poetry and Performance Week



As part of Poetry and Performance Week, Year 2 and Year 5 teamed up with their buddies to read a selection of poetry books to each other. They enjoyed exploring and reciting the different poems.





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Year 4 and Year 1 Buddies

Year 4 also teamed up with their buddies in Year 1, to explore different books which they are reading at the moment.







Art by Bertie O, Class 6KR

The thing about art is that it can often be hard. You might feel the need to restart. But don't, your work could just be a masterpiece. And your skills as a whole just might increase. It could be that you think your work is done. That the piece is second-to-none. Though it can never, truly be complete. That your work is never set in concrete. Keep working, and never stop. For your skills lie high above. For ever more, art is love.

My Malaysia by Harry R, Class 6KR

Oh, my wonderful Malaysia You're the place where my life begins Living in you feels like dwelling in Heaven So peaceful, loving and colourful.

Breathing your fresh air, a sweet delight Like sipping a cup of tea with a full heart You give me miracles, making life complete In your embrace, where my dreams and joy meet.

I long for the warm hug of your sunshine With my family and friends, heart shining bright Dreaming of happy moments and laughter Where my heart wants to be.

> My family is like a huge beautiful tree And I'm one of the little leaves That fly all the way through And fall to another amazing land.

Here I am, ready to start a new chapter Wait for me, my dear land I'll be back soon I love you, Malaysia!

Oh, Malaysiaku yang indah Tempat bermulanya hidupku Hidup di dalammu bagaikan tinggal di Syurga Begitu damai, penuh kasih saying, dan berwarna-warni Menghirup udaramu yang segar, satu kemanisan Bagai menghirup secawan tehdengan hati yang penuh Kau memberi keajaiban, melengkapkan hidupku Dalam pelukanmu, mimpi dan kegembiraanku bertemu Ku rindu pelukkan sinaran mataharimu Bersama keluarga, kawan-kawan hati bersinar cerah Mimpi saat-saat gembira dan gelak tawa Dimana hatiku ingin berada Keluargaku bagaikan sepohon pokok

besar dan cantik Dan aku sehelai daun kecil Yang terbang nun jauh Jatuh di satu lagi tanah yang indah

Ku disini, bersedia untuk babak baharu Tunggu untukku, tanah airku Aku akan Kembali tidak lama lagi Aku cintakan mu, Malaysia!

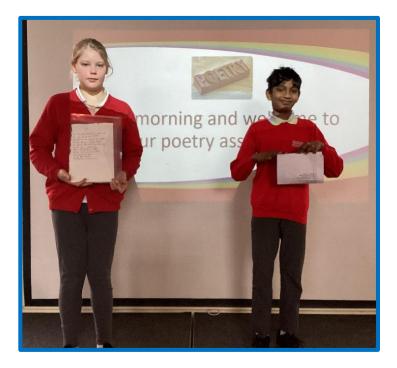


Harry joined our school in September, when he moved with his family from Malaysia. Harry has made the most of his time at our school and has loved joining in with activities which were not available in his previous school, such as playing basketball at lunchtime! He is an asset to our community and we are blown away by his beautiful poem – written in Malay and English. He performed it bravely to the whole school on Monday.

Our Poetry Assembly

What is a poem? "It's basically somebody playing with words," – Isaiah, Class 1EO









Our Poetry and Performance Week was launched on Monday when we were entertained by a range of poerry performed by pupils and staff.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year we celebrated World Book Day in our pyjamas!













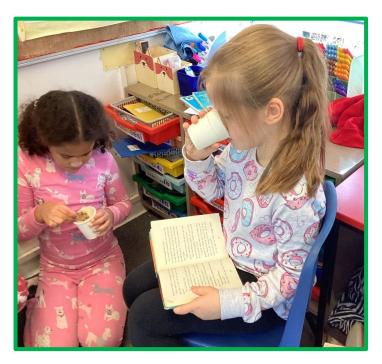
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WORLD BOOK DAY

In Year 3 we celebrated World Book Day with a reading cafe in the afternoon. We went to the school library and chose a book to borrow then we came back to class to enjoy our books with a hot (warm) chocolate and a biscuit!

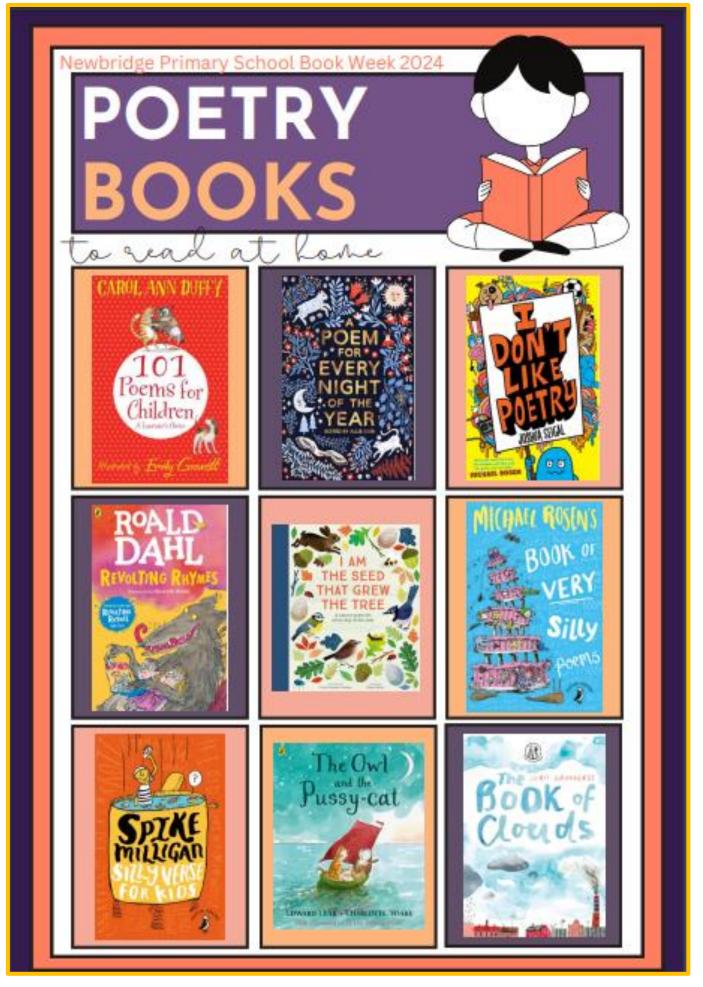
The children were so excited - Olivier said this was the "best day ever!"













Nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic packaging are thrown away by UK households every year, and just 12% is recycled in the UK.

FAQs

What is the Global Plastics Treaty?

Right now, world leaders are negotiating The Global Plastics Treaty; an international legal agreement to prevent the harmful impacts of plastic. This United Nations Treaty is a once-ina-generation chance to protect our planet from plastic pollution. If the UK government, with its powerful position on the world stage, champions bold, decisive action, we can end the age of plastic.

What if we use a lot of plastic?

Please remember, this isn't about feeling guilty about the amount of plastic you use! Too much single-use plastic is produced and there aren't reusable alternatives that suit everyone's needs. Together we're gathering the evidence needed to push for proper action on plastic.

How do you work out my footprint?

Once we have a school or household's count results, we apply national data on different types of plastic to calculate how much, on average, would be collected for recycling, what's then likely to happen to it, and what that means for your footprint.



Eco Team in Action

Recently, the Eco Team has been active around school. As part of our work, we have completed litter picks. In doing this, we have noticed lots of plastic items in bushes and hedges and this has made us feel upset. Therefore, we want to help reduce the amount of plastic and we need your help. In your houses please consider recycling plastic, buying less items with plasic packaging, re-using plastic carrier bags if you need to use one and using plastic containers for snacks and in lunch boxes rather than aluminium foil and plastic wrap.

We need your help, to help the environment!

Count your plastic for one week 11th-17th March 2024.

Next week, thousands of schools, households, community groups and businesses will be coming together to count their plastic waste. We are taking part as a school, but you can also register as a household by registering here https://thebigplasticcount.com/ sign-up

Almost a quarter of a million people took part in The Big Plastic Count in 2022. It was revealed that almost two billion pieces of plastic packaging are being thrown away a week!

Year 6 Dance Umbrella



Year 6 are looking forward to performing at The Forum on Tuesday 19th March. On Wednesday this week, they had their first dress rehearsal, which was absolutely brilliant! We are so proud of them all.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped to provide the amazing costumes.

Mrs Bartlett and Mrs O Gara

Mobile Phone Policy for pupils

Whilst the government has published guidance for all schools to help manage pupil mobile phones in schools, our policy remains the same.

Children should only ever have a phone in school for the purpose of supporting independence when walking to and from school, without an adult. This should therefore only apply to the older children – those in Year 5 and Year 6. The phone must be turned off before entering the school gate and must immediately be handed to the class teacher on arrival in the classroom. The phone must not be turned on until having left the school site. Parents must not use the phone as a way of sharing collection arrangements, as all messages relating to this should be through the school office before 10am and only after this time in an emergency situation.

If a child turns their phone on, on the school site, it will be confiscated by a member of staff, until the parent collects it.

Please note that the school cannot be held responsible for the security of pupils' mobile phones at any time. This policy has been clearly explained to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 and we ask for your full support in upholding it.







Everyone Active Thank you to everyone who came along to our dance session this morning– it was **GREAT**! Sessions will continue each Friday morning at

8.10am until 8.40am.





Parents' Forum for SEND Meeting

The next Parents' Forum for SEND Meeting will take place on Friday 15th March at 2:00pm. Any Newbridge family is welcome to attend; please let us know if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

At the meeting, we will be talking more about the changes to our behaviour systems at Newbridge. To help with the organisation I would be grateful if you can confirm your attendance by emailing Mr Bacon or the main school email address.

The email addresses are: <u>alex.bacon@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk</u>

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