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#### **Dates**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 Residential Meeting 3.30pm

> Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March Year 1 to Westonbirt

13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March Open Classrooms 3.20pm to 4.00pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 Residential Meeting

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March Year 1 Assembly 2.40pm (rearranged for 28<sup>th</sup> April)

Tuesday 21st March Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March EYFS Meeting for parents 9am

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 Class Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 to Oldfield School

Parents' Evening

Friday 31st March Feel Good Friday End of Term 4

#### Inset Days 23/24

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Friday 28th June

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Sadly, the week did not go to plan with the snow disruption on Wednesday. However, we are delighted with the results of a gym competition we were able to take part in, the start of the playground installation and, of course, Bee Class assembly, today.

For updates and images of this week's learning in your child's class, please read the blog on Google Classroom. We welcome a comment or a 'thumbs-up' so we know parents value these.

#### **Playground Developments**

Excitement has been building this week as the children have been watching the first stage of the Upper School playground improvements. The first job was to dig holes for the wooden apparatus – and this has taken quite some work due to the large amount of Cotswold stone. The team weren't deterred by the snow on Wednesday, either, and continued to make good progress to the end of the week. Again, we are so grateful to the many volunteers who helped prepare the ground last week and took away many loads of stones and brambles. Mr Clews, Mr Eyles and Mr Devereaux deserve a very special shout out – without them, this project would not be at this stage already.

#### Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Competition

Wowzers....what incredible performances our team produced at this week's B&NES gymnsatics competition, for Year 3 and Year 4 girls. Bethan T, Amity S, Alice S, Olivia S, Fern D, Paula FC, Amira A, Ruby E, Flora K and Chloe G were more than amazing in the skill they showed and how they represented their school. Mrs O'Gara prepared and accompanied the team – and she was delighted with the girls. Read on to find out the team and individual results, with some lovely reports by the children.

#### **Bee Class Assembly**

Today, all of the Lower School and many family members were able to enjoy seeing Bee Class perform their first assembly. Their confidence and smiles lit up the room – they clearly love all aspects of their learning, and were keen to show this off. You are all super-stars, Bee Class.

#### Year 4 out and about

Year 4 had such a brilliant trip to the Roman Baths last Friday – the staff and children were full of all they had learnt from exploring all parts of the building and being immersed in Roman life. Year 4 were meant to attend a multi-skills day at Oldfield School on Wednesday, but due to the weather, this was unable to take place. We hope we can arrange it for another time, as this visit is a real hit with the children.

#### Year 5 – learning about our local area

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating walk along the River Avon on Tuesday. Whilst learning about rivers, they were keen to learn local facts, too. Did you know that the New Bridge was designed with circular holes in it, to allow for flooding? We'll have a write up from the classes next week.

#### Parents' Evening and viewing learning

Our online parents' evenings, will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Prior to this, the classrooms will be open on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 3.20pm to 4.00pm, for you to view your child's learning. School Cloud – the booking system, opened on Wednesday evening, enabling you to book your appointment. To support teacher workload, the appointments will commence from 2.40pm. A reminder of how to book the appointment was sent on Tuesday.

#### **Industrial Action by the NEU**

As you will know, teaching staff do not need to let me know if they will take industrial action on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. In order for me to able to share as much information with you, as possible, I will post an email over the weekend or on Monday morning, withas much detail as I am able to gather.

#### Term Dates and Inset Days 2023/24

Please refer to the school website here for the remaining term dates this academic year.

You can view the Bath and North East Somerset term dates <u>here</u> for 2023/24. The school will have five Inset days within the year and these will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

#### **Curriculum Overviews**

Parents sometimes ask what is being covered in the curriculum. Each term, the teachers present the planned objectives, for each curriculum area, in their Curriculum Overview. You will be able to find this, for your child's class, <a href="here">here</a> and by clicking on the class name.

#### A warm welcome

We offer Magnus a very warm welcome to Class 4B, having started today. We hope that he, and his family, will enjoy being a part of our community.

#### **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.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Gill Kennaugh



2M - Alfie N, Nell W

2R - Hannah M, Georgie K

2OC Apica C Flizaboth D

2PA Altan H Noula I

**30G** - Anisa G, Elizabeth D **3BA** - Altan H, Neula J

**4B** – Ruby E, Eli R **4T** – James W, Fern D

**5HB** – Julia F-C, Sophie E **5G** – Lucy A, Shahan S

**6KR** - Wiiliam R, Ursie W **6N** - Charlie B, Josh B

Please note that there is a **Bags2School** happening on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring your bags in on Monday morning and leave them in the Lower School foyer.

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Thank you – the NPSA

#### **The Gymnastics Competition**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, a few girls from our school went to Baskervilles to do a gymnastics competition. When we got there, we had our lunch. After, we went into the gym and went on the bar and beam. Then we had a rest before we did floor. On floor, we performed in front of a judge and they gave us a smile after we had finished our floor routine.

#### **Vault and Springboard**

After floor, we were moved onto the vault and springboard. We had so much fun jumping onto the vault, and the springboard onto a mat.

#### Winners

First of the all, they announced the level 1 - Newbridge came 5<sup>th</sup>. Then they announced the level 2,! and Newbridge came 2<sup>nd</sup>!

By Alice and Olivia

**Another report**....First, we went to the office and our parents were there and drove us to Baskerville's where the competition was held. We met Mrs O'Gara at Baskerville's where we had our tasty lunch in the coffee room. Then we got changed into our sparkly leotards and waited for the other schools to arrive. Next, we had a photo in our glistening leotards, where we waited for the competition to begin. (We were so excited)

We first got into groups, and completed or exhausting warm-up, which was to Lion Heart. After the warm up we got to do anything we wanted on the apparatus. After that, we got to sit on the benches for a well-earned rest. Then we started the actual routine on the floor (it was very nerve-racking) Now, it was time for the vault! Level 1 had to do a high star jump and level 2 had to do a squat on, and star jump off, the block. One of the coaches told some sensational gymnasts to do some skills, while we were waiting for the scores to be added up. We even did a front somersault. By Bethan and Chloe

## Bee Class Assembly – today

Well done, everyone, we all think you are fantastic!



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On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March Year 4 went to the Roman Baths, it was so much fun! I loved the workshops we got to dress up like Romans, make mosaics and see some 2000-year-old artefacts. There was also another workshop where we went underground and got to dig up using a spade and brush (I found a Roman jar!) We made bridges and used iPads to find some hidden rocks, that was one of my favourite parts! I also liked the tour around the museum, we got to use audios to listen to facts.



Year 4 had so much fun, immersed in the life of the Romans.

**THANK YOU** to the NPSA and all of our parents who have supported the playground improvement project. We are especially thankful to the volunteers who ensured the ground was prepared for the start of the installation, this week.







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### **The Newbridge Gymnastics Team**

Well done to all of the team members who competed at Baskervilles on Tuesday.

The Level 1 squad came 5<sup>th</sup> out of ten teams and the Level 2 squad gained siver, by coming second out of nine teams.

Ruby E, was awarded the overall silver medal, and Chloe G was awarded the overall gold medal!

These are incredible results – we are SO proud of you all.







## OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT THE WILDWOOD NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL







Our Easter 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 and Claire Pickman
Sarah and Claire are experienced Forest School leader based in and around Bath,
with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site at The
Wildwood and all activities are risk/benefit-assessed.

Mon 3rd Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 12<sup>th</sup>

Wed 5th Thurs 13th

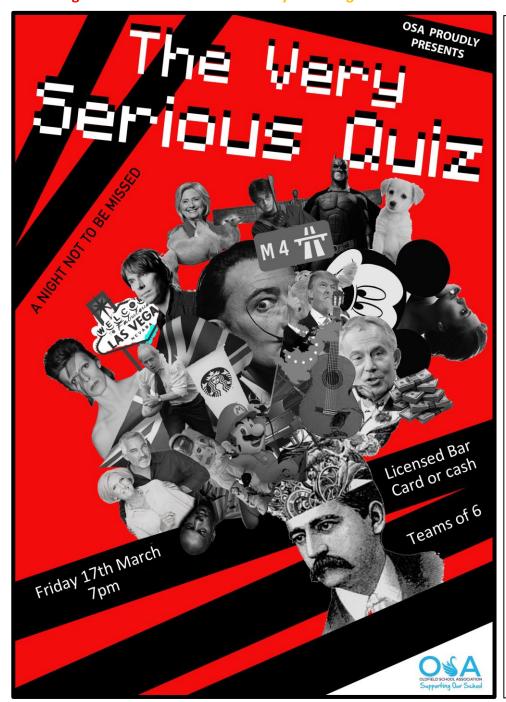
Time:

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.



## A message from Oldfield School Association

It would be fantastic

to have some of our

local parents come along and join us, they would be so welcome.

As we are serving a hot supper (veg chilli, garlic bread and nachos) we need to have final numbers by 3pm Monday

Please
contact osa@oldfield
school.com to enquire
how you can book
tickets.

13th March.

## Please read our latest NPSA Newsletter <u>here</u>

### **Lost Property**

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