



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Dates

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

NPSA 7.30pm

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Feel Good Friday  
'Express Yourself' Day

End of Term 4

**Inset Days 23/24**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## Term Dates

You can view the Bath  
and North East  
Somerset term dates  
[here](#) for 2023/24

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week. As always, there is much to celebrate across the school, with new learning and exciting events happening.

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 Improvements

The children have really enjoyed watching the Upper School playground improvements moving on at quite a pace this week. With all of the structures now in place, and ropes fitted where needed, the children can see how the apparatus will be used. The team are now laying the paths and starting on the safety flooring. Some time was lost due to the inclement weather, but the project will be back on track next week. Again, we are very grateful to the many volunteers who helped prepare the site – we couldn't have started this project without you. Next week, the team will move to the bottom playground of the Lower School, where new surfacing will be laid.

### Year 1 enjoy all that Westonbirt has to offer

There was great excitement on Tuesday morning, as sixty Year 1 children set off for a day at Westonbirt Arboretum. The weather was glorious, from start to finish, which meant everyone could make the most of all of the well-planned activities, focusing on mini-beasts and nature. On return, the Year 1 teachers were keen to share the comments made by the Westonbirt staff about our children, reporting how engaged and knowledgeable they were. Thank you to all of the parents who accompanied the children, and who helped make for a great trip.

### Year 5 Maths Challenge

Seb S, Maya L-C, Emma H and Patrick L represented the school at a well-planned maths challenge event at The Paragon School, this week. Competing against seven other schools they performed brilliantly, and enjoyed the opportunity. As pairs, they came 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> out of 18 – what superstars! As a school, we are so pleased to be taking part in a wide range of events out of school, and this was a great one.

### Year 5 Netball Match

Year 5 children were in action again on Thursday, taking part in their first netball match. A big well done to Louis G, Lara H, Lynne A, Chloe W, Bertie O, Zelda L, Sophie E and Emma H who played incredibly well. Thank you to Mrs Bartlett for coaching the team and to Mrs Hoyle who helped look after the children.

### A brilliant Newbridge citizen....

I was contacted by a parent this week, who wanted to acknowledge Alden's honesty and helpfulness. Alden, from Class 5G, found a parent's bank card on his way home and gave it to his mum. Alden's family traced the parent of the lost card and returned it, before the parent even knew it was lost. Well done Alden, your thought and action represents all we promote through our school values. Well done, and thank you!

### Open Classrooms

Thank you to those who were able to attend the open classrooms this week, to view your child's learning. We hope you found this beneficial prior to parents' evening, which will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please note, that if a parent forgets to join the online meeting, this will not be able to be offered again.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Well done to all of the children who have participated in the many extra-curricular activities this term, and thank you to the teachers who have led these. There are some still to be completed, due to the weather and industrial action - these dates are listed overleaf. Next term's activities will be published on return to school, after the holiday.



## A Singing Celebration

Newbridge Primary School Choir would like to invite you to come and watch your child sing in our after school 'Singing Celebration' on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 3.35pm** – venue to be decided. The concert will be a relaxed affair and younger (and older) siblings are more than welcome to come along, as well as parents and carers. The Choir will be singing a selection of songs - some from Young Voices and some newer ones which we have learnt this term. There will also be a couple of groups singing and one or two solos dotted around in the choir songs. If your child is involved, you will receive an email with more details in a few weeks. We love to sing at Newbridge and are looking forward to this fun opportunity to perform.

- Mrs Best



Isla, from Class 4B, made this exquisite model. It represents dance and movement so elegantly.

Isn't she talented?!

### 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.



# Year 1 visit Westonbirt – what a day!



On Tuesday Year 1 went on their school trip to Westonbirt Arboretum. The children had such a fantastic, fun packed day! The excitement started from the moment we boarded the coach!

We were very fortunate to have a lady from Westonbirt with us for the day. She took a class at a time for minibeast hunting and she explained how to recognise the different creatures. They loved exploring and finding an assortment of minibeasts. They also played a game with her all about food chains which was a real highlight.

Whilst one class was busy with her the other class took a walk to find the Gruffalo and picked up lots of nature treasures along the way, which they brought back to school to study in greater detail.

It really was a very special day, where lots of memories were made!



‘I loved everything!’ – Darcey

‘My favourite part was riding on the coach’ – Jacob

‘I loved finding a baby worm’ – Etta



On Tuesday Year 1 went to Westonbirt Arboretum.

First we went to the toilets.

Then we had our snack.

Next we zoomed off to our activities and explored the micro-habitats and collected some mini-beasts. We collected worms, slugs and woodlice. I felt amazing! It was the best day ever – by Luke.







Yesterday we went to Westonbirt Arboretum. We found petals. Next I had snack. I had fun! Next I went to the Gruffalo Trail. I found a beetle, a centipede, a spider, a slug! Then I had lunch which was yummy. My favourite part of the day was collecting the petals – by Louie R





'I enjoyed the mini-beast hunt and lifting up lots of logs to find them' – Quinn

'I liked seeing all of the different kinds of trees. I saw an Oak tree' - Noa



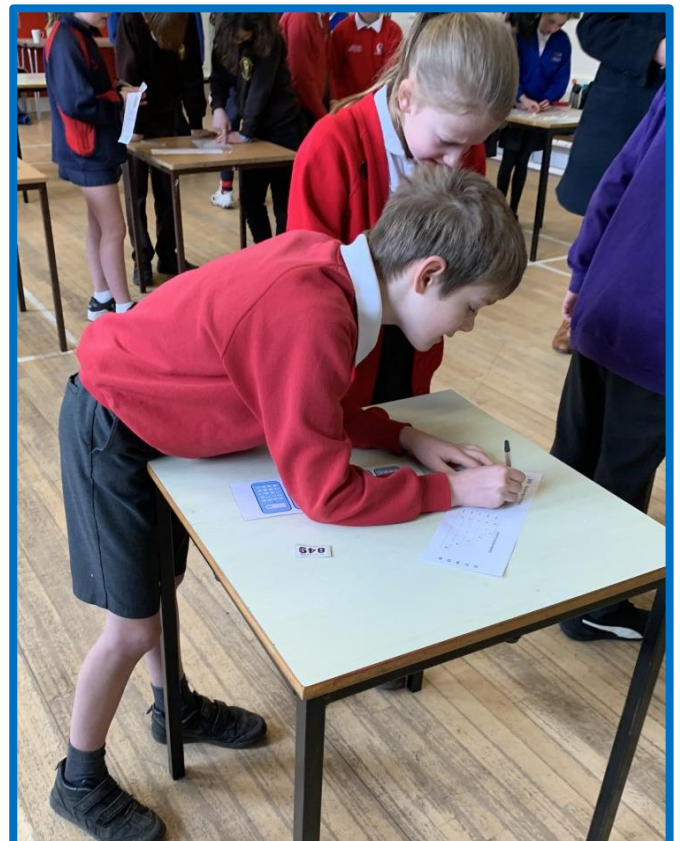


The playground project continues to take great shape. The poor weather over the last week has hampered the team's plans, yet they are working incredibly hard, in all weathers, and are determined to get back on track and complete an excellent job for all of the children. Work is also due to start next week in the Lower School, where much needed resurfacing of the lower playground is planned. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has made this project possible. It's very exciting to watch it developing, every day!





**The Year 5 Maths Challenge**.....Seb, Maya, Patrick and Emma enjoyed a morning at The Paragon Junior School taking part in the Year 5 Maths Challenge. The children had to solve different puzzles which lasted 8 minutes each. These included pentominoes (involving slotting together different five squared shapes), broken calculator (where they had up to five numbers and one operation on the calculator and a total they had to make) and Curly's cycling track (making a total distance by joining up different lengths on a path). They worked in pairs to solve each challenge before moving onto the next. They all were fantastic representatives of Newbridge School and competed against seven other schools. Well done!





# THE YEAR 5 RIVER WALK

Last week, the Year 5 children went for a walk along the River Avon. This gave them opportunity to talk all about our local water source, linking with our enquiry. Back at school, they completed a follow up lesson and this week they have dug deeper into some of the issues that occur in our local rivers. There was lots of wildlife to be seen on the walk, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

'I really enjoyed the River Avon walk and seeing the wildlife. I learnt that otters don't like loud noises, which is probably why we didn't see any.' - Elisabeth

'I also enjoyed the River Avon walk. We saw ducks and other wildlife. The water did seem quite dirty and there was some rubbish. I know we'll be looking at pollution so this will be interesting to talk about.' - Zoe





## Our Year 5 Netball Team



Our Year 5 Netball Team played their first match on Thursday, after School. They played away to St Mary's. The match was so close and could have gone either way, though the score was 6:5 to St Mary's. Mrs Bartlett was delighted with the team's performance – thank you for your commitment to training and for representing our school so well. The team was: Louis G, Lara H, Lynne A, Chloe W, Bertie O, Zelda L, Sophie E and Emma H.

On a dreary Thursday afternoon, eight Year 5 citizens walked to St Mary's to play a netball match. Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Hoyle (Emma's mum) very kindly volunteered to organise this friendly match. The first quarter began with Emma as Centre, Bertie as Goal Shooter, Lara as Goal Attack, Chloe as Goal Keeper and Louie as Goal Defence. During the first quarter, St Mary's pulled ahead by 2 goals, however, Newbridge were using every ounce of effort that they had and Bertie scored our first goal. The second quarter was much better for Newbridge, with different people in position. Zelda scored a goal, leveling the score, until St Mary's scored again. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Sophie scored a goal for Newbridge. Sadly, St Mary's scored 2 more goals. During the last quarter Lynne scored again, and Louis scored. St Mary's scored 1 more goal and then won. The final score was 5 to Newbridge and 6 to St Mary's.

Everyone had a great time. – by Zelda



## Little Free Library

Thank you for all your generous donations over the last few weeks - I think we have collected well over a thousand high quality books to share as a big book swap!

They have been sorted into different year groups and, as below, the year groups will have a turn to visit the Little Free Library to choose and **keep** a new book. When it is your child's turn, you can bring them, after school on a **Tuesday**.

**Wednesday or Thursday**, to choose from the books in the Little Free Library. We hope that this helps to engage all children in reading at Newbridge.

Thanks again,  
Mrs Amor, Mrs Edmunds  
and Mrs Earle



Week Commencing	Year Groups
20/3/23	EYFS and Year 1
27/3/23	Year 2
17/4/23	Year 3 and 4
24/4/23	Year 5 and 6
24/4/23	EYFS and Year 1
1/5/23	Year 2
8/5/23	Year 3 and 4
15/5/23	Year 5 and 6
22/5/23	EYFS and Year 1
5/6/23	Year 2
12/6/23	Year 3 and 4
19/6/23	Year 5 and 6
26/6/23	EYFS and Year 1
3/7/23	Year 2
10/7/23	Year 3 and 4
Wb 17/7/23	Year 5 and 6

From the recent Book Fair we sold £1302.52 worth of books.

This means, that as a school, we have been rewarded with a fantastic £781.51!

We can now spend these funds on ordering more new books for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to every single person who purchased a book – we are so grateful.



# 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 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto: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.