



NEWBRIDGE News

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Dates

Term 6

Friday 30th June

Open Classrooms – 3.20pm to
4.00pm for Reception

Saturday 1st July

NPSA Summer Fair 2pm to 4pm

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th July

Year 5 swimming pm

Tuesday 4th July

NPSA AGM 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th July

Class Photographs

Thursday 6th July

Year 6 Transition Day/
Moving Up Day

Monday 10th – Friday 14th July

Year 6 swimming pm

Volunteers' Thank you

2.30pm

Open Classrooms

3.20pm to 4.00pm

Tuesday 11th July

Optional Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th July

Class photographs – new date

Monday 17th July

Year 6 Production

Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 Production

Wednesday 19th July

Year 6 Leavers' Tea and Disco

Thursday 20th July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1.45pm

End of term for all pupils

Inset Dates 23/24

Friday 1st September 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Term Dates 23/24

You can view the Bath
and North East Somerset

term dates [here](#) for

2023/24

Dear Parents and Carers

Science and Art Week

Following our very successful Science and Art Week, we were able to announce the winners from the model competition in Monday's assembly. I know the teachers found this a very hard task with many, many creative and extraordinary entries. Please read on to find out more about the week, and the winners' names. Photographs will follow next week.

Our NPSA Festival of Football

A huge thank you to Sarah Cowey who is taking on the colossal task of organising this evening's Upper School Festival of Football. Many children, in their teams, will have great fun, as they compete against each other in this notorious Newbridge event. Good luck, everyone!

Our NPSA Summer Fair – NPS Fest

Don't forget that NPS Fest – our Summer Fair, takes place, tomorrow, Saturday. It runs from 2pm to 4pm, with help required before and afterwards to set-up and clear away. It will be a lovely event with many stalls and games, and an opportunity to peruse the Grow Your Pound stalls and the brilliant efforts the children have gone to. Thank you for all of the donations received today from the classes across the school – these are generous and support the fair. Thank you to Fran Derrien, with Amy Osborn, who has led on all of the planning and preparation for the fair. It's a huge job, and all as an NPSA volunteer. There will be many other volunteers behind the scenes and running stalls – thank you to you all for your generous support. See the brilliant flyer and map promoting NPS Fest, sent home earlier this week, [here](#).

Please read this week's NPSA Newsletter [here](#) for full details of events and activities. Don't forget that Tuesday 4th July is the NPSA AGM. Everyone is welcome to join this meeting in the Blue Room at 7.30pm where we will hopefully be filling positions on the NPSA committee.

Parental Questionnaire 2023

Many thanks for taking the time to complete the parental questionnaire. We received 156 responses. Over the coming weeks the responses will be analysed and we will summarise the results to share with you.

Extra-Curricular Club finishing dates

The majority of extra-curricular clubs finish at the end of the week commencing 3rd July. There are some exceptions to this due to missed sessions. There is an additional session for Cricket Club on Thursday 13th July and an additional session for Tennis (Friday club) on Friday 14th July. Football Club with Mr Farrier – Year 4, 5 and 6 has now finished for the year – there is no session on Thursday 6th July.

Industrial Action by the NEU

There is planned industrial action by the NEU on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. A letter was issued to all parents on Thursday detailing the implications of this.

Our School Orchestra

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of musicians, the orchestra is unable to perform, as planned, at NPS Fest. However, we thought that you should hear them play. This is a video taken by Mrs Best of the orchestra playing this week [School Orchestra June 23](#). Shortly after this, the orchestra performed outside to an audience of very appreciative children and staff. Well done to everyone for their commitment to this, with Mrs Best, for achieving such an accomplished performance following weeks of practising.

Volunteers' Thank you

We warmly invite all volunteers who have supported our school this year to a 'coffee and cake thank you' on Monday 10th July at 2.30pm in the Blue Room. Please complete this form to let us know if you can make it. [Volunteers' Thank you 10th July](#)

Open Classrooms

Classrooms will be open after school today for Reception, only, and again on Monday 10th July, from 3.20pm to 4.00pm. This is for you to view your child's learning. There is no need to sign up, please just come along.

Breakfast Club Bookings

All children must be booked into Breakfast Club for each session. A number of children are arriving without bookings, therefore we ask that if you use this facility, you check your bookings online. If you arrive without a booking, please be prepared to be turned away as staffing and food levels are prepared in advance.

No dogs on the school site

Again, please note that dogs are not permitted on the school premises, this includes being carried. Please can we also ask that dogs are not tied to the school railings where they will be in the path of children and adults arriving at and leaving school.

No scooting or riding bikes on the school site

Scooters and bikes are not permitted to be ridden anywhere on the school site – for both children and adults. Please can all parents and children dismount at the school gate on arrival and when leaving school. This is for safety reason and following numerous requests about this, a near miss has been reported.

Google Classroom

You will find out all about your child's learning this week by reading the Google Classroom blog. We would very much appreciate your time in finding out what has been happening to continue conversations at home about the current learning. Please leave a comment if you can, so that we know these updates are valued.

With best wishes for a good weekend,

Gill Kennaugh

LOST PROPERTY

We have too much lost property in school and it all needs to go home.

Please look at the racks on the left and right immediately inside the Upper School Cloakroom and in the blue box in the Lower School Hall, today.

STARS OF THE WEEK



★ **Bee** – Praise F, Alfred P **Ladybird** – Arthur LF, Reuben H ★

★ **IEO** – Luke W, Noa J **1G** – Martha D, Izzy M ★

★ **2M** – Matilda S, Hettie R **2R** – Benjamin B, Amelie R ★

★ **3OG** – Amelie S, Alba M **3BA** – Elizabeth D, Precious F ★

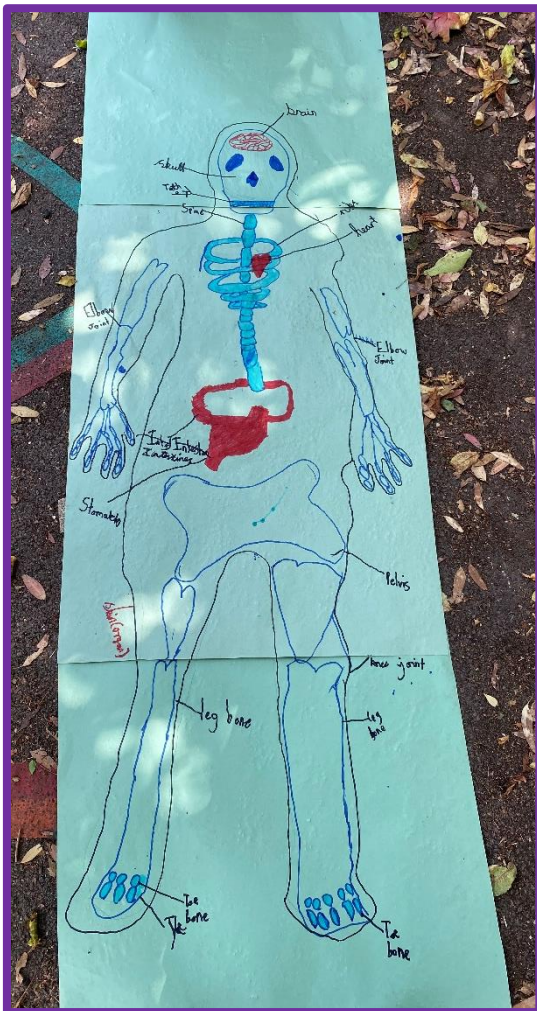
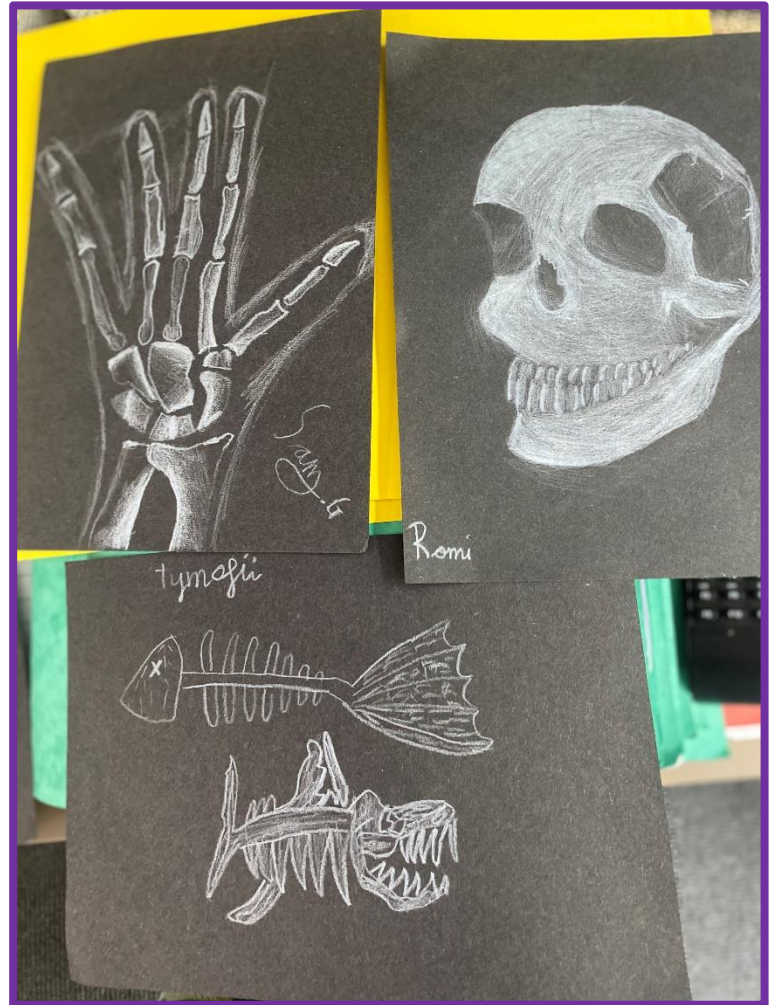
★ **4B** – Jimmy L-A, Flora K **4T** – Chelsea L, Finley P ★

★ **5HB** – Ettie P, Beau B **5G** – Alfie G, Lynne A ★

★ **6KR** – Tommy W, Thomas P **6N** – Edie B, Seb B ★



Year 4 Science and Art Week



During Science and Art Week, Year 4 investigated what lies beneath the skin. From paper dissection of frogs and rats, to drawings inspired by Leonardo da Vinci a lot of fun was had by all.



Grow Your Playground...more stallholders

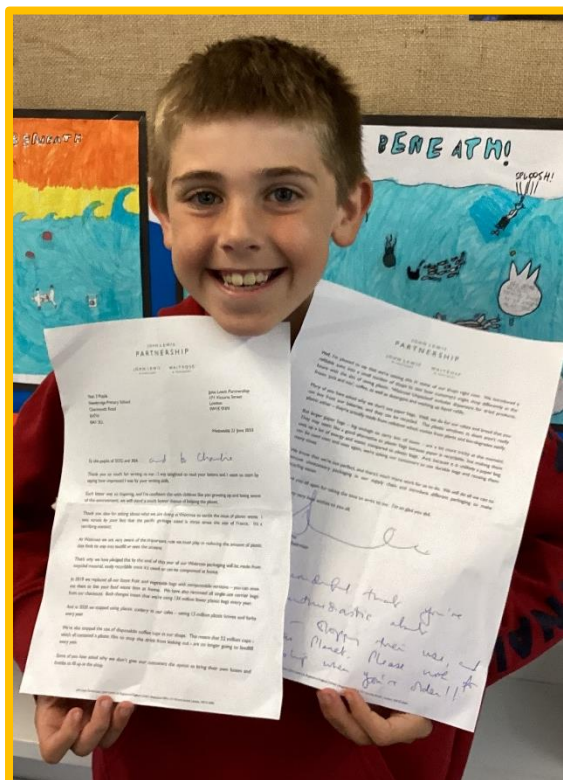


Mia's super bake sale took place on Saturday. The grown ups helped bake the cakes, and Mia did the frosting while her little sister sprinkled toppings.

As the day went on, Mia gained more confidence and asked every person passing by, "Would you like to buy some cake?" She made sure to give the right change and always said, "Thank you!" in return. Amazingly, she sold all the cakes and ended up making £70, which she is really proud of because it's going towards the playground!

Thank you Mia, with your sister, for being a brilliant Newbridge citizen.

Persuasive letter writing skills...what a result!



In Year 3 we have been learning about plastic pollution and in order to link this with our enquiry of 'When does trash become treasure?' we wrote letters to Waitrose talking about how plastic is affecting the environment.

After only a matter of days, Waitrose replied with an exciting letter. Some of our persuasive letters included facts. For example, did you know that 'The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is 3 times bigger than France and it weighs more than the weight of 500 jumbo jets.'

This happened because Charlie in 3OG's dad works for Waitrose and is friends with the head of Waitrose. In the reply Sharon told us about all that Waitrose had already put in place to reduce single use plastic but she also told us of their hope to do far more to help our planet. She was grateful that we were asking supermarkets to take more responsibility and was impressed with our passion for the subject. We were so lucky to have them answer our questions.

Charlie and Amelie 3OG

Science & Art Week

We had such a fantastic time last week exploring 'What lies beneath?' across the school. The breadth of learning taking place across the school was incredible and the children were given so many wonderful opportunities to be creative and deepen their scientific understanding. EYFS were busy pond dipping. They learnt all about the life cycle of the newt and made dragonflies.

Year 1 created clay ammonites and learnt about famous fossil hunter Mary Anning as well as what creatures live in the different ocean zones. Year 2 focused on plastic pollution in the oceans and reused materials to create incredible models of underwater creatures for their exhibition.

In Year 3 the focus was 'What lies beneath a plant?' They conducted experiments into water transportation in plants and were amazing at using scientific language to discuss their observations.

In Year 4 they asked the question 'What lies beneath our skin?' The children investigated their own pulses as well as completing paper 'dissections' of animals, looking at their skeletal and muscular layers. Year 5 became origami experts, creating fantastic models of underwater creatures. They also put their IT skills to the test to draw their own underwater scenes on the iPads.

Finally, Year 6 investigated underground water and worked collaboratively to create their own water cleaning system.

What a fantastic range of activities!

Mrs O'Byrne

Competition Winners

Well done to everybody that entered the
Science and Art week competition.
The standard of entries was so high that the teachers
had a really tough job choosing the winners.
Congratulations to the winning children from each year group.

EYFS – Olly H and Oscar L

Year 1 – Clarice J and Theo C

Year 2 – Oliver T and Angus P

Year 3 – Niki P and Chloe G

Year 4 – Isobel M and Edward S

Year 5 – Spike F and Alden R

Year 6 – Rupert N and Astrid G

Well done, everyone!

Year 2 transition... This week, the Year 2 children met their Year 5 buddies. They all had great fun together, getting to know one another. The Year 5s created some fantastic leaflets about life in Key Stage 2 which they shared together. The children also had time on the adventure trail in the playground and completed a QR Code hunt around Upper School.

In the words of Katie, "It wasn't just fun....it was amazing!"



Missing Sports Kit.....



This is the sports kit we purchased this year, and we love it – it looks so smart.

It has been worn to many, many sporting events, and with all of the children wearing it with pride.

Unfortunately, there are quite a number of pieces outstanding, meaning we don't have full sets any more. If your Upper School child has borrowed this, please can you check that you have returned it.

We really want to get the shorts, polo shirts and rain jackets back, please. Please return any kit to the school office, on Monday.



What an achievement, Greta.....

Greta, in Class 5HB, is an incredible rhythmic gymnast and now trains in the Espoir squad as an elite level 5 gymnast. She commits to a great deal of training at the University of Bath, for Team Bath, and her next competition is quite something. She will be competing in the British Championships on the 7/8 July. We wish her so much luck and hope that her dedication to her training pays off.



WEST OF ENGLAND
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Folk Music Workshop

A Sunday Session with Bath Youth Folk Band tutors Rachel Barrett and John Sandford

This session is open to all players of 'C' instruments and percussionists. An opportunity to try your hand at playing folk music if it is new to you but also suitable for existing folk players.

Where: St John's RC Primary, Bath
When: Sunday 16th July, 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Course fee: £10 / free for students on FSM

Sign up here:
<https://bit.ly/3Jgc7FO>







OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our Summer 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

JULY	Tues 25th	Wed 26th	Thurs 27th
AUGUST		Wed 2nd	Thurs 3rd
	Tues 22nd	Wed 23rd	Thurs 24th
	Tues 29th	Wed 30th	Thurs 31st

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 + days booking: £ 37 per child per day

Sessions will be led by Sarah Webb, Claire Pickman and Jonny Houston, all experienced Forest School leaders based in and around Bath, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site and all activities are risk/benefit-assessed.

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