NPSA NEWS

Hello & welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term, and that those of you able to join us for last weekend's Autumn Trail enjoyed it. You'll see from the long list of thank yous below that it takes serious teamwork to put on an NPSA event. Without generous contributions of time & skill from so many people, we couldn't do what we do. So next time there's a call for volunteers, please do help if you can: big or small, your contribution will make a difference. There's lots more NPSA fundraising going on this term, and your support is very much appreciated.

Pumpkin Competition & Autumn Trail

Thank you to everyone who entered the Pumpkin Carving Competition, your creativity was fantastic! Despite the appalling weather on Saturday morning, which forced us to relocate from the woodland to the Reception playground, we were able to display over 100 pumpkins and set up the Autumn Trail activities. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the event in the sunshine on Saturday afternoon.

An enormous thank you to Clare Moon, who organised this event, ably supported in various ways by Sarah Squires, Louise Slowgrove, Kathy Thornton, Hannah Brownell, Mark Brownlee, Jen Stenning, Genna Rogers, Deirdre Attinger, Esther Derrett, Katya Wainright, Amy Osborn, Micky Hoyle, Emily Dahill, Caroline Ling and Sarah Webb.

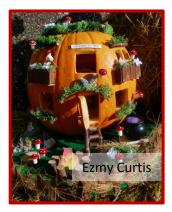
Congratulations to our pumpkin winners (pictured right): Lower School category: Ruby Eyles Upper School category: Henry Wellings Adult category: Ezmy Curtis

We are amazed and delighted to report that the Competition and Trail combined raised an astonishing £640 - THANK YOU!

Thank you to The Locksbrook, The Art Cohort, Mr B's, Topping & Co, and Hobbycraft for donating prizes, as well as to Waitrose for providing sweets for the occasion.







Virtual Quiz 20th November

Well, it turns out that this event couldn't really have come at a better time. On Friday 20th November, at 8pm, we'll kick off our first NPSA Virtual Quiz Night. The quiz will be conducted via Zoom, and you'll be able to communicate with your teammates - wherever they are - via text/email/Messenger/Whatsapp and using the 'team breakout rooms' within Zoom (further details will be emailed to the ticket purchaser to share with their team). What's more, we have a PRIZE: the winning team will receive a case of wine worth over £100! Tickets cost £30 per team of six, and you can get them at buytickets.at/npsa THE NUMBER OF TEAMS IS LIMITED so please book early so you don't miss out.

Christmas Cards

This week your children should have brought home a proof copy of their very own Christmas card designs. To order packs of cards (or gift tags, mugs, tea towels etc) please go to **buytickets.at/npsa**. Please have your card proof in front of you when ordering, so you can double check that your child's name is spelt correctly. **The deadline for orders is Sunday 8th November**.

Christmas Puddings

We are once again selling NPSA-branded Christmas Puddings, as well as Sticky Toffee or Luscious Lemon Puddings for those who prefer something less traditional. Puddings cost £8 each and you **can pre-order them by going to buytickets.at/npsa before 16th November**. In next week's newsletter we'll let you know which of the children's designs (produced in school this week) has been chosen for the pudding label this year.

Calendar

Knocking spots off the competition for the best 2021 calendar, the NPSA has produced a winner! Using a similar format to last year's version, the calendar includes all the confirmed academic dates and bank holidays, with a full-page photograph of a different class on every page.

This project would not have happened without the generous support of 25 local businesses whose logos you will see throughout the calendar. Most have returned to sponsor again despite a tumultuous year, so we would like to say a massive thank you to all of them.

Usually calendars would be available to view in the office and to buy at the Christmas Fair, however, this year they are available via online pre-order ONLY. They cost £7 each and you can **order your copy at buytickets.at/npsa now.** Orders close on 21st November.

Calendars will be sent home via your children, during the week of 7th December. Thank you for your support.



Winter Windowland

This is another Newbridge first, and we are really excited about it! You should have received an email via your class rep this week explaining exactly what it is - a trail of 'stained glass' windows - and how you can get involved. There's no theme and no prescribed route for the trail, so anyone can take part and you can design your stained glass window to show anything you like (as long as it's appropriate for all ages). If you're not sure where to start, Pinterest is full of inspiration: search "tissue paper window silhouette" and let your imagination run wild. If you'd like to sign up to design a window, please fill in the form here https://forms.gle/DHPvDUMGPYxxwQKA6 or scan the QR Code on the poster below. The deadline for entries is 16th November.



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TEMPORARY NEWSLETTER HELP NEEDED

Is there anybody who would be happy to step up to produce the NPSA newsletter until the end of this term? We promise it is a temporary role, so not something you would be committing to long term! A fairly basic working knowledge of Microsoft Office and the ability to convert a file to PDF is all that is required. You will be provided with the content, and will just need to format it into a document like this. If you can help, please email <u>npsabath@gmail.com</u>.

NPSA MEETING

The next NPSA meeting will take place via Zoom at 8pm on Wednesday 11th November. We will share updates on this term's fundraising activities, and - crazy though it seems - we'll be looking for any Covid-safe fundraising ideas you might have for February 2021 and beyond! In addition, we will be voting on some amendments to our Constitution, so we do need to ensure a minimum of 20 attendees to make any vote valid. Please do join us if you can. Click here to join the meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88261634129?pwd=c1l2c01MQUZ5cUFpZXZ0T2FyektPdz09

Meeting ID: 882 6163 4129 Passcode: 615156

Amazon Smile & The Giving Machine

Many of you will choose to shop local this Christmas, particularly at a time when our local independents need your help more than ever. However, if you are shopping with Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and generating FREE MONEY for the NPSA. Simply shop at <u>smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1014793-0</u> or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon shopping app, and Amazon will make a donation to the NPSA.

You can also continue to support the NPSA through the Giving Machine for other online purchases at retailers like John Lewis, Tesco, Boden, Currys (and lots more!) Start your shopping at our Giving Machine page and a percentage of what you spend will come directly to the NPSA for FREE:

https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/newbridge-primary-school/



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