



NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR TERM 1

Monday 26th September

- Clubs start

3rd, 5th & 7th October

- Classrooms open to view books 3.20pm - 4.00pm

Tuesday 11th October

- Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents

Thursday 13th October

- Parents' Evening (Online)

Tuesday 18th October

- Parents' Evening (Online)

Friday 21st October

- End of Term 1

Monday 31st October

- INSET Day for staff

Tuesday 1st November

- First day back for children
- Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents

Please see
[website calendar](#)
for further dates

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week. Not being at school on Monday, has made it feel an unusual week. Though, as always, at Newbridge, much has been happening and the children are continuing to demonstrate how much they enjoy the varied learning and social opportunities.

Our Reception children deserve a big shout out this week. Whilst building up their time in school during the planned induction period, all of the children have been in school at the same time and have been enjoying having lunch together. Primary school is an incredible journey; at the other end, our Year 6 pupils have been taking time to visit prospective secondary schools and have come back with exciting stories about all they have seen. This seems to come around all too fast, so I think Ritvik's message to all of the children as he was leaving Year 6 last year is an important one, 'Make the most of every day'.

A former Headteacher

We have recently heard that a former Headteacher of Newbridge Junior School has passed away. Mr Paul Martin was Headteacher from 1983 until 1993. I never worked alongside him, when I first worked in the junior school, however I know he was very highly regarded by staff, pupils and parents. I met Mr Martin on many social occasions, and mainly when he would come back to Newbridge, to mark teachers' retirements. I understand there will likely be current parents who attended Newbridge Junior School during his headship, and who will have their own memories of a special Headteacher.

Extra-curricular activities – starting Monday 26th September

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to an extra-curricular activity, with these starting from Monday. We hope these opportunities will bring a lot of fun and develop skills beyond the teaching and learning week. We offer clubs for no charge, to those children who are in receipt of free school meals, eligible by benefit. If your child has not yet signed up, please contact the office to see which clubs still have space.

Everyone Active

Everyone Active also starts next week. For those who don't know, this time is put aside before school on a Thursday morning, for anyone who wants to join in with some physical activity for health and well-being purposes. This is something we have operated for a number of years, and with all ages exercising together, and it has made for a really positive start to the day. In the past, we have had toddlers, through to grandparents, completing laps of the Upper School playground, or the field – walking or running. It is not competitive in any way, though adults and children like to set their own personal challenge. Seven laps of the field or twelve laps of the top playground is approximately a mile, so this could be something to aim for. The session will start at 8.10am – if it is dry, we will be on the field and if wet, we will be on the playground. The children should wear school PE kit and bring a water bottle. Lower School children must be accompanied by an adult and Upper School children can come by themselves, but must stay on the field/playground for the duration of the session, under my supervision. Please do come along, the more the merrier.

Mini-Marathon Fundraiser

Earlier this week, Mr Newman sent a letter about his fundraising challenge. He is running the London Marathon, and to match his commitment, he is setting all of the children a physical challenge in school. This will take place on Friday 30th September, just before he takes on the Marathon, on Sunday 2nd October. Any funds raised will be to support wider opportunities in school – and our dream, if ever possible, would be to one day have a school mini-bus, enabling more children to access more activities.

Mr Newman has set up a fundraising page, for any sponsorship raised by the children and for any donations you may wish to make, towards Mr Newman's personal challenge. The link can be found at <https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/NqyXN>

Year 4 – Jonathan Jungle visit

As promised, please see further in the newsletter, the photographs that were taken when Year 4 met a range of animals in class, last week. Hands on, real life learning experiences cement skills and knowledge, and make for memorable moments.

Our NPSA (Newbridge Primary School Association)

If you didn't see it on Monday, please read the NPSA newsletter, [here](#). Plans are already in place for events over the coming months, which include Pumpkin Carving, Fireworks Night and a Quiz for the adults. The first NPSA meeting, which is open to all parents, is on Wednesday 28th September, at 7pm. Please do come along and join in with your ideas or to offer ways in which you may like to get involved, to support our children, our school and our community.

Google Classroom 'blogging'

Please log into Google Classroom, to read the class 'blog'. Your child's teacher will have written about the week's events and will have uploaded photographs taken, so that at home you can continue conversations around the themes taught. We welcome engagement on the 'stream' from parents, so if you could leave a simple message, in response to the blog, we would love to hear from you.

Attendance and punctuality

Please note that the school gates open at 8.45am and all children must be **in their classrooms, for registration, by 8.55am**. Beyond this time, a child is marked as Unauthorised, or Late. Coming into class on time supports all children to have a smooth start to their day, and allows for maximum learning time.

Open Afternoons for Reception children 2023/24

Looking ahead to our Reception intake for September 2023, please know, and share with friends, that our open afternoons for prospective parents will be held on Tuesday 11th October and Tuesday 1st November, 2022 at 1.30pm. To register interest in attending on one of these, please contact the school office at enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk.

Email address for parents

For all correspondence, please can parents use the email address enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk.

I wish you a good and restful weekend.

With best regards,



Gill Kennaugh

STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Whole Class

1EO Ellis J & Rose Y

2R Anna T & Oliver T

3OG Sophie B & Amelie S

4B Harry A & Chloe G

5G Shahan S & Thomas M

6KR Astrid G & Segev H

Ladybird Whole Class

1G Magnus B & Erika G

2M Kiere G & Leo T

3BA Hayley M & William B

4T Maddie H & Alice S

5HB Imogen B & Emma H

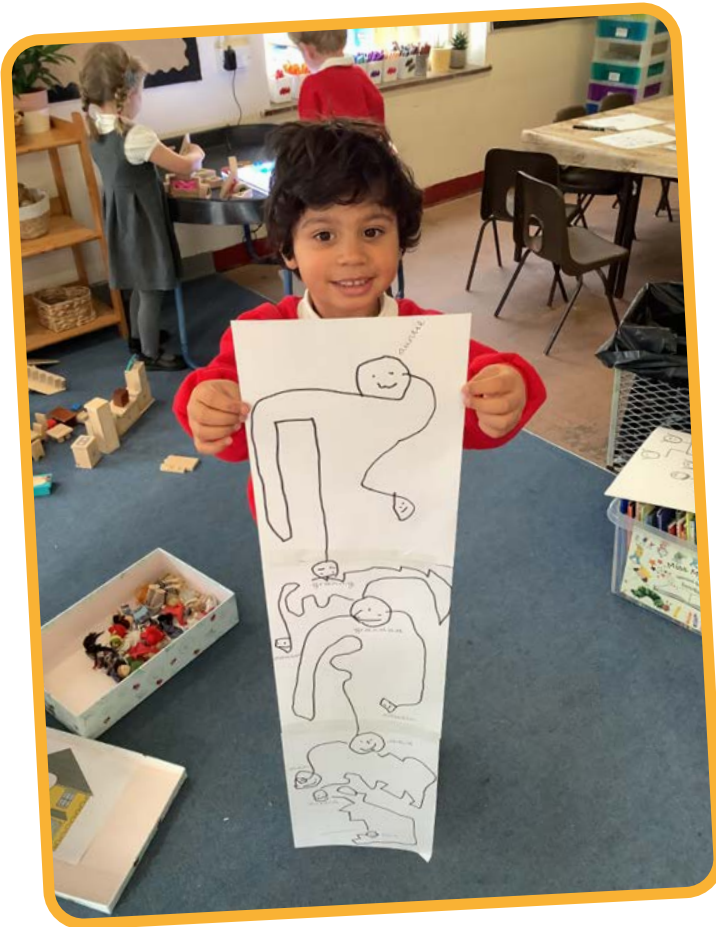
6N Minnie F & Hattie M

Music Stars of the Week

Katie M & Otis H



In **RECEPTION** this week we have been learning about families, by reading the story 'A Handful of Buttons'. Here are some of our family trees...

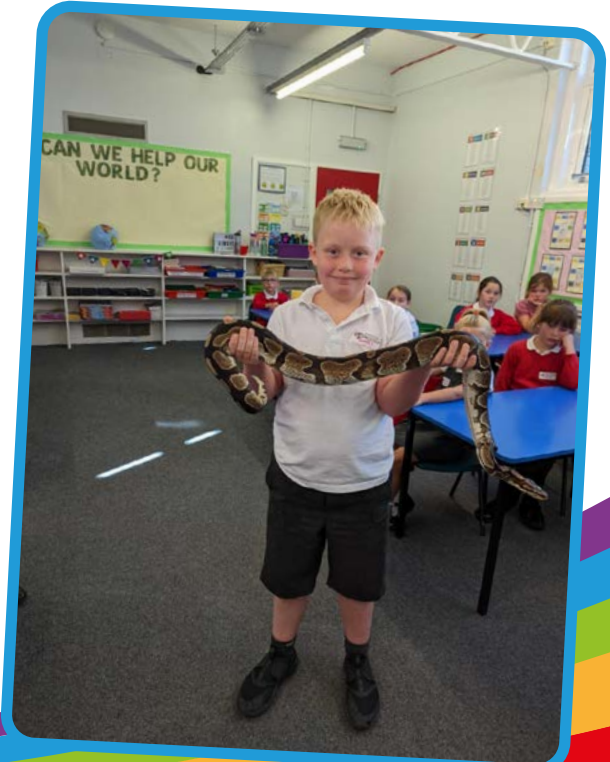


YEAR 4 in Forest School this week



JONATHAN JUNGLE visiting Year 4







SMSA VACANCY

We are looking to appoint a permanent **School Meals Supervisory Assistant** to provide support at lunchtime in the lower school.

This post is for an enthusiastic and adaptable person to join our strong SMSA team. An enjoyment of children's company is essential.

The hours will be 11.45am – 1.15pm daily

Salary Grade 1 Point 3 £9.62 per hour

Term Time only

7.5 hours per week

WEEKLY PARENT CARER DROP-IN BASED IN WESTON

One of our parents has been kind enough to bring this to our attention.

The Life Project are running these weekly sessions for parents and carers. They offer a chance to become part of a supportive network of people who understand the challenges of caring for those with learning needs and other disabilities. A cup of coffee and some tasty treats are always on offer and those who attend can de-stress by joining in with an exercise or pilates class during the session.

Play space is also available for pre-schoolers. We meet on Tuesdays during term-time from 10am to 2pm at the Weston Hub, Penn Hill Road, BA1 4EH. For more information contact: info@lifeprojectbath.org.uk

Further information can also be found here:

<https://www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk/what-we-do/weekly-parent-carer-drop-in/>

Weekly Parent Carer Drop-In - The Life Project, Bath

Our Parent Carer Drop-In sessions are for carers who want to find some space and time away from their caring roles. They offer a chance to become part of a supportive network of people who understand the challenges of caring for those with learning needs and other disabilities.

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OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT THE WILDWOOD NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our October 2022 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, Jonny Houston and Claire Pickman
all experienced Forest School leaders based in Bath, with DBS disclosures, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site at The Wildwood and all activities are risk-assessed.

Tues 25th FULL

Wed 26th FULL

Thurs 27th

Mon 31st (INSET)



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 £37 per child per day
 2 day booking: £74 per child
 3 day + booking: £ 35 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.