

# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR TERM 1

### 3rd, 5th & 7th October

- Classrooms open to view books 3.20pm - 4.00pm

### Monday 10th October at 3.30pm

- Y5 Residential Meeting in 5G
- Y6 Residential Meeting in 6KR

### 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

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

The school has been buzzing this week – it has been a real hive of activity, everywhere. And no more so than today, when the children completed their personal challenge, inspired by Mr Newman's commitment to run the London Marathon. I know I keep saying it, but having school life back to normal, is just the best feeling. Recognising what we all missed out on, for the best part of two years, makes every opportunity and event even more special.

We must congratulate our Reception children, in Bee and Ladybird classes, who have now completed their induction period and will, therefore, commence school full time from Monday. We remain super impressed at how well they have started school – demonstrating happiness and confidence in abundance. Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who have prepared the children so well and who have worked with the staff team during all of the starting school processes.

### Our School Values

Our school values underpin everything we do. They are: **Learning and Communication**, **Creativity and Imagination**, **Personal Development**, **Collaboration** and **Citizenship**. Consider all of the learning activities and opportunities your child has completed these week, and you will see that our values really do run through everything we do.

### Mini-Marathon Fundraiser

We did it! All of the children have today, completed their challenge set by Mr Newman, our Year 6 teacher. And we all had so much fun!! The Upper School children have completed 26 minutes of exercise, and the Lower School children have completed 26 exercises. All of the children were supported to do this, with the able help of the Sports Captains. This Sunday, following months of training, Mr Newman is running the London Marathon and, with this, he wanted to set the children a challenge, too. His enjoyment of sport is reflected in his passion for more children to have increased access to wider opportunities. This fits with our school development plan priorities, and therefore, all funds he has raised, along with the children's sponsorship, will contribute towards this. Thank you to all of the families who have raised sponsorship, this is so greatly appreciated. Please can this be paid into the following website <https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/NgyXN>. We all wish Mr Newman every success for Sunday and we very much look forward to hearing all about his experience, on Monday.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

There has been a very positive response to the extra-curricular programme which started this week. We are delighted to be able to offer twenty three clubs over the course of the week. Thank you for signing your child up, and preparing them to take part. This is a big step for some children, who will need to navigate new arrangements and work with staff and coaches who may be unfamiliar to them. However, this is seen as part of the opportunity – developing independence and social skills, whilst having a lot of fun and learning new skills, too.

### Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country Event

Many congratulations to those children who took part in the B&NES Cross Country event on Thursday afternoon at Odd Down Sports Ground. It is just brilliant that the programme of sporting events is up and running again, and that the children can enjoy and benefit from the sense of pride they take in representing their school, as well as showing off their talents. Bea V, Sophie E, Louie A, Louis G, Finley A, Barney B and Samuel E represented Year 5. Ursie W, Isabelle G, Emma H, Seb K, Tommy W, William R, Lyess G and Felix T represented Year 6.

Mr Seaborne, who led the team, reported, "The Cross Country event was super, as usual. There were lots of children from many different schools and some extremely fast runners! Our children were great and all enjoyed the experience. They definitely loved wearing the new kit, too!" We are awaiting the team results, and will publish these next week. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you for being fantastic Newbridge ambassadors.

### Everyone Active – it's back!

Thank you to those who came along to Everyone Active on Thursday morning. It was brilliant to get this underway, again. We saw some regular faces and plenty of new ones, too. There was much good fun, chat and laughter – and all with a sense of pride as every adult and child completed their target number of laps. The ages ranged from a three week old baby, Ivan, to Fleur, a new Reception pupil, to Year 6s, and to parents. It would be great to increase our numbers next week, so please do come along, at 8.10am on Thursday morning.

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

### Parents' Evening and viewing learning in classrooms

On Tuesday, you will have received a letter about the upcoming Parent Evenings on Thursday 13th and Tuesday 18th October. The appointments, for every child, will be held online, via [School Cloud](#). Information about how to book an appointment was detailed in the letter. The bookings opened on Thursday evening, so please book this weekend, if you have not already done so. Prior to your Parents' Evening appointment, we invite you to visit your child's classroom on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, next week, to view their learning. The classrooms will be open from 3.20pm to 4.00pm – there is no need to book, please just turn up at a time that suits you.

### Our NPSA (Newbridge Primary School Association)

Thank you to those who were able to come along to our first NPSA meeting of the academic year. Again, it was great to see some parents join us who have not come along before, along with parents whose children have just started in Reception. Ash Purves led the meeting, having just taken on the role of Chair; we are really grateful for her commitment to our charity. We discussed many ideas for events over the coming months, all of which will support our children, our school and our community. Your class representative will be in touch about ways you may be able to help. Events can only happen if we have the enough volunteers, so please know, we really value any time you can give. Watch out for the next NPSA newsletter, with detailed information of what's coming up.

### Doodle Home Learning

A letter was sent to parents yesterday about the use of, and expectations around, Doodle for Home Learning. As of today, all of the children should know their logins, in preparation for staying in the green zone or completing assignments, from Monday 3rd October.

### Well done, Flora!

Flora K, from Year 4, has shown everyone what a responsible citizen she is. With her brother, past pupil Rufus, she signed up to Plastic Busters 'Adopt a Place', where together they committed to keeping the path near their house litter free. Her mum said that she has been talking a lot about the work the class have been doing on looking after the world and she had been enthused by this. Well done, Flora, and thank you for being such a responsible member of our community.

In case you might be interested in this project and want to know how you can sign up to keep any other local areas tidy, please visit the website Flora and her family used <https://www.plasticbusters.org/news/plasticbusters-adopt-a-place>

### Vacancies

We currently have some vacancies in school. You are able to access information about these, and the application process, via the school website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

### Google Classroom 'blogging'

Please log into Google Classroom, to read this week's class 'blog'. Your child's teacher will have written about the week's learning and activities and will have uploaded some photographs, 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 message, in response to the blog, we would love to hear from you.

### Scouting and Cycling

Whilst we encourage families to scoot or cycle to school, please know that these must be pushed, not ridden, on the school site. It is very busy at both ends of the day and at club pick-up time, and we wish to avoid any accidents.

### Contacting the school

For all correspondence, please can parents use the email address [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk).

### Volunteering in school

The school benefits greatly from the volunteer support of parents and community members. Already, this year, we have volunteers visiting to support learning activities and to ensure the library is accessible to all. We hope to attract more volunteers this year. If you are interested in helping, you will need to obtain a school DBS certificate. Please contact Mrs Hill, via the school office, at [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) for further details.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a good weekend.

With best regards,



Gill Kennaugh



# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Bee** Whole Class  
**1EO** Sophia A & Mya W  
**2R** Dura Nia C & Arthur C  
**3OG** Harith A & Alice S  
**4B** Flora K & Bethan T  
**5G** Ella S & Maya C-L  
**6KR** Rupert N & Amity C

**Ladybird** Whole Class  
**1G** Mia M & Ben W  
**2M** Aria S & Joe M  
**3BA** Naleen Y & Harrison H  
**4T** Grace W & Chase D  
**5HB** Beau B & Mason N-J  
**6N** Kaia B & Tharun P-N

## Music Stars of the Week

Zelda L & Maya C-L



**FLORA'S**  
Litter Pick





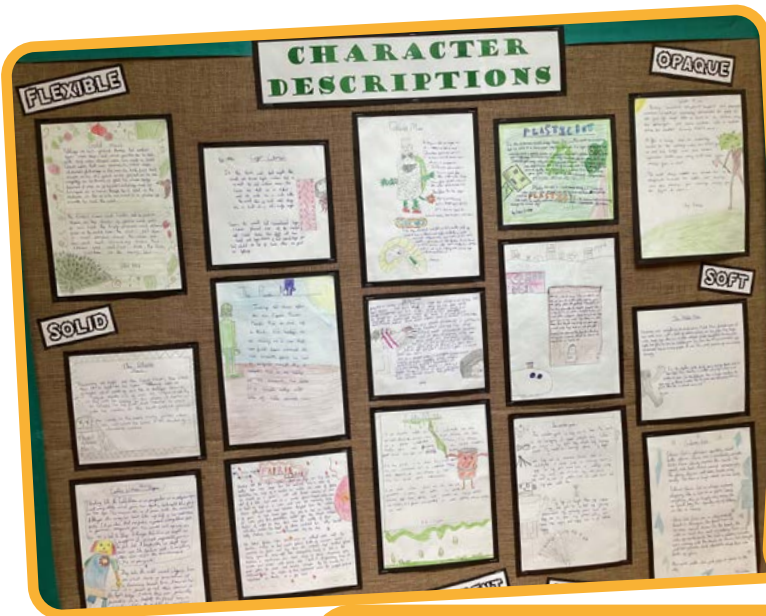
# SCHOOL LIFE





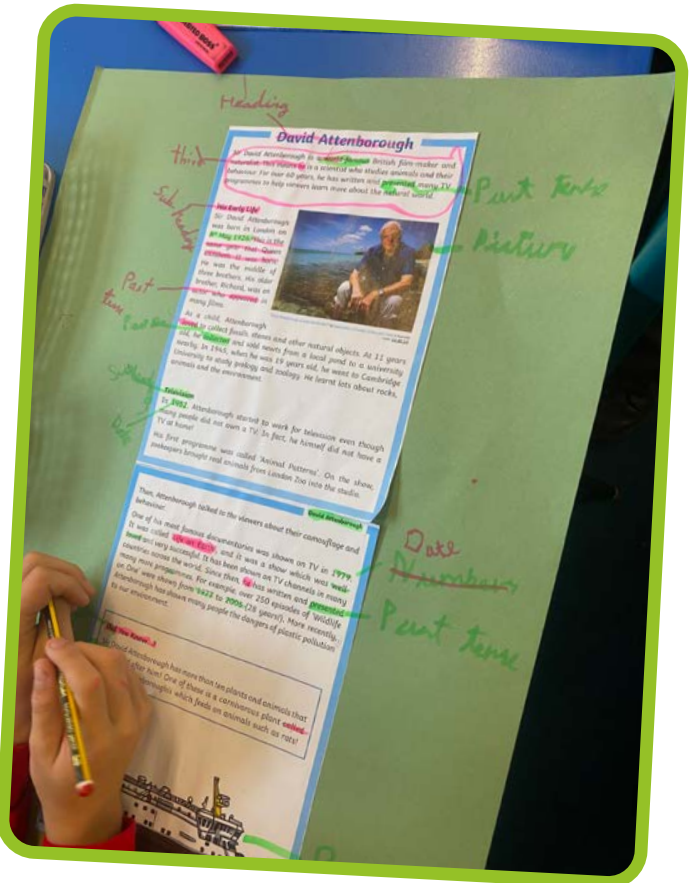
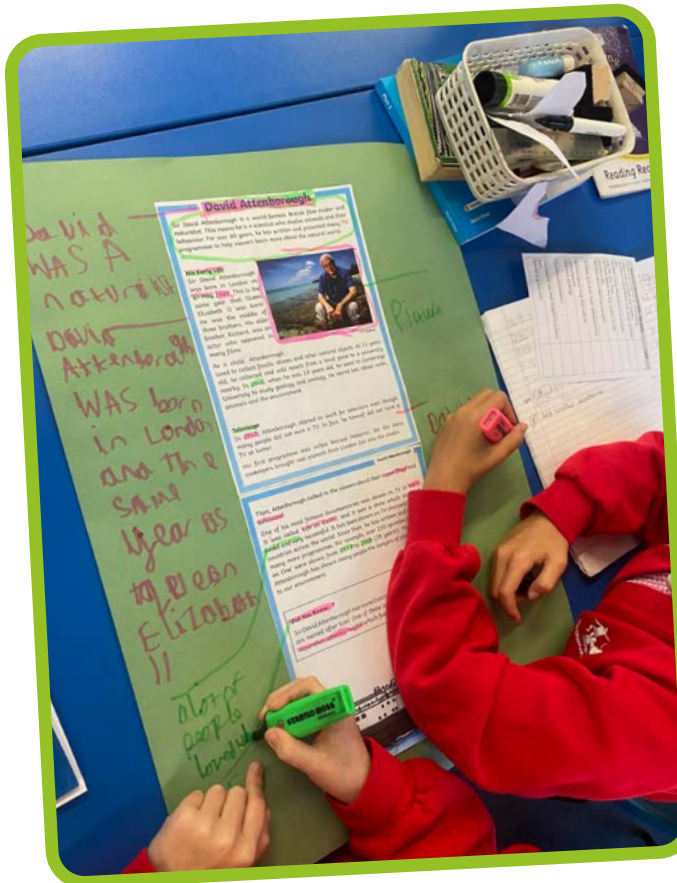








This week **YEAR 4** have been looking at the features of a biography









In Maths, **YEAR 5** used the iPads to take part in a Kahoot! negative numbers and Roman numerals quiz. After that, they had the chance to create their very own maths quiz in pairs





# OUR MINI MARATHON CHALLENGE



Good luck Mr Newman!





























# 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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>   FULL**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup>   FULL**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> (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](mailto:valair1@hotmail.com) or call on 07825 610145 for a booking form. Spaces are limited to 20-25 children per day.





## UP & UNDER SPORTS

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022 – FESTIVAL OF SPORT  
**CRICKET & MULTI SPORTS**

9am to 4pm | open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15

Lansdown Cricket Club, Combe Park, Bath, Somerset, BA1 3NE

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Learn new sports, improve your skills and have fun with your friends!**

The Cricket programme is perfect for the cricket mad youngster!

The course will be fun, challenging and improve skills and techniques through small sided games, coaching sessions and our special version of the 100.

The Multi Sports programme will involve a fantastic variety of sports, including:

Archery, Mini Olympics, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Tennis, Handball, Ultimate Frisbee, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Archery, Halloween Challenges and Team Building Challenges

The Cricket & Multi Sports activities will be coordinated by Dave Peters who is an ECB Level 2 coach and has been coaching at Lansdown Cricket Club for the past 15 years.



£30 per day | Discounted price for all 4 days £110

10% SIBLING discount available

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK:

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