



## DATES FOR TERM 2

### Monday 31st October

- INSET Day for staff

### Tuesday 1st November

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

### Thursday 17th November

- Flu vaccinations

### Tuesday 6th December

- Individual Photos

### Thursday 8th December

- Lower School Nativity at 9.30am.

### Friday 9th December

- Lower School Nativity at 9.30am

### Wednesday 14th December

- Upper School Christmas Concert at 7.00pm
- Christmas Lunch

### Thursday 15th December

- Upper School Christmas Concert at 10.00am

### Friday 16th December

- End of Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who has made this a very happy and successful first term of the year. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome all things normal – we've made the most of life without restrictions, and with many varied learning opportunities and experiences, all of the children have risen to the challenge, demonstrating what fantastic young people they are.

### Our Harvest Festival

Thank you very much for your thoughtful and generous donations, for Julian House, brought to school at the start of today. The display of goods made for a fantastic backdrop to our Harvest Assembly, where all of the children performed songs and poetry. It was very special to welcome Bee and Ladybird Class to their first whole school assembly – they coped remarkably well with a room of over 350 other children and adults. They also completed their first school performance, too – singing 'Oats and Beans and Barley Grow'. It was a lovely end of term treat for everyone to be together, to enjoy each other's Harvest contributions and to understand how when we work together as a community, we can make a big difference to others.

### Outdoor Learning Day – for Feel Good Friday

We are fortunate to have such an extensive school site, with a variety of areas for learning, playing and exploring.

Today, to mark our Feel Good Friday, after the Harvest Assembly, we wanted to make the most of this space and move as much learning as possible outside. With wellies and waterproofs donned, the children had a lot of fun.

### Sporting activities this week

One aim of our school development plan this year, is to afford more children, more opportunity to take part in a wide range of experiences. As part of this, we have committed to taking part in more sporting activities, and over the course of this week, four events have taken place.

**Year 6 Netball Match** – On Monday, Sophie G, Amity C, Evie D, Mina M, Lauren U, Mia K, Edie B and Scarlett S played a match against Oldfield Park Junior School. You can read on for a full report from Mrs Slinn, who very kindly volunteers to coach the children after school. Well done to the team, who played their best and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity – this is exactly what we want – they are all stars!

**Year 4 B&NES County Cross Country** - Our Year 4 pupils were in action on Wednesday afternoon when they took a trip to the Glass House Playing Fields, for the B&NES' Schools Cross Country event. Mr Seaborne accompanied the children and afterwards told me just how fantastic the event was – 'a glorious afternoon, just right for running'. There was a boys' race, a girls' race and fun relay race. Our children, as always, were enthusiastic and full of energy. They all ran wholeheartedly to complete the course, which was approximately 1.1 km. The boys' team was Flynn N, Tom C, Harry B, Rhed M, Oscar D and Reuben J. The girls' team was Ruby E, Isobel M, Bethan T, Chloe G, Romi H and Clara W. All of the children did incredibly well, with Flynn securing a 5th place finish for the boys, and Ruby coming in 19th place, for the girls. All of the children loved the relay event and each of our teams came in 4th place. Well done, to everyone - what a brilliant effort, what brilliant fun and what brilliant Newbridge ambassadors.

**Boys' Football Match** – on Thursday, a mix of Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 boys played against Widcombe Junior School, at home. What a great match this was, with excellent teamwork, comradery and skill. The boys were very proud of their 6 - 1 win; a great start to the season. Well done to Felix T, Segev H, George E, Xavier S-G, James W, Charlie B, Barney P, Mason N-J, Samuel E and Harry A who represented the school in style.

**Girls' Football Match** – the school sports kit was in demand on Thursday, with another match taking place. The girls' team played away against Combe Down, at Monkton Combe. Mr Newman accompanied the team, and again told me how keen the girls were to do their best in their first match and how he could see great improvement even throughout the gametime. The score was 5 - 0 to Combe Down, but this did not deter from the fun and enjoyment the team had in representing Newbridge Primary School, and taking on a new challenge. Well done to Kaia B, Minnie F, Imogen G, Maya C-L, Imogen B, Elisabeth W and Lara H – yet more proud Newbridge ambassadors. A big shout out must also go to Amelie, who was picked for the team but was unfortunately poorly on the day. We hope she will play in the next match.

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

### **Our NPSA (Newbridge Primary School Association)**

Sincere thanks to all of our volunteers and committee members who are working behind the scenes on upcoming activities and events. As I said last week, without this incredible amount of hard work and support, we would not be the true community school we are, which so many enjoy and benefit from. It is impossible to thank each of those involved, but perhaps next time you are at an event and spot someone in a volunteer role, you too could express your thanks for ensuring events happen.

Please find this week's NPSA Newsletter [here](#) - there is a great deal to catch up on.

### **Parents' Evening this week**

Thank you for attending Parents' Evening this week. I hope you found these helpful.

If you ever have a concern or query, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or make contact via the school office – we offer an open door policy. On some evenings, staff will have meetings they need to attend, so making an appointment in advance will ensure the teacher is available.

### **Mr Newman's London Marathon and the Mini-Marathon Fundraiser**

Thank you to all of the families who have raised sponsorship for our mini-marathon fundraiser. In total, everyone has raised an astonishing £5,454.30! Kindly, the NPSA are working to secure the Gift Aid, so this fund could be even greater. Our plans for this fund are centred on enabling more pupils to have access to wider opportunities. We have some plans afoot and hopefully we will be able to update you in the near future.

### **Google Classroom 'blogging'**

By taking time to read your child's Google Classroom 'blog' you will find out all about the learning and activities they have completed this week. Some parents comment that they do not hear much from their child about what happens at school, so these are for parents to know more and continue conversations at home. There will always be photographs uploaded, too. We welcome engagement on the 'stream' from parents, so if you could leave a message, in response to the blog, or simply a 'thumbs-up', we would love to hear from you. We have noted an increase in comments more recently, and these are much appreciated, as I wish to ensure the time taken to prepare the 'blogs' by the teachers is valued.

### **Late arrivals**

We need to promote that all children must be punctual for school, each day. All children must be in their classrooms for registration at 8.55am. Beyond this time, and up to 9.10am, they will be recorded as Late (L), after which time they will be recorded as Unauthorised (U).

When parents and carers arrive late at the Charmouth Road gate, the parent/carers must walk the child/ren to the school office to provide the reason for lateness.

### **School Meals - bookings**

Thank you for navigating the school meal booking system. Many parents will likely have booked all meals for Term 1, and so please remember to book meals for after the half term holiday, for Term 2. If a school meal is booked, but a child brings a packed lunch instead, please can we ask that you notify the office of this change so that food is not wasted and so that lunchtime staff do not spend time looking for children who are expected in the dining hall.

### **Parent Social Media Groups**

We understand that many parents and carers correspond via social media groups, such as WhatsApp, for the different classes and year groups. Parents often refer information back to staff, which has been shared on these groups, however, please know that the school has no part in these groups or the information that is shared.

### **Early Years Foundation Stage – entering school**

As Bee and Ladybird Class have very successfully managed their start to school, we will be asking them, from Monday 7th November, to demonstrate their independence by entering school via the door to the Lower School, from the driveway. The children should still come to school via the Charmouth Road gate and parents and carers should enter the site to meet the class teachers who will then guide the children in to school.

### **Contacting the school**

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

I wish everyone a happy and restful half term holiday – it is so well-deserved, and by the staff, too.

Monday 31st October is an Inset Day, and therefore all of the children will return to school on Tuesday 1st November.

With best wishes,



Gill Kennaugh

# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Bee** Juliette S-L & Ted P  
**1EO** Arlo B & Jacob S-G  
**2R** Beau G & Ethel L-S  
**3OG** Altan H & Zachary C  
**4B** Justice D & Barnaby P  
**5G** Imogen G & Alden R  
**6KR** Iris H & Florence G

**Ladybird** Phoebe H & Rowan T  
**1G** Ruairi H & Tessa G  
**2M** Ella E & Ruben C  
**3BA** Ioan H & Iben G  
**4T** Romi H & Patrick W  
**5HB** Ernie L-S & Lara H  
**6N** Ben L & Lillie B

## Music Stars of the Week

Rosy T & Artem K



# WEEKLY WELL-BEING



Promoting children and young people's wellbeing is a key part of keeping them safe, helping them develop and ensuring they have positive outcomes into adulthood (Public Health England, 2021). Please check the newsletter each week for tips and suggestions to support your child's well-being.

## THIS WEEK'S TOP TIP:

Write, or draw three things you are grateful for. You could extend this by creating a 'gratitude tree'. Draw a tree outline on a large piece of paper and draw or write things you are grateful for on paper leaves and stick them on the tree.

If you would like further information these websites have lots of ideas.  
Or feel free to contact Ms Rhodes via the school office.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>





**RECEPTION** have been reading The Three Little Pigs.  
The children made their own designs in the woods and in class!





## YEAR 2 in Forest School

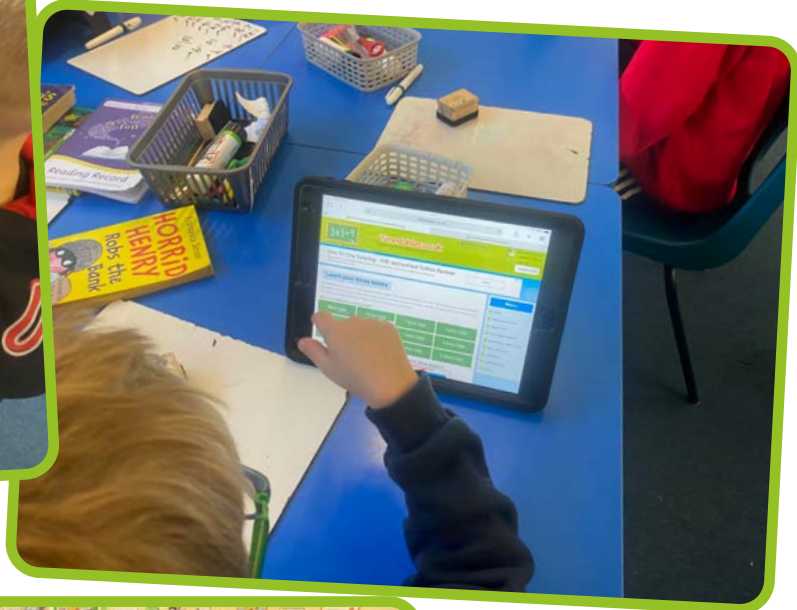
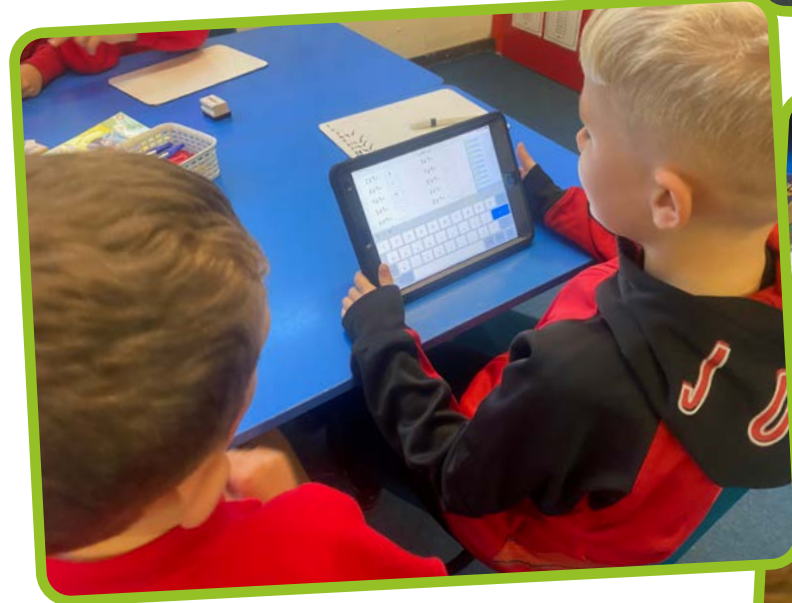








## YEAR 4 practising times tables and having fun in P.E.









## YEAR 5 playing gamelan music





**YEAR 6** have been designing and making burgers as part of their Design Technology lessons.





# A VISIT FROM SAUSAGE THE DOG





# NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The girls arrived all ready in their new Newbridge Kit and were looking forward to the match against Oldfield Park Junior School.

The girls played outstandingly well and the final score of 8-0, does not reflect how well they all played. Each and every one of the girls attacked the ball, driving with conviction and demonstrated perfect footwork and movement. When we were not in possession, the girls switched on their defensive tactics, of marking hands high which resulted in lots of intercepts. Unfortunately, we just couldn't convert our opportunities in to goals. Despite this, the team kept their heads up, maintained a positive attitude and just enjoyed playing netball.

Deserved congratulations to OPJS, for winning the match.

As their coach, they all made me smile seeing them continually improving their game. We look forward to more opportunities to play competitively against some other local schools.

Mrs Slinn

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children who took part in the netball match, what great ambassadors you were for Newbridge!

Thanks also to Mrs Slinn, who gives her up time every Monday to coach our Year 6 netball club. The children who attend are gaining so much and are developing so many skills that will support them as then transfer to Secondary School later this year.

Mrs Bartlett





# YEAR 4 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



## GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM









# BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM





# HARVEST ASSEMBLY







# KELSTON CARERS' CAFE

Are you the parent or carer  
of a young person with SEND?  
(special educational needs or disabilities)

Would you like the opportunity to meet other  
parent carers in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere?

## COFFEE, TEA, CAKE , TALK?

- **WHERE?** KELSTON VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH LANE
- **WHEN?** WEDNESDAYS, 1.30PM – 3PM (TERM TIMES ONLY)
- **WHO?** ANYONE INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN CARING FOR A YOUNG PERSON WITH SEND.
- **DOES IT MATTER WHERE I LIVE?** NO, EVERYONE WELCOME.
- **DOES MY CHILD NEED A DIAGNOSIS?** NO.
- **CAN I BRING A CHILD?** YES
- **HOW MUCH IS IT?** IT'S FREE TO ALL



B&NES Parent Carer Forum





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# EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

- Are you the parent/ carer of a young person who is currently experiencing EBSA?
- Over the 2 sessions you will gain a greater understanding of EBSA and the support available.

**For further information and to book a place  
please contact Sendias Bathnes**

**Email: [sendias@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:sendias@bathnes.gov.uk) or**

**Telephone 01225 394382**

**Dates: 7th and 14th November**

**Time: 10am – 12 noon**

**Venue: Riverside Youth Hub, York Place,  
Bath BA1 6AE  
(5 minute walk from Morrisons, London  
Rd, Bath)**

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Needs and Disability  
Information, Advice  
and Support.

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