

**Tuesday 9th November**

- Y2 Forest School for **2T**

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- Prospective Parents meeting via Zoom 2pm

**Wednesday 10th November**

- Y4 Forest School for **4KR**

**Friday 12th November**

- Outdoor Learning Day

**Tuesday 16th November**

- Zoom meeting about Year 5 Residential Visit at 4.00pm
- Zoom meeting about Year 6 Residential Visit at 4.35pm

**Thursday 18th November**

- EYFS and Year 1 Cursive Hand Writing Workshop at 2.30pm

**Thursday 25th November**

- Flu Immunisations

**Friday 5th November, 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust that you managed a good half term, though I appreciate for many families that this will have coincided with some members having to complete periods of isolation. Throughout this week, we have seen a large fall in the number of positive cases in school, which of course is good news. With this, our attendance level is greatly improved at 97%.

We will continue with all of the current measures for a further week, as advised by Public Health. I am hopeful that after this period we can resume more usual routines. However, please can I ask all families to continue to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19 and to seek a PCR test when required. Also, please can parents continue with twice weekly LFD testing to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19.

The children have returned well to school and it has been lovely to see those who were absent before the holiday. We recognise that this has been an unsettling period and all of the staff are very aware of the need to be additionally supportive of the pupils at this time.

Please remember to refer to your child's Google Classroom Stream for an update on the learning that has taken place this week.

**Extra-Curricular activities**

It is a great shame that extra-curricular activities needed to be halted when case numbers were high. It is hoped that these can recommence from Monday 15th November. Due to the cancellation of three weeks of activities, we hope that they will now continue for the duration of this term, not ending on Friday 3rd December as previously advertised. Unfortunately, the third missed session cannot be completed this term, therefore it is suggested that outside providers will offer a refund for this session. These arrangements will be confirmed next week.

**Curriculum Overviews and Spellings**

You will be able to find your child's Curriculum Overview for Term 2, on the website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/classes>. This is a useful document to refer to if you wish to know more about the skills being taught in each curriculum area, in each year group, this term. On this page of the website, you will also find the spelling lists for Term 2, for Year 2 upwards.

**Keep on Doodling**

Well done to everyone who has remained in the green zone this week. Do not forget that the 'extras' for pupils in Year 3 upwards are expected to be completed each week.

**Zoom meeting for prospective parents**

Unfortunately, the face to face meeting could not happen this week, and therefore a Zoom meeting was held with prospective parents instead. Ellie and Josh from Year 6 were part of this presentation and in doing so, were superb ambassadors for our school. The meeting will be repeated on Tuesday 9th November at 2pm. Prospective parents can sign up on the following form, to join the meeting: <https://forms.office.com/r/1bdvgynhRD>

**Children in Need**

We wish to support Children in Need this year, on Friday 19th November. Further details of this will follow.

**The Junior Leadership Team**

Please read on to find out about our relaunch of the School Council, which will now be known as the Junior Leadership Team. Full details of what the role will entail and details of the application process are detailed. The closing date for applications is Monday 15th November.

### Remembrance

On Thursday 11th November, whilst we will be unable to hold a whole school Remembrance Assembly, we will hold a two minute silence at 11am for all pupils. We have not been provided with as many poppies this year, so from Monday, we will be making these available to children in Year 5 and 6, in the first instance, to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Therefore, if you wish for your child to purchase one, please send them to school with money for this.

### Heating in school

The heating in the upper school is not at full capacity currently and we expect this to be the case next week, too. Please know that the children can wear additional layers to be more comfortable.

### Communication from school

We have been asked if communications sent to parents via platforms such as WhatsApp, are a means of formal communication from the school. Please know that the school does not send any communication via WhatsApp or any platform other than via the school email address, the school newsletter (uploaded to the school website) or through the Google Classroom Stream.

### Volunteers in school

Our aim was to commence volunteer support from Term 2. However, in line with our current measures, a start date will be reviewed. We are hopeful this will be in two weeks' time.

### Early Years Foundation Stage – entering school

Please remember that from Monday 8th November, Bee and Ladybird Classes will enter 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 into school. This should be between 8.45am and 8.55am.

The children have walked this new routine through this week with their staff members and therefore should be confident in this change.

### Email address for parents

To support the volume of emails we currently receive, we have started to use a new email address for communication with parents. Please can we ask that you use [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) with immediate effect.

### Welcome

This week, Miss Young commenced her teaching role in Class 2A. She is already known to our staff and pupils through work and training she has completed previously at Newbridge. We offer her a very warm welcome.

### Current measures will continue

In line with Public Health advice, the current measures will continue into next week, the week commencing 8th November.

- School meals and packed lunches will be served in classrooms.
- All extra-curricular activities will be cancelled.
- Mixing in Breakfast Club and After School Club will be limited. This cannot be by year group and will be by lower and upper school, mainly. It will be greatly appreciated if parents who use this facility could make alternative arrangements, whenever feasible, to reduce numbers.
- Face to face meetings cannot take place. Parents should contact staff via email to the school inbox at [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)
- Parents are requested to wear a face covering when gathering at the school gate and must wear one when entering the school site.

We are not implementing any measures which will impact on the children's education.

### Symptoms of Covid-19

Whenever your child has any of the symptoms of Covid-19, a PCR test should be sought. LFD tests are to be used for those over the age of eleven years and for those who are asymptomatic. A PCR test should be booked when there is one or more of the following symptoms:

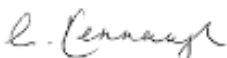
A high temperature: any new, high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature).

A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

I hope you a good and safe weekend.

With best wishes,



Gill Kennaugh

# STARS OF THE WEEK



<b>Bee</b>	Sophia D & Alaya-May M	<b>Ladybird</b>	Xanthi D & Willow T
<b>1EO</b>	Ethel L-S & Roly H	<b>1R</b>	Sarafina D & Hetty R
<b>2T</b>	Sophie B & Cash G	<b>2A</b>	Paula F-C & Joshie H
<b>3OG</b>	James W & Rufus O	<b>3C</b>	Cerys L & Flynn N
<b>4B</b>	Oliver R & Ettie P	<b>4KR</b>	Troy J & Lucy A
<b>5G</b>	Minnie F & Seb B	<b>5HT</b>	Ursula W & Millie S
<b>6B</b>	James H & Eszter B	<b>6H</b>	Jacob W & Ollie M



## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Super Spellings

#### Shapes of words

**Draw** the shape of the word

table





# RECEPTION CLASSES

In Reception this week we have been learning about Diwali.  
We made some incredible Rangoli patterns and beautiful Diva lamps.









## ...TO JOIN THE JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM!

Mrs O’Gara and Mr Bacon would love for you to apply to be part of Junior Leadership Team (formerly School Council).

We are looking for one pupil from each class in the Lower and Upper School\* to join us and help the Senior Leadership Team (Ms Kennaugh, Mrs Hansard, Ms Rhodes, Mrs Bartlett and Mr Hempleman) and the Governors, by discussing ways that we can make Newbridge an even more fabulous school.

\*Pupils in Year 1 will initially be supported by an older pupil advocate. Pupils in Bee and Ladybird Classes will join JLT at a later stage.

The Junior Leadership Team will meet regularly.

We will be especially interested in:

- ✓ The Curriculum (the lessons that you are taught in class)
- ✓ Wellbeing (how we look after ourselves and each other)
- ✓ E safety (keeping ourselves safe online and at other times)
- ✓ Eco – issues (how we look after our environment)
- ✓ Supporting charities (local, national and international)



**JLT MEMBERS ARE ELECTED BY THE PUPILS IN THEIR CLASS TO\*:**

- Go to meetings and take part in discussions.
- Let the class know what was discussed at meetings.
- Take the views of classmates to the JLT.
- Be involved in projects that the JLT runs.



\*Mrs O’Gara, Mr Bacon and other staff will draw up a short-list for each class based on the applications

**I'M INTERESTED IN JOINING THE JLT! HOW DO I APPLY?**

Please can you tell Mrs O’Gara and Mr Bacon why you would like to represent your class on the JLT, and what would make you an outstanding candidate. Think about things that you have done inside and outside of school and use the information in the Newsletter and in your Google Classroom to help you. If you would prefer to record your application as a video or sound file, rather than typing it, that would be fine.

We need your application to be uploaded to Google Classroom by Monday 15th November. Successful applicants will be short-listed and then pupils in each class will vote to choose their JLT Member.

Good Luck with your application,  
Mrs O’Gara and Mr Bacon

I would like to represent my class on the JLT because .....

# BATH

## at CHRISTMAS

You are invited to enjoy a family-friendly Christmas in Bath...

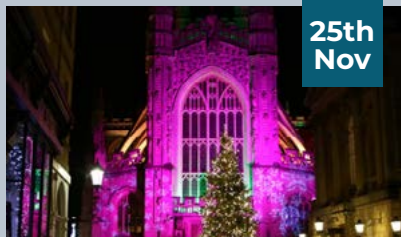


14th Nov

### Children's Lantern Making Workshop

Make sure the city sparkles for the start of the festive season by creating your very own festive lantern to showcase at the Bath Christmas Light Trail Switch-On. You can build your own pyramid lantern from scratch or decorate a ready-made star lantern.

[welcometobath.co.uk/lantern-making](http://welcometobath.co.uk/lantern-making)



25th Nov

### Bath Christmas Light Trail Switch-On

Join us in Milsom Street from 5pm on Thursday 25th November for the official switch-on of the Christmas Light Trail. We will be joined by local community heroes to help us count down to the start of the city's wonderful illumination trail.

[welcometobath.co.uk/christmas-light-switch-on](http://welcometobath.co.uk/christmas-light-switch-on)



26th Nov  
–  
21st Dec

### The Elves' Swapshop

Father Christmas and his elves have joined the upcycling revolution! This year, they invite children to visit the Elves' Swapshop at the bottom of Milsom Street, where they are training the Share and Repair volunteers to mend toys and give them a new, loving home.

[welcometobath.co.uk/elves-swapshop](http://welcometobath.co.uk/elves-swapshop)

Browse all events and activities at [welcometobath.co.uk/christmas](http://welcometobath.co.uk/christmas)



# DISPLAY YOUR ARTWORK AT THE 'MY HEALTHY PLANET' EXHIBITION!



FOR A GREENER **NHS**

**Our local hospital (the RUH) is hosting a young peoples' art exhibition, to mark the momentous Cop26 climate change conference taking place in the UK this November.**

**To take part in the exhibition, create a thought-provoking piece of art to show what a healthy planet would look like if you were in charge!**

**It's a chance for you to make your voice heard, and to inspire the many staff and visitors to the hospital to protect our planet.**

Artwork should be on A4 paper, with your name, age and school or club on the back (not the front). Please email a photo of it to [ruh-tr.sustainabilityteam@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.sustainabilityteam@nhs.net) by 8th November and post original artwork to the address below by 30th November. You can also email to arrange collection.

Photos will be shown on social media during the conference, and original artworks will be displayed at the RUH exhibition in the New Year!

In association with



**Thank You**

COP 26 Art, Sustainability Team  
E9, Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS  
Foundation Trust  
Combe Park  
Bath, BA1 3NG