



NEWBRIDGE News

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Dates this term

Tuesday 8th November
Boys' Football Match at Oldfield
Park Juniors

Thursday 10th November
Girls' Football Tournament at
Odd Down Sports Complex

Friday 11th November
NPSA Quiz Night

Wednesday 16th November
Class 6N on Bath Blitz Walk

Thursday 17th November
Class 6KR on Bath Blitz Walk

Thursday 17th November
Flu vaccinations

Monday 21st November
5HB to Herschel Museum

Thursday 24th November
5G to Herschel Museum

Friday 2nd December
Mufti for Christmas Fair
Christmas Fair 5pm

Saturday 3rd December
Santa's Grotto - NPSA

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
Lower School to Emmanuel
Church am
Christmas Lunch
Upper School Christmas
Concert at 7.00pm

Thursday 15th December
Upper School Christmas
Concert at 10.00am

Friday 16th December
End of Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you managed to find some down time in the half term holiday – a chance to rest and relax, in preparation for all that Term 2 will bring. It's great to be back, with school life in full swing from the off.

Inset Day – Monday 31st October

The staff training day proved very useful on Monday. All staff attended, and the morning session focused on an aspect of our school development plan - how teachers and teaching assistants can be most effective, together, to meet the needs of all pupils. Our teaching assistants are highly valued, and we recognise that our school would not operate without each and every one of them, who go above and beyond every day to support the children. The afternoon session was training in Mental Health in schools – raising everyone's awareness of this high profile area. Further in the newsletter is an article written by Mr Bacon, the school's mental health lead, which explains aspects of our approaches in school.

Our best advert

This week our Class Ambassadors and House Captains were in action and taking on their roles with pride. Each class has two ambassadors and they were very busy on Tuesday afternoon at our Prospective Parents' Open Afternoon. They politely greeted the parents as they entered the school and the classrooms, informing the visitors all about the learning that was taking place. Meanwhile, our House Captains had the responsibility of speaking in the presentation to the parents, telling them all about school life. As there were so many visiting parents, every member of Year 6 led a tour of the school with confidence and pride. Many, many parents commented on how wonderful the children had been; 'our best advert' as I always say. Thank you also to the parent volunteers who offered coffee and a chat – Ash Purves, Tracey Pollard and Genna Rogers.

The NPSA Fireworks

As you will know, the poor weather put pay to the NPSA Fireworks Display, on Wednesday evening. Whilst disappointing for all, the call to postpone it, was absolutely the right one in terms of health and safety. The team of parents who volunteered to organise the display were probably more disappointed than anyone – after hours and hours of planning, organising and shopping they really wanted it to happen and for it to be an enjoyable evening for everyone. Postponing the event has meant even more work for them all, but they are still very keen to proceed with the new date of 16th November. Thank you team – you really stepped up to this one.

Also, still to look forward to, is the NPSA Quiz Night, being held on Friday 11th November. Make sure you reserve a table and sign up via: <https://npsabath.org/events/>. This is always a fun night – a great opportunity for parents to meet and catch-up, whilst supporting the school. By following this link, you will also be able to order a Newbridge Christmas Pudding and reserve tickets for our Santa's Grotto.

Booking Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please can I remind all parents that children must be booked into these clubs, in advance. We are unable to provide the correct staffing ratios and keep children safe, unless this is the case. All bookings need to be made online, in advance, please.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is enquiry focused, meaning the children are posed with a question to consider and explore over the course of the term. In this, we want the children to be immersed in real-life and hands on experiential learning. At the start of an enquiry, to grab the children's interest, the enquiries usually start with a 'wow' day. This week, the children in Year 5 had so much fun – there was great excitement as they launched 'rockets' on the field at the start of their enquiry 'Have you got what it takes to be an astronaut?'. In Year 4, they are considering 'Does charity begin at home?' and this week Gavin Osborn, from Julian House, came to talk to the classes about the work of the charity, in supporting the homeless. For Advent, the children will organise a reverse advent calendar, bringing essential items to support this valuable charity.

For full details of all of the areas of the curriculum being taught in your child's class this term, with more information about their enquiry, please see the Curriculum Overviews on the school website at:

<https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/classes> . When clicking on the name of the class, the Curriculum Overview will be listed.

Young Voices 2023

Plans are well underway for the choir's trip to the national Young Voices performance, taking place at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham, in January 2023. We have not been able to attend this event since January 2020, and it is an absolute highlight of a child's time at Newbridge Primary School, if they wish to be a member of the school choir. 80 pupils are signed up, and rehearsing has commenced to ensure they will be prepared for this momentous event, when they will perform with thousands of other school children from across the country. Thank you to Mrs Best, our specialist music teacher, who is organising this incredible opportunity.

Water bottle safety

This week we have found a water bottle that had shattered, leaving shards of glass. Please can we ask you to only send water bottles to school made of flexible plastic or metal.

A warm welcome

We offer a very warm welcome to Rumel, who has joined Class 4B this week. We hope that he and his family will be happy in our school community.

Google Classroom 'blogging'

Please read your child's Google Classroom 'blog'. Here, 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.

Late arrivals

All children must be punctual for school, each day. All children must be in their classrooms for registration at 8.55am, therefore, gates close at 8.53am. After 8.55am, and up to 9.10am, children 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.

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 have practised this routine this week with their teachers. They 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.

Contacting the school

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

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Gill Kennaugh

STARS OF THE WEEK

Bee – Praise F, Charlie B

IEO – Chloe B, Henry J

2M – Khalesi M, Alix M-C

3OG – Tabitha SM, James R

4B – Sonny M, Ava Daisy A

5HB – Louie A, Zoe M

6KR – Ursie W, Felix T

Ladybird – Reuben H, Ava McG

1G – Grace D, Jonny P

2R – Max S, Georgie K

3BA – Jack T, Felix B

4H – Alessia Z, Chelsea L

5G – Samuel E, Harry W

6N – Seb B, Henry J

Year 4 were visited
by Gavin Osborn,
from the charity
Julian House, in
Bath.





Year 2 Forest School and
natural art work from
Feel Good Friday/Outdoor
Learning Day





On Tuesday, Year 5 had a WOW day to introduce their enquiry: 'Have you got what it takes to be an astronaut?' Here are some photographs of the egg shuttle challenge. The aim was to protect the hard boiled egg from being damaged using limited materials. Well done to the team 'To The Moon and Back' who won the challenge!



Year 4 making poppies for Remembrance, in Forest School



Mental Health in Schools – by Alex Bacon, Mental Health Lead

We have been speaking with pupils in the Upper School about what happens to their brains and bodies at times of anxiety: the typical thoughts and feelings that may occur and how this could affect their actions.

We are using the term *flipping our lids* to describe how we can sometimes enter survival mode (fight, flight or freeze) at these times and react instinctively – almost without apparently thinking.

We have referenced Dan Siegal's *hand-model* of the *Triune Brain* as this helps explain the effect the production of cortisol has on higher-order thinking.

Using the hand to represent how the pre-frontal cortex is overridden by the *fight, flight or freeze* urge gives staff and pupils a relatively simple tool to refer to and understand.

We have made a movie featuring pupils, former-pupils, staff and parents talking about what it feels like at times when they have *flipped their lids*, with the emphasis on activities and strategies that may be helpful at these times. This will be referred to again at times throughout the year, and also shown to Lower School classes

If you are interested in finding out more about the Triune Brain, there is a video from the Trauma Recovery Centre made with the help of primary-aged pupils. <https://www.trc-uk.org/films>

The hand model of the Triune Brain

