



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and have had a good week considering the on-going challenges and uncertainty we are facing. Please know that whilst there is limited face to face contact with teachers, you can of course email the school inbox and teachers will respond promptly and within three working days.

## Anti-Bullying Week

Throughout the whole school this week, anti-bullying has been promoted. Odd Socks Day on Monday certainly raised the profile and sparked important conversations. You can see evidence of this work in the photographs this week.

## Welcome to a new family

Welcome to Matija who has joined Year 3. We hope that his family will enjoy being a part of the Newbridge community.

## Face Coverings

Thank you - following last week's newsletter I am grateful that many parents and carers are wearing face coverings at drop-off and collection times. We, as a staff, feel supported in this, as we continue to do our best in these increasingly demanding times.

## Road Safety

At the end of the day last Friday, I was contacted by two individual parents who were gravely concerned for the safety of some Year 5 and 6 children, who having left school, ran on Apsley Road, weaving in and out of other families and running across the road without looking beforehand. The parents felt this was an accident waiting to happen. On Monday, all teachers spoke to their classes about road safety. Please can I ask that parents of Year 5 and 6 children, who leave via the Newbridge Hill gate, unaccompanied, reiterate these messages.

## Punctuality and Attendance

Please note that all children are required to be in their classrooms by 8.55am and that letters will be issued to parents if a child is late on more than one occasion. All children are required to attend school each day, as the new restrictions do not impact on this. If a pupil is absent from school, without an authorised reason, a letter will also be sent to parents.

## Lighting at the Charmouth Road gate

We appreciate that when parents and carers are collecting children from After School Club that it is very dark at the Charmouth Road gate. Additional lighting is soon to be fitted in this area.

## Newbridge's Got Talent

All children are welcomed to show off their talents and upload a video clip to their Google Classroom. We have had some entries, but we would love even more. Please read on for a reminder of how to do this, by Friday 27th November.

## Images in the newsletter

I hope that you continue to enjoy seeing the images in the newsletter of the children involved in a variety of learning activities. These are all uploaded to the Gallery, on the school website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/newbridge-photo-gallery-term-1> Photos from this term will continue to be added and will be available shortly.

Please also enjoy the quality writing by Year 6 pupils - you'll be wowed.

### Our NPSA Quiz Night

Good luck to everyone who has signed up for tonight's virtual quiz – another first for Newbridge. Sadly, you will not be able to meet face to face with friends, but I'm sure it will prove to be another great school event. Thanks so much to Gareth Groves and Jason Dinsdale for planning and running the evening.

### Other NPSA activities

Please read on to find the NPSA newsletter. There are many more events and activities taking place for everyone to enjoy. The school calendar is now on sale – click on this link to purchase one [buylottery.co.uk](https://www.buylottery.co.uk/tickets/100club) and please also read information about the 100 Club at [100Club](https://www.100club.co.uk) which is about to be launched.

### Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a School Meal Supervisory Assistant. Please see the advert further in the newsletter, and email [Newbridge\\_pri@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk) if you are interested.

### Symptoms of Covid-19

Any pupil or adult displaying symptoms of Covid-19 is not permitted to enter the premises.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough;
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If anyone has any of the symptoms above, they, and their household members, should self-isolate at home and request a test. Whilst awaiting test results, the household must continue to isolate. If the test is negative, and no other members of the household display symptoms, the isolation period will cease and children should return to school immediately.

### Testing positive for Covid-19

In the event of a pupil or staff member testing positive for Covid-19, the school will take swift action and liaise with the Department for Education and Public Health South West, and their guidance will be followed.

Please can parents and carers immediately report a positive Covid-19 test result for a family member or close contact? Again, advice about this will be sought from Public Health South West.

### Updated guidance

This is the most recent government guidance for parents and carers for early years, schools and colleges [What Parents and Carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak). This guidance was updated on 12th November.

### Online Safety

In this period of restrictions, it may be that more children will spend more time online. Please see [Support to stay safe online](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/support-to-stay-safe-online) which includes information on security and privacy settings.

### Eligibility for Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of, or are currently applying for, any of the below listed benefits, your child(ren) may be entitled to free school meals. This is different to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receiving the government funded school meals. The qualifying benefits are: Income Support; Job Seekers Allowance; Employment Support Allowance; Child Tax Credit; Pension Credit; Working Tax Credit run-on; Asylum Seeker or Universal Credit. I have attached the application form which provides further information. If you are not able to access this form, have any queries or would like to register by telephone, please contact: (01225) 394317 or email [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk)

### School Nursing

Our school nursing team are available to support you with any concerns. Please contact the Bath Area on 01225 831666 or the Norton Radstock Area on 01761 408111. This service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

With best wishes



Gill Kennaugh

# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Bee** Florence D, Amelie R

**1K** Mabel C, Thomas B

**2T** Marley G, Alice S

**3OG** Julia F-C, Remi F

**4C** Hattie M, Josh B

**5B** Lexi G, Mohamed S

**6B** Nandini S, Elsie M

**Ladybird** Joe M, Jia W

**1R** Jacob H, Otis H

**2G** Ava-Daisy A, Henry N

**3KR** Lara H, Mally S

**4H** Iris H, Thomas P

**5H** Josh S, Connie S

**6A** William B, Tori B



## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Super Spellings

Can you find any words within your spellings this week? Remember do not rearrange the letters!



# NPSA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's NPSA meeting. As you will know if you were there, the NPSA Trustees – on the back of a really successful start to our 2020/21 fundraising – have approved a number of additional school funding requests, including a virtual pantomime and the purchase of two more interactive screens. This is a direct result of your support for the Autumn Trail, our virtual quiz night (good luck tonight, if you're taking part!), Christmas cards, Christmas puddings etc. Your support is making a real and immediate difference to all our children – thank you.

In addition, we have received three significant 'matched funding' donations totalling £1,250, from parents whose employers offer this benefit as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility strategy. We know this is something that many medium to large companies do, although they don't all advertise it heavily, so it's always worth asking your HR dept if this is available. We can help with any paperwork required in order to make a matched funding application, just get in touch via [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com)

## The Newbridge Calendar 2021

This is your final opportunity to order the fantastic 2021 NPSA calendar. You can see more of the lovely photographs that feature in the calendar below. [Go to buytickets.at/npsa](https://buytickets.at/npsa) now to order yours. Don't miss out!







# The NPSA 100 Club

Our brand-new school lottery, the 100 Club, launches soon. If you'd like to find out more, [register here](#) and we'll send you more detailed information about how this works and how you can sign up. This is a really simple way to raise regular money for school while having a bit of fun at the same time. **Membership of The 100 Club costs just £2 per number per month**, payable by standing order, and with only 100 numbers available your chances of winning one of the three monthly prizes are pretty good!

Registration won't commit you to joining the Club, it will simply enable you to find out more and to receive a copy of the application form so you can join if you want to. Numbers are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't miss out – register today!

## Christmas Raffle

A massive thank you to the class organisers, and to everyone who contributed to the creation of our 16 fantastic Christmas hampers for this year's raffle – they all look amazing! They are all being photographed this week, and next week's newsletter will contain a link to our new online raffle platform where you (and your friends and family) will be able to buy tickets. You won't want to miss this one.



# Winter Windowland

Wow! We have over 100 windows being created for Winter Windowland. Thank you all for getting behind this exciting new event – we are so looking forward to it! If you've signed up to create a window, you should have received an email this week – if not, please check your junk or spam folders, and if needs be contact the team on [NPSAwinterwindowland@gmail.com](mailto:NPSAwinterwindowland@gmail.com)

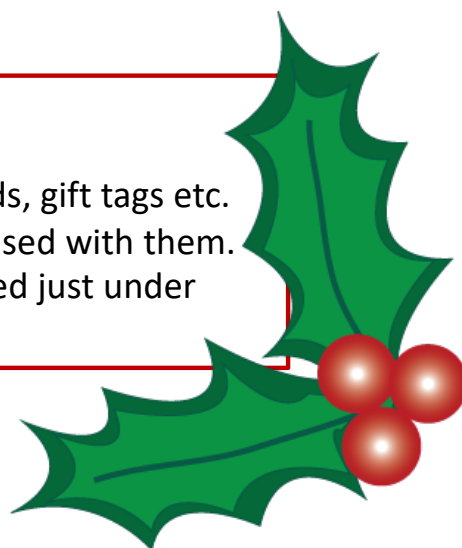
The map is being created now, and we'll share a link to it here as soon as it is ready to download. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Winkworth Estate Agents, we are able to make this a free community event, although if you are able to make a donation we will be very grateful.

## Amazon Smile & The Giving Machine

Many of you will choose to shop local this Christmas, particularly at a time when our local independents need your help more than ever. However, if you are shopping with Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and generating FREE MONEY for the NPSA. Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1014793-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1014793-0) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon shopping app, and Amazon will make a donation to the NPSA. You can also continue to support the NPSA through the Giving Machine for other online purchases at retailers like John Lewis, Tesco, Boden, Currys (and lots more!). **Start your shopping at our Giving Machine page [here](#)** and a percentage of what you spend will come directly to the NPSA for FREE.

## STOP PRESS

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards, gift tags etc. All items delivered this week; we hope you are pleased with them. We're delighted to say that this annual activity raised just under £700 – a record. THANK YOU!



### Find us on social media

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Facebook:	@NewbridgeNPSA
Twitter:	@Newbridge_NPSA



# ODD SOCKS DAY









# SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK

In **Reception**, we have a post office in our role play area for the letters and parcels we like to send to our friends and family for Diwali and birthdays.



## What happens on birthdays?

You have party rings. GK  
You get a cake and decorate it. ML N-J  
You put balloons up. BG  
You have a party. AH  
You have presents. OF  
You have fun opening your presents. KG  
You have party food and decorate the house. MMP  
You could have a disco. FD



## Year 1 We have made planets out of plasticine to go with our enquiry "How can we look after our Planet?"

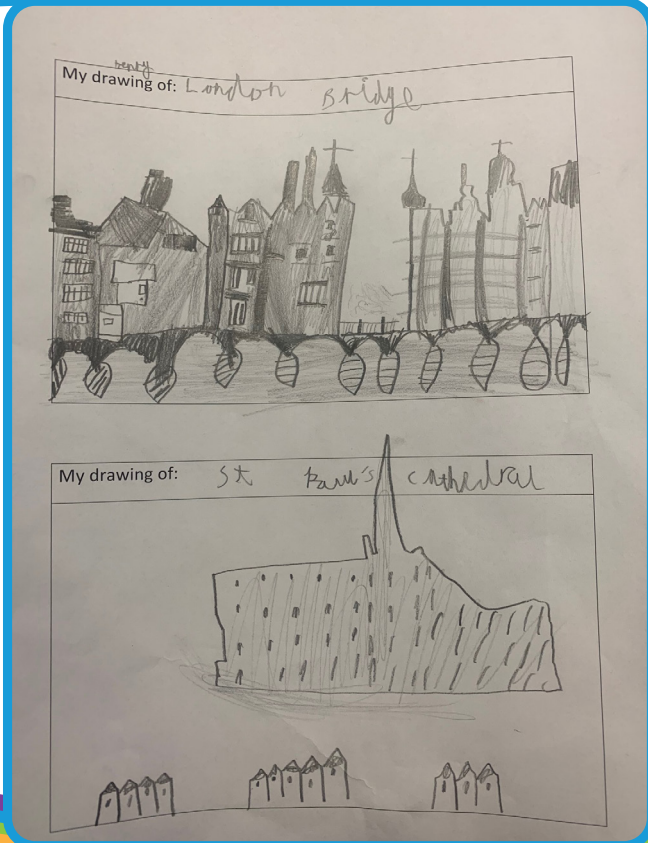








## 2G Great Fire of London water colour paintings by Elsa W, Flora K, Reuben T, Lilliana C and Isobel M The London landmarks pencil drawing by Henry N





**2T** really enjoyed creating their watercolour silhouette artwork of the Great Fire of London.



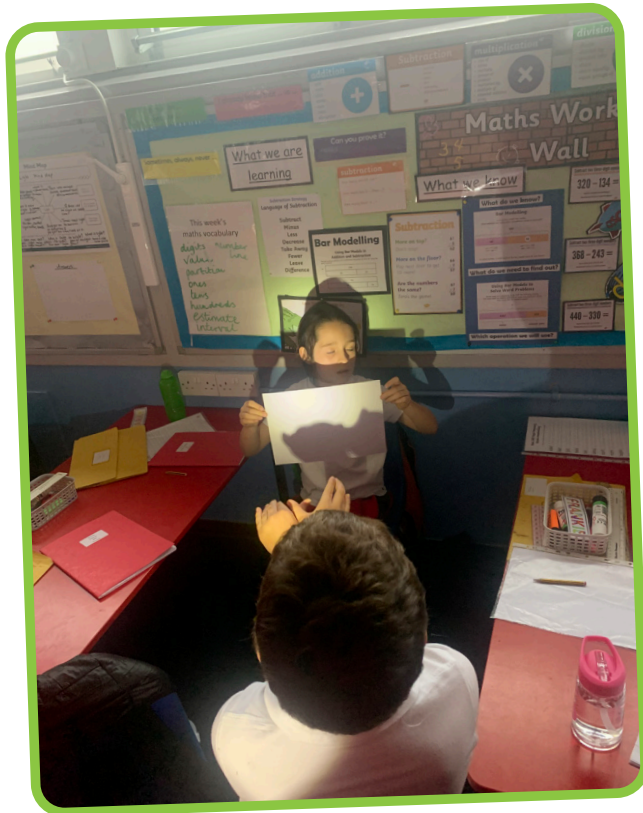
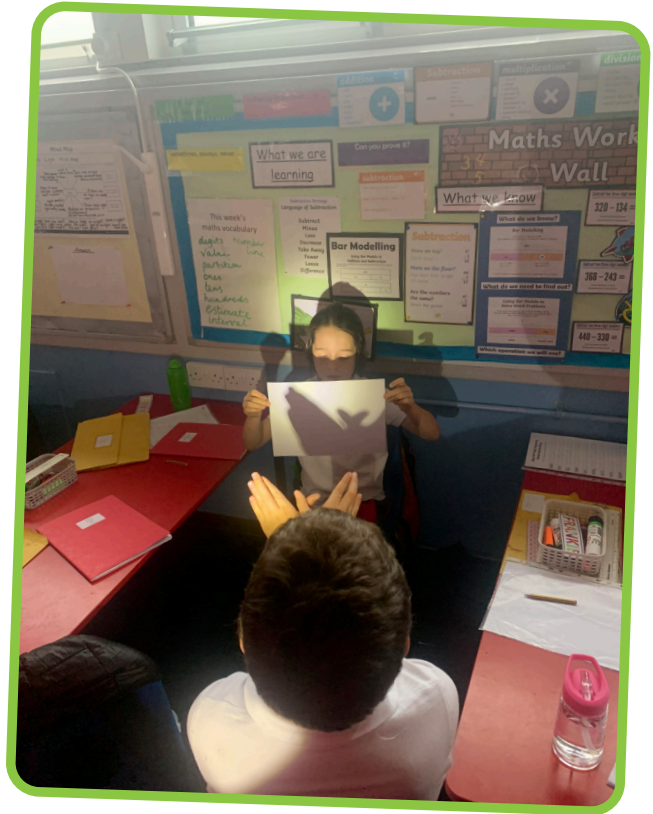


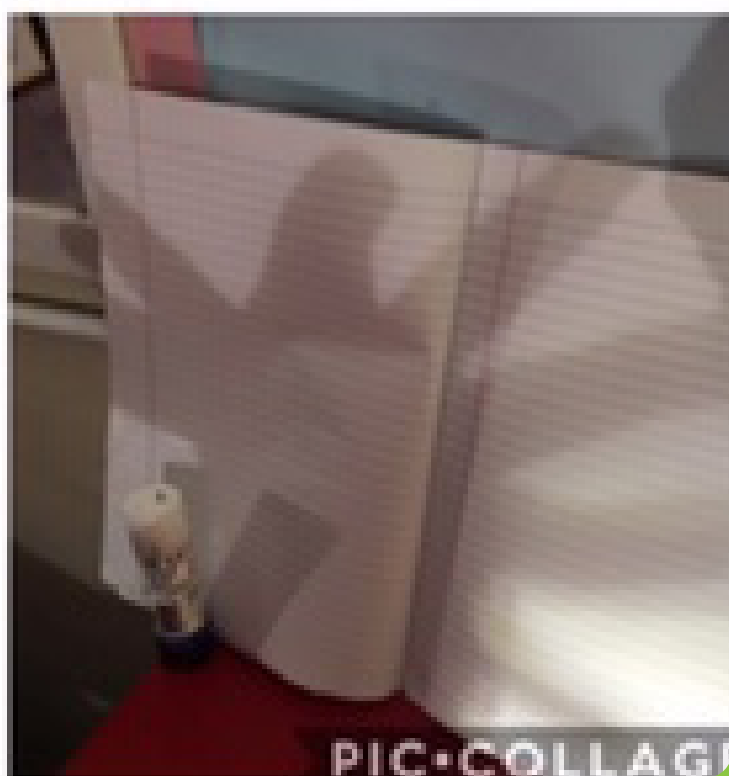
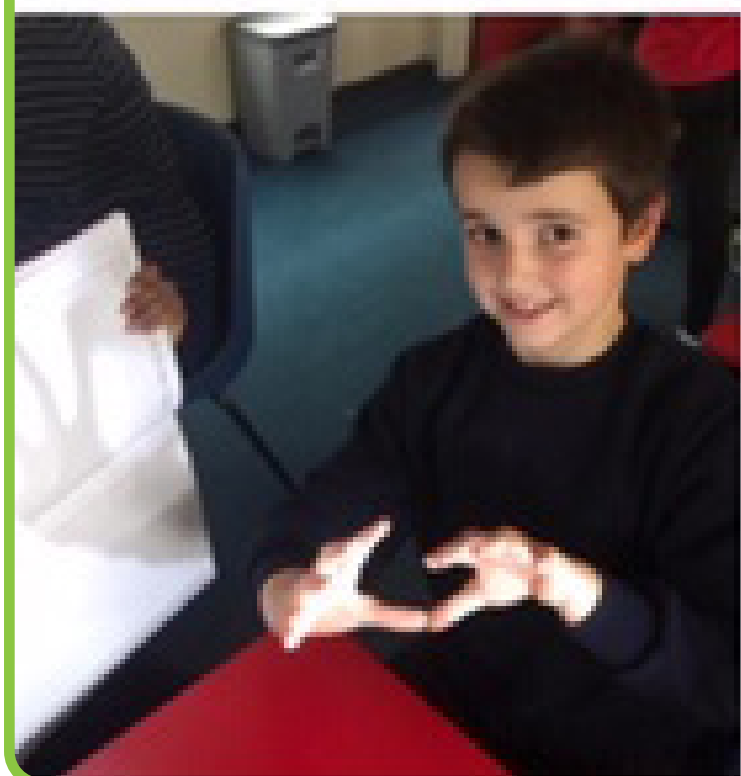
**Year 3** enjoyed wearing and designing odd socks. We shared our ideas about how to stop bullying and how we can help each other. We talked about five people we could talk to if we thought we were being bullied.





In **Year 3** we have been investigating how shadows are formed. We found out that a shadow is formed when an object blocks light travelling from a light source. The shadow will be the same shape as the object blocking the light. We love Science!





PIC-COLLAGE



## Year 4 marking Odd Sock Day on the top playground.

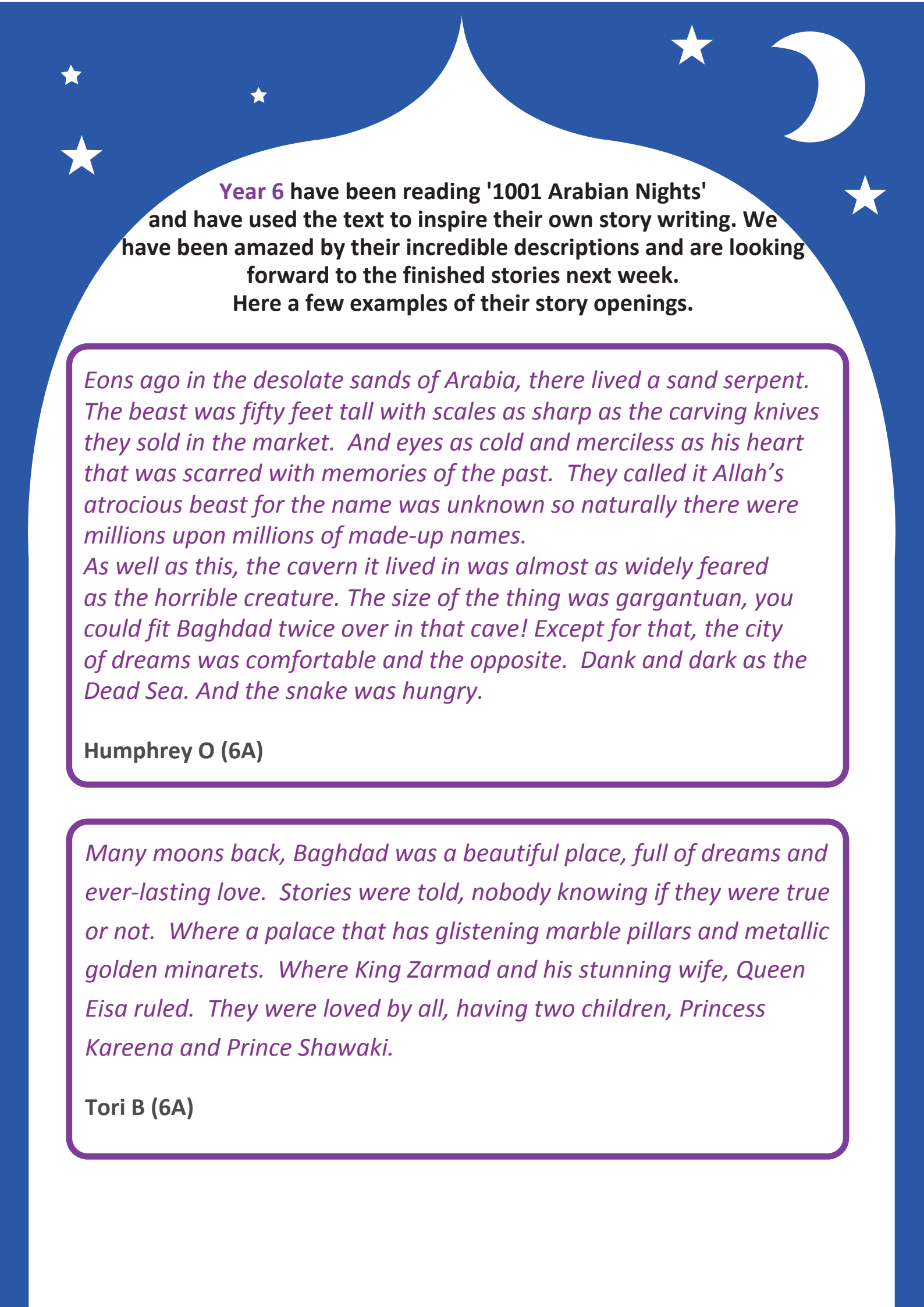




In **Year 5**, we have been thinking of positive ways to support each other this week through our focus on Anti-Bullying.







**Year 6** have been reading '1001 Arabian Nights' and have used the text to inspire their own story writing. We have been amazed by their incredible descriptions and are looking forward to the finished stories next week. Here a few examples of their story openings.

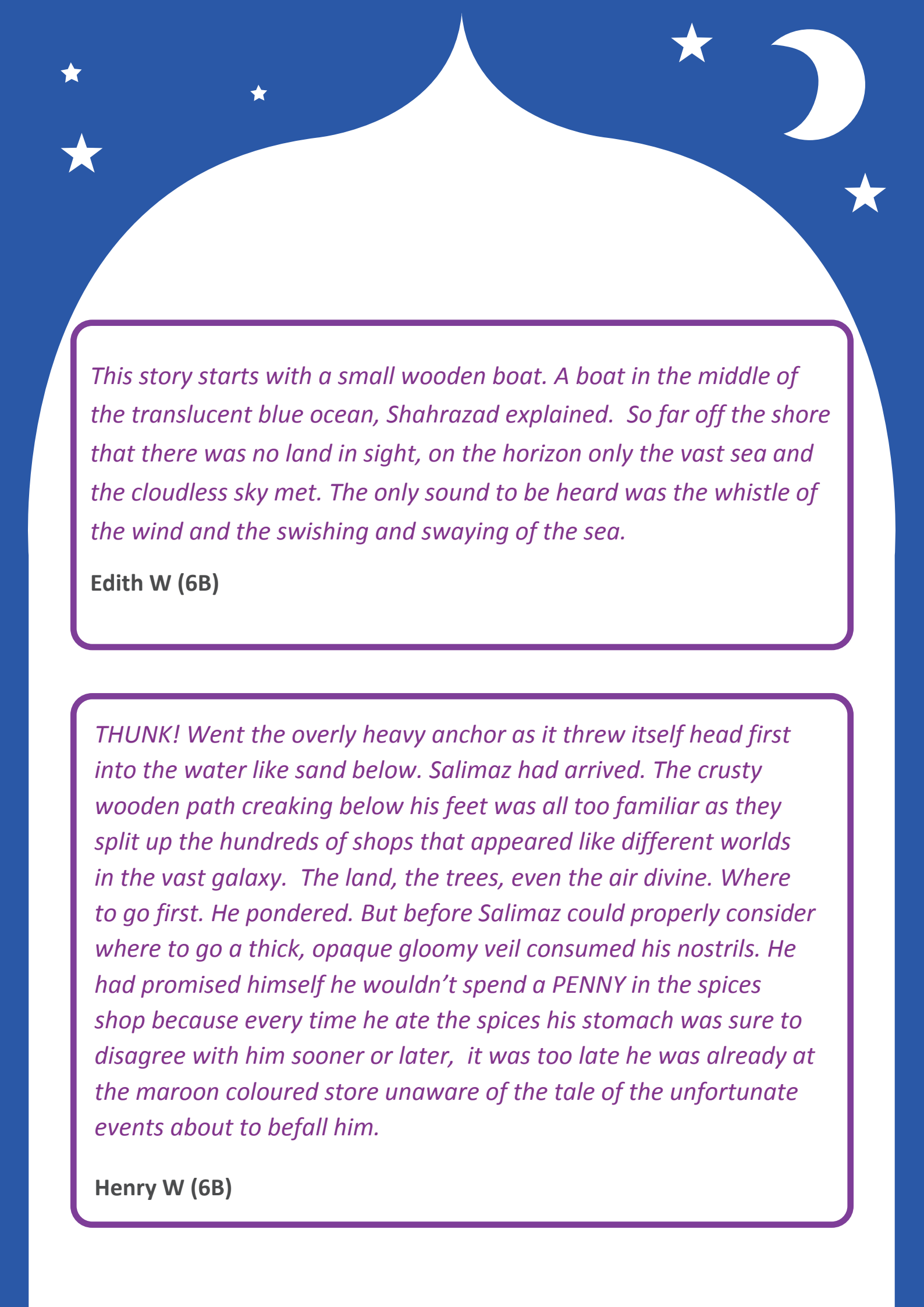
*Eons ago in the desolate sands of Arabia, there lived a sand serpent. The beast was fifty feet tall with scales as sharp as the carving knives they sold in the market. And eyes as cold and merciless as his heart that was scarred with memories of the past. They called it Allah's atrocious beast for the name was unknown so naturally there were millions upon millions of made-up names.*

*As well as this, the cavern it lived in was almost as widely feared as the horrible creature. The size of the thing was gargantuan, you could fit Baghdad twice over in that cave! Except for that, the city of dreams was comfortable and the opposite. Dank and dark as the Dead Sea. And the snake was hungry.*

**Humphrey O (6A)**

*Many moons back, Baghdad was a beautiful place, full of dreams and ever-lasting love. Stories were told, nobody knowing if they were true or not. Where a palace that has glistening marble pillars and metallic golden minarets. Where King Zarmad and his stunning wife, Queen Eisa ruled. They were loved by all, having two children, Princess Kareena and Prince Shawaki.*

**Tori B (6A)**



*This story starts with a small wooden boat. A boat in the middle of the translucent blue ocean, Shahrazad explained. So far off the shore that there was no land in sight, on the horizon only the vast sea and the cloudless sky met. The only sound to be heard was the whistle of the wind and the swishing and swaying of the sea.*

**Edith W (6B)**

*THUNK! Went the overly heavy anchor as it threw itself head first into the water like sand below. Salimaz had arrived. The crusty wooden path creaking below his feet was all too familiar as they split up the hundreds of shops that appeared like different worlds in the vast galaxy. The land, the trees, even the air divine. Where to go first. He pondered. But before Salimaz could properly consider where to go a thick, opaque gloomy veil consumed his nostrils. He had promised himself he wouldn't spend a PENNY in the spices shop because every time he ate the spices his stomach was sure to disagree with him sooner or later, it was too late he was already at the maroon coloured store unaware of the tale of the unfortunate events about to befall him.*

**Henry W (6B)**



**Year 6** have designed and made Christmas cards to send to Bath Open Christmas. These cards will be sent to people who live on their own and who are alone at Christmas.





# NEWBRIDGE'S GOT TALENT

## CLOSING DATE EXTENSION!

Thank you to those who have already uploaded videos for NGT, we are really enjoying watching them and seeing your wonderful talents.

We understand that some people are having difficulty uploading videos, therefore, we have extended the closing date to 27th November - instructions of how to upload these are detailed below.

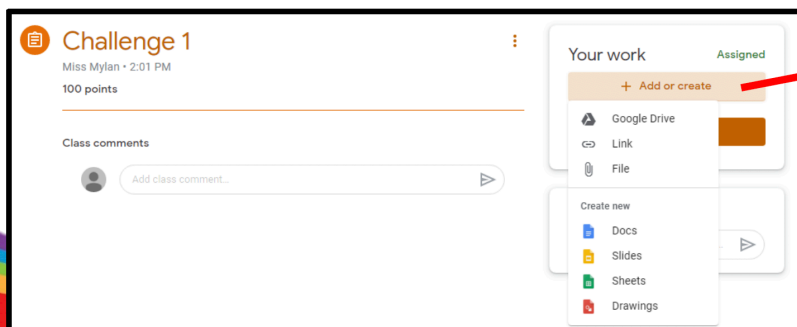
## How to...

### Hand in and return your completed assignments:

- The simplest way to complete the learning online is to open the attachment and complete your assignment in this document. When you are finished, click on the MARK AS DONE button.
- You will be able to see feedback and any comments made by the teacher when you log in to Google Classroom. You can see where your teacher has commented back in the same place that you submitted your assignment. You should also get a notification to tell you that work has been commented on by your class teacher.

### Upload a photo to a Classwork Assignment:

- You can even add your own attachments to your submission, such as photos, audio clips, videos, etc. You can do this by clicking this button in your assignment and uploading your file.







# THE WESTON WELCOME CAFÉ AND FOOD CLUB

**ARE REMAINING OPEN  
DURING NOVEMBER**

**THE CAFÉ IS SERVING TAKEAWAY MEALS  
(No charge, but donations are welcome)**

**THE FOOD CLUB IS OPEN AS NORMAL  
(Pay £3 per family, and do your food shopping)**

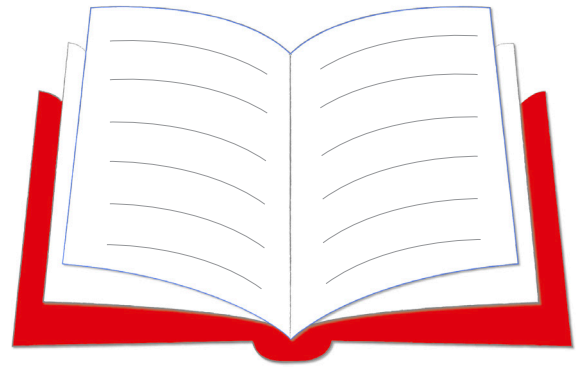
**EVERY MONDAY 12 NOON TO 2.00PM**

**WESTON HUB, PENN HILL ROAD, WESTON  
NEXT TO THE REAR ENTRANCE OF THE RUH**

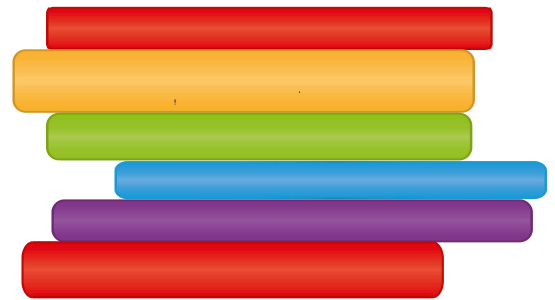
# We love reading at Newbridge Primary School!

Reading is an integral and vital part of our curriculum at Newbridge and because of this we encourage and develop your child's reading in so many ways.

In class we have our Class Readers which your child's teacher reads to the class – these are book carefully chosen by the staff to inspire and promote a love of reading.



We also have our 'Must Reads'- six books over the year that we would like your child to read with you – these books cover a wide range of genres and are both fiction and non-fiction. A copy of these books can be found in your child's classroom or you may wish you buy them.



Our hope at Newbridge is to instil a love of reading in your child so that reading for pleasure becomes part of their time at school and at home. To this end I would love to receive any book reviews from your children – they could be a review of one of the Must Reads, a book that you have enjoyed sharing with your child or a book that they have read for pleasure at home.

Please email these to the school and they can then be published in the newsletter to inspire other children choices of books!

Happy Reading!

Best Wishes

Mrs Button



# MUST READS

## FOUNDATION STAGE

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Jack and the Flumflum Tree  
by Julia Donaldson

Oi Frog by Kes Gray

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Penguin Problems by Jory John and Lane Smith

The Gigantic Turnip  
by Aleksei Tolstoy and Niamh Sharkey

## YEAR TWO

All Kinds of People by Emma Damon

The Great Fire of London: 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of 1666  
by Emma Adams & James Weston Lewis

How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers

The Polar Bear by Jenni Desmond

It Starts With a Seed by Laura Knowles & Jennie Webber

A First Poetry Book  
by Pie Corbett and Gabi Morgan

## YEAR FOUR

The Great Elephant Chase by Gillian Chase

How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear  
by the National Trust

The Twits by Roald Dahl

Please Mrs Butler by Alan Ahlberg

Flotsam by David Weisner

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief  
by Rick Riordan

## YEAR SIX

The Boy Who Flew by Fleur Hitchcock

Ancient Warriors  
by Iris Volant and Joe Lillington

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit  
by Judith Kerr

## YEAR ONE

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Man on the moon (A Day in the life of Bob)  
by Simon Bartram

Funny Bones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Dogger by Shirley Hughes

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

Seasons come, seasons go, Tree  
by Britta Teckenrump

## YEAR THREE

The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

On Sudden Hill by Linda Sarah

Varjak Paw by S.F. Said

Ice Palace by Robert Swindells

Knights and Bikes by Gabrielle Kent

Billie and Minipins  
by Roald Dahl

## YEAR FIVE

The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie

The Astounding Broccoli Boy  
by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

What a Waste by Jess French

Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Edwards

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone  
J.K. Rowling



## Would you like to work with children in your local school?

We are strongly committed to enabling each child access to a broad, enriched education of the highest quality. Our aspiration is to be the best we can be and are ambitious about what we can achieve for our children. The following post offers an opportunity to be part of a supportive, caring and committed school community who have high expectations of themselves and each other.

From December 2020, we would like to appoint a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to cover the following hours:

Monday - Wednesday

11.45am - 1.45pm

£9.62 per hour

This includes half an hour at the end of the lunch session to carry out some basic cleaning.

The ideal candidate would have to:

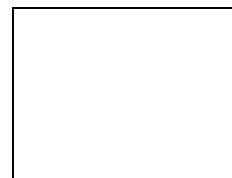
- Be patient and caring
- Be dedicated to all children achieving the best they can
- Be an excellent team player
- Be resilient and energetic

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. We follow safer recruitment practices and appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Please contact Newbridge Primary School on 01225 421675 or email us at  
[newbridge\\_pri@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk)



## Free School Meal Registration Form Eligible by Benefit (EBB)



All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state funded schools in England qualify for Universal Infant Free School meals (UIFSM), please contact the School.

**Please register all primary and secondary aged pupils for Free School Meals - Eligible By Benefit (EBB) if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits as registration will attract additional funding for your child's school for Pupil Premium (£1,345 per Primary pupil and £955 per Secondary pupil for the financial year 2020-21).**

You can register your entitlement for Free School Meals if:

- you have children who attend a school in Bath and North East Somerset or The Mendip School, Shepton Mallet, **and**
- you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits listed overleaf.

How to register

- Call 01225 394317 to make a telephone registration.
- Complete this form and return it to the address overleaf.
- Visit [www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to download and complete a form online.
- Email registration form or any query to [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk)

Parent/Guardian(s) Details					
Title	Surname	First Name	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	National Insurance or NASS number	Relationship to child(ren)
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<b>Current Address</b> including postcode			<b>Previous Address</b> including postcode (If you have moved in the last year)		
<b>Email:</b>			<b>Date of Move</b> (dd/mm/yy)    /    /		
<b>Telephone:</b>					

Dependent Children	Please list all school age children who you wish to make a claim for.		
Surname	First Name	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	Name of School(s) and Start Date
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## Qualifying Benefits

**Which benefit(s) do you receive? Please tick this box if you have claimed in the last month** ☐

**The date you expect your first Universal Credit Payment if known?**

Income Support <input type="checkbox"/>	Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based <b>only</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/>	Employment Support Allowance (Income Related <b>only</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/>	Child Tax Credit <input type="checkbox"/> ( <b>without any</b> Working Tax Credit <b>and</b> have and annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190)
Pension Credit (Guaranteed Element only) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>4 Week Run on</b> Working Tax Credit <input type="checkbox"/> (which is <b>only</b> paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for WTC)	Asylum Seeker <input type="checkbox"/> (Support under PartV1 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999)	<b>Universal Credit</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Provided you have an annual net earned income (take home pay) of no more than £7,400 (as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods).

**Have you previously received Free School Meals?**

**Yes** ☐

**No** ☐

**Additional Comments:**

The Local Authority will check your eligibility to qualifying benefits on your behalf using the DFE online Free School Meal Eligibility checking service. Your National Insurance or National Asylum Seeker Support Number and Date of Birth must be completed clearly and accurately.

**Declaration:** The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals and share with other Council departments to offer other benefits and services. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**    /    /

**Send your completed form to:** [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk)

or: **Free School Meals** (Postal Address)  
People & Communities Finance  
Bath & North East Somerset Council  
Lewis House  
Manvers Street  
Bath  
BA1 1JG

**If you have any queries or would like to register by telephone, please contact us:**  
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Email: [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk)

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INITIALS	DATE