

Tuesday 14th December

- Y2 Forest School for **2A**

Wednesday 15th December

- Y4 Forest School for **4B**

Thursday 16th December

- Class Christmas Parties

Friday 17th December

- End of Term 2

Tuesday 4th January

- INSET day for staff

Wednesday 5th January

- Start of Term 3 for pupils

Dear Parents and Carers

I wish to thank and praise all of the children who continue to give their all, each day. Although we are now six weeks through another busy and slightly bumpy term, they are managing incredibly well. Whilst navigating ongoing tricky times, nothing stands in the way of the children being afforded so many exciting learning opportunities. With this, I wish to thank all of our staff who continually demonstrate care and support for the children - I feel very proud indeed of our school and all that it stands for. To find out more about your child's learning this week, please sign into their Google Classroom for a full update and accompanying images. Please also enjoy the children's reports and images to follow.

The Nativity performances

We hope that the parents in EYFS and Year 1 enjoyed the opportunity to see the classes perform their nativity songs on Thursday and Friday. Of course, there was some disappointment not to see the live performance on stage, but I do think the performances outside in the sunshine made for very special moments. The children were simply brilliant – demonstrating such confidence and bringing everyone so much joy. Thank you all for attending and being supportive of the decisions we had to make around this.

Classes 2A and 2T were able to perform the play 'Hey Ewe!' to their parents and carers, on stage. With measures in place, this proved successful and very enjoyable. The children all loved to show off their talents and again delivered their lines, danced and sang the songs with such confidence and gusto. The audience, although limited, was very supportive of the children and having the opportunity to see the children perform will have meant a great deal. There were lots of laughs, beaming smiles behind face coverings, I am sure, and, of course, a few tears of pride.

Well done everyone and thank you to all of the staff for making all of this happen; these were heart-warming moments, and more so than ever, at this time. The performances were all filmed by Mr Amor; we are incredibly grateful for his time and expertise, meaning that everyone will get to see the show.

Upper school Christmas Songs

Each upper school class has been rehearsing a Christmas song during their music lesson with Mrs Best. We had hoped for a concert, however, sadly, this has not been feasible. The singing by each class is extraordinary and so that you will be able to hear the performances, they will be filmed and edited together to be shared with parents. Further details of both the upper school and lower school recordings will follow.

Bath Blitz Walk

Our Year 6 children were out and about again on Monday and Tuesday. To deepen their learning about World War II and in line with their enquiry, 'How do we cope in a crisis?', the classes each completed a guided walk around Bath, focused on the Bath Blitz. I had the great pleasure to accompany one class and I was very impressed by our Newbridge ambassadors. Please find a report by the children further in the newsletter.

House Captains and Sports Captains

Following the announcement of the House and Sports Captains last week, please see their photographs published this week. Well done to each of them for demonstrating leadership and giving back to others and our school.

Our NPSA

Santa's Grotto – This takes place in our outdoor classroom on Saturday. This was a very popular event, with tickets all selling out very quickly. The grotto preparation has taken a great deal of work – sincere thanks to Hannah Brownell and Kate Whiting for their support in this. Thank you also, of course, to Santa for finding time to spend the day in Newbridge.

Are you having a pre-Christmas clear out?

Do you have any of the following that you would be prepared to donate to help us improve lunchtime play opportunities for our pupils?

Natural resources – such as shells and pine cones

Scrap materials – old tyres, off-cuts of plastic guttering

Plastic storage boxes or crates

Weatherproof toys

Bats and balls

Large pieces of fabric

Dressing up clothes

Old suitcases or bags

Please bring any donations into school next week and you will be shown the collection point on the left hand side just inside the gate.

Winter Windowland – If you have not yet been able to take on the Winter Windowland trail, make sure you do before it finishes on Saturday evening. The many, many windows decorated are spectacular and certainly brighten up our streets on dark, damp evenings – thank you to parents and local residents for going to such great efforts in completing these. Refreshments will again be available from inside the school gates on Saturday evening between 4.30pm and 7.00pm. Also on Saturday, at around 6pm, you can enjoy some festive songs on Charmouth Road. Our local residents, one of which is Mrs Houston, will be spreading the joy and would love for you to join in.

Thank you to the team who ensured Winter Windowland happened - Charlotte Morris, Kate Taylor and Hannah Williams, and to all of the many volunteers for the organising and selling refreshments on both Saturdays.

To download a map of all of the windows to enjoy, and to make a donation to the NPSA should you wish to, please follow this link <http://npsabath.org/events/>

Festive items – Thank you to all of the parents involved with selling and purchasing Christmas puddings, the School Calendar and Christmas Cards.

All of the funds raised from these activities, and all events, will make such a difference to our school. Our aim is to utilise the funds in improving the play facilities across the site.

Class Christmas Parties

Please note all classes will have a party on Thursday 16th December. For this, the children are able to wear mufti, should they wish. Please consider appropriate attire and shoes for the weather. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day, but not on any other days.

Extra-Curricular Activities

All of the extra-curricular activities will continue until the end of term, with the exception of Girls' Football which has already been cancelled. The clubs lists for Terms 3 and 4 are being drawn up and these will commence in the week beginning 24th January, 2022.

Breakfast Club use

Bookings must be made for each session, please know that children cannot arrive without these being in place. Also, please can all users ensure that children arrive at the gate by 8.15am, if they require breakfast. Breakfast is not served after 8.20am due to tidying up and preparing to go to class.

Email address for parents

To support the volume of emails we currently receive, for all parent communication, please use enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk

Ongoing measures

All of the measures that have been in place this week, will continue next week. Therefore:

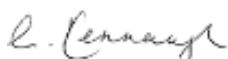
- All extra-curricular activities will be in operation.
- Some Key Stage assemblies will take place.
- By prior arrangement, meetings with staff can take place, but a face covering must be worn.
- School meals and packed lunches will continue to be served in classrooms - the use of the dining hall brings extensive mixing with no ability to distance or sit other than face to face.
- Parents are requested to wear a face covering when gathering at the school gate.
- Parents and visitors must wear a face covering when entering the school site.
- Parents are asked to distance, when possible, when waiting to enter the site or collecting children.

Symptoms, testing and reporting

Please can all families continue to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19 and seek a PCR test when required. A PCR test is required when symptoms are known. Please can parents continue with twice weekly LFD testing to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19. The outcome of all tests, whether positive or negative, must be reported, please, to the school office at enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk.

I hope you have a good weekend.

With best wishes,



Gill Kennaugh

STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee	Whole Class	Ladybird	Whole Class
1EO	Whole Class	1R	Whole Class
2T	Whole Class	2A	Whole Class
3OG	Finley P & Shadan S	3C	Jake S & Ruby E
4B	Frankie R & Finley A	4KR	Elisa P & Daniel P
5G	Niamh H & Leonardo H	5HT	Isabelle G & Javari F
6B	Bill G & Connie S	6H	Vincent P & TBA

Music Stars of the Week

Reece W & Seb S



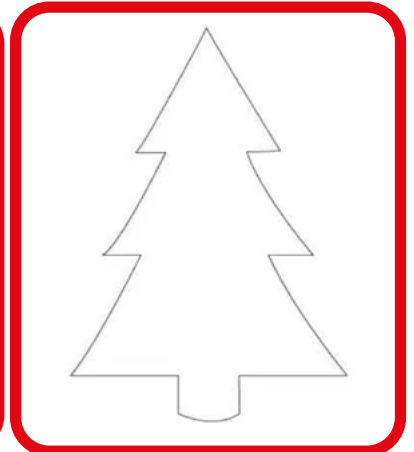
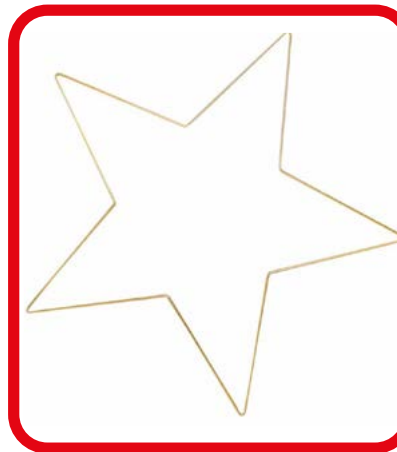
CURRICULUM CORNER

Super Spellings

Practise your spellings as
Word Art this week.

Write your spellings inside
the Christmas shape until
it is full.

Here are some examples
of Christmas templates
you can use.



HOUSE CAPTAINS



Mohamed S
6H



Bee P
6H



Marlie G
6B



Noah H
6B



Ellie M
6H



Eve M
6H



Connie S
6B



Zachary T-B
6B

SPORTS CAPTAINS



Rafaela V
6H



Ben E
6H



Mabel O'G
6B



Caoimhe R
6B



Jasmine H
6H



Ritvik G
6H



Josh S
6B



Emma R
6B

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

2A



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1R



1EO



LADYBIRD CLASS



BEE CLASS

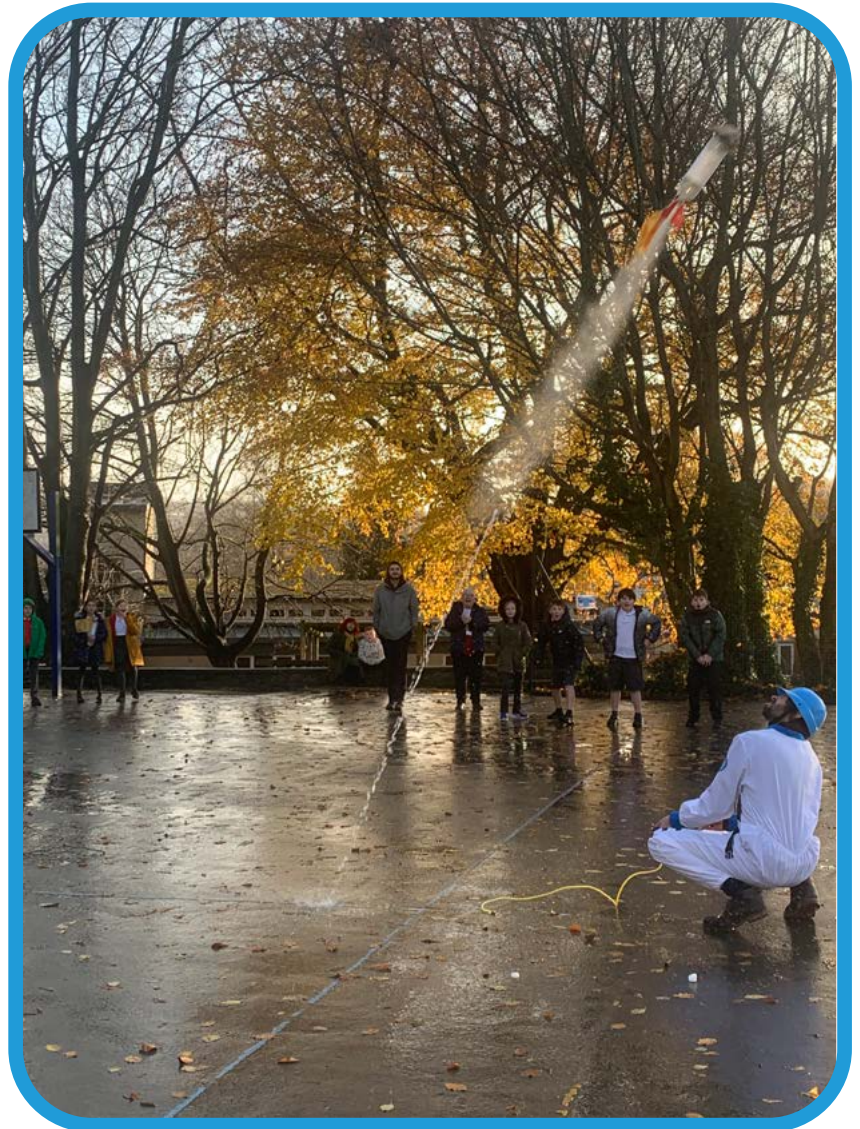


YEAR 5 SPACE CAMP

In Year 5, we have been learning about the skills needed to be an astronaut. On Tuesday, we took part in a Space Camp and did various activities to do with Space. First, we split into teams and some of us did a structural engineering task with Miss Gatton; this involved making the tallest paper tower – with just paper and masking tape! Others did some space computing quizzes with Mr Handson. In the afternoon, we did the main activity which was to build a rocket with: a plastic bottle, sellotape, a piece of string, cardboard, paper, tissue paper and paper towels.

The aim of the challenge was to protect the egg, which we had to secure to the rocket. Then we launched them on the top playground to see which eggs survived. We earned points throughout the day for collaboration, kindness as well as winning the different activities. The day after, the three teams with the highest points received certificates; the winners were the Space Tacos!
I wish we could do it every day.

By Mina M - 5G



“It was very fun” – Luke L (5G)

“It felt like we were astronauts” – Niamh H (5G)

“Life in space camp is amazing” – Ben L (5G)



YEAR 6 BATH BLITZ TRIP

On Tuesday 7th December, 6B went on a tour around Bath, learning about the Bath Blitz. We were guided by Adrian, who was very knowledgeable about the subject. He began with the Bath Abbey and told us that the eastern window was shattered by an incendiary box (fire bomb).

After a brief walk to the Roman Baths, Adrian explained that everyone was resourceful during the bombing of Bath, two Roman statues even lent a hand as a washing line for the citizens of Bath! The walls of the Roman Baths also played a key part as an ironing board for the women who washed the clothes.

Next, we approached Kingsmead Street. After the Bath Blitz, Adrian informed us, it was reduced to a pile of dust and rubble. He told us a sad tale about a woman who sent her children to a public air raid shelter but were found dead on the floor the next morning, killed by flying glass.

Later on, Adrian showed us a building not far from the Odeon that had shrapnel (flying metal) marks on its side. It had been a Labour Exchange before it had been badly damaged. We then walked to Queen Square where the Francis Hotel is. Adrian said that the left side of the hotel was blown to smithereens and sadly, two people died.

Did you know - Queen Square is actually a war memorial?

Finally, we visited a war memorial and paid our respects. 417 people died during the Bath Blitz but many more survived.

By Matthew D & Zachary T-B



BATH BLITZ TRIP PHOTOS

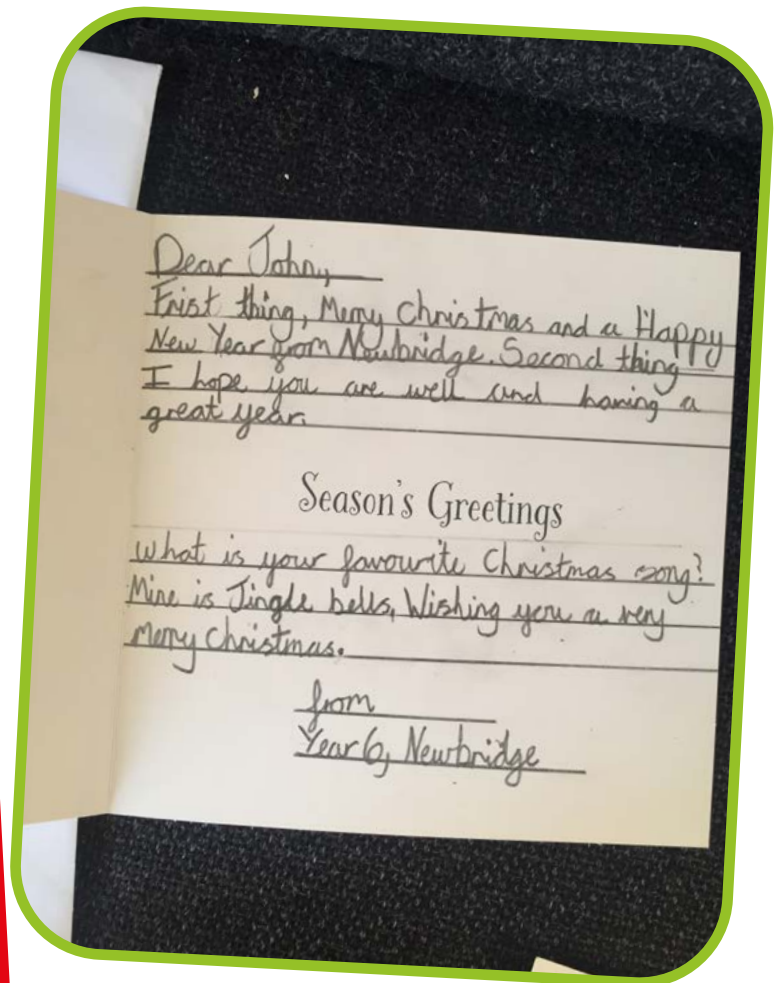
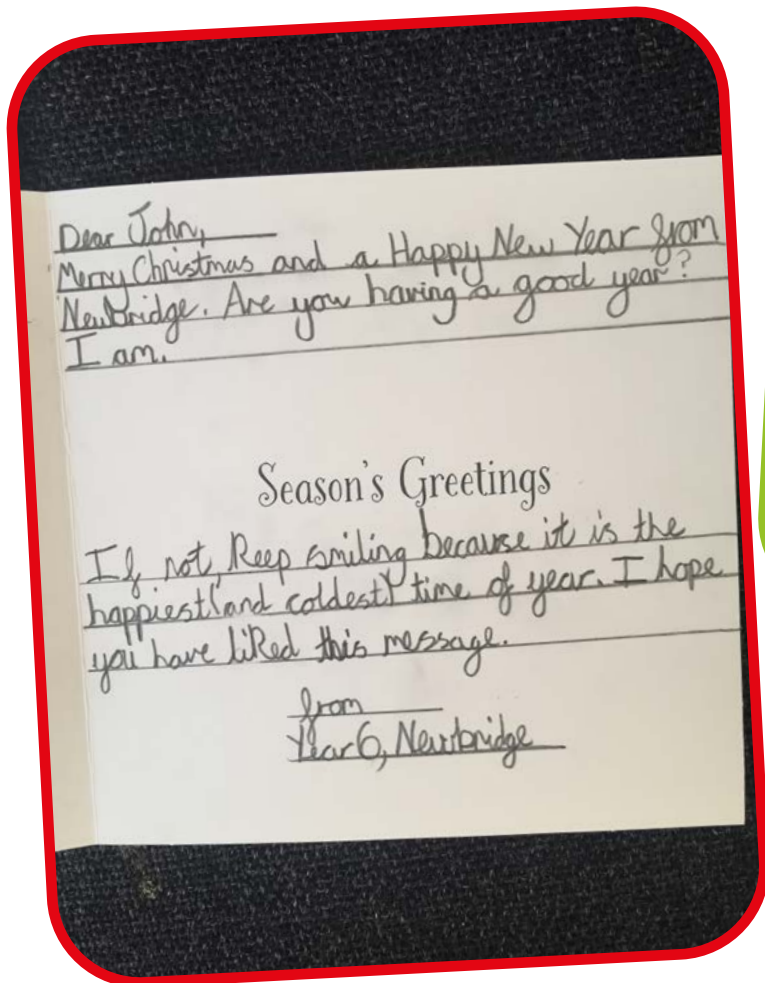


CHRISTMAS COMPASSION

We have been given the opportunity to take part in the #ChristmasCompassion campaign, sending cards to people who may be otherwise feeling vulnerable at Christmas.

This includes residents of some local care homes. Someone who has gone above and beyond with this project is Grace in 6H, who has written 14 individual messages, giving up a lot of her own time in the process.

You should be very proud of yourself Grace: we are very proud of you.



Newbridge Primary School Association presents

WINTER

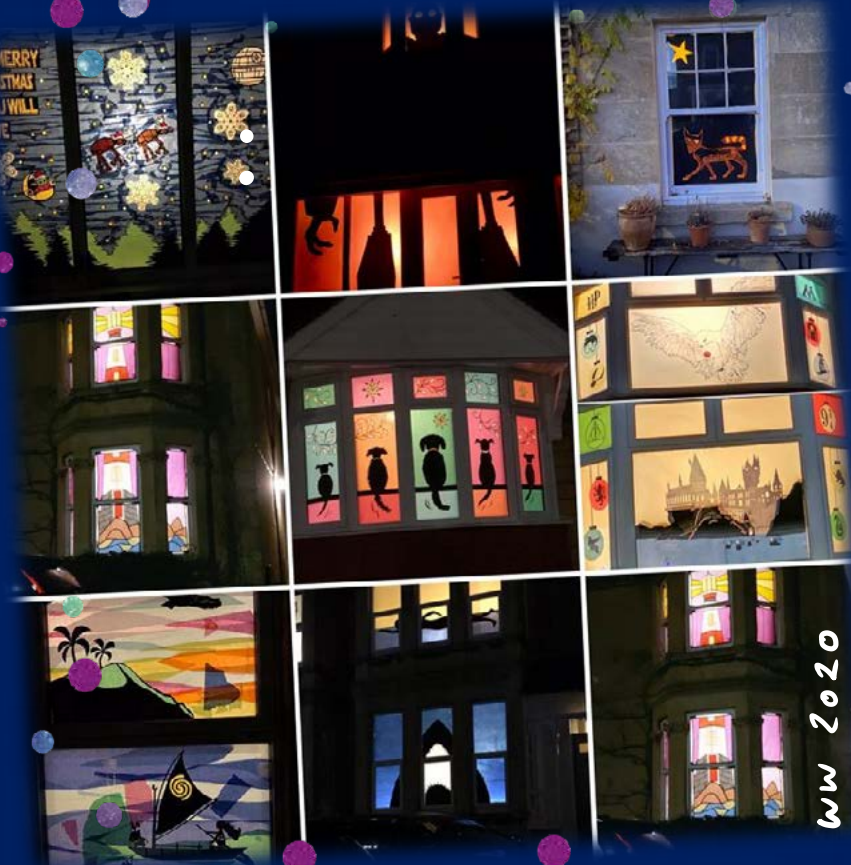
4TH - 11TH DECEMBER

4:30PM - 8:00PM

WINDOWLAND

Join us for a trail of silhouette windows around our community. The trail will be lit every evening between 4th & 11th December.

Refreshments available from Newbridge Primary School 4th & 11th December 4:30 pm - 7:00pm



DOWNLOAD YOUR TRAIL MAP FROM [NPSABATH.ORG/EVENTS](https://npsabath.org/events) OR BY SCANNING THIS CODE FROM 1ST DECEMBER

