



Thursday 3rd February

- Bee and Ladybird Class trip to the Egg Theatre to see The Snow Mouse

Thursday 24th March

- Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud

Tuesday 29th March

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- Please note there will be no Forest School for Years 2 and 4 during Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to be at school this week and have very much missed being a part of all that a week in school brings. I have especially missed seeing the children join in the extra-curricular activities, which have now commenced. Thank you for signing your child(ren) up to these; I'm pleased that we can offer a wide range of activities to choose from and I hope the children have enjoyed these, this week. I was also sorry to miss today's Feel Good Friday, which sounds like such a positive day.

Feel Good Friday

The Feel Good Friday theme for today has been based on our Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) Jigsaw Scheme of Work theme, Goals and New Beginnings. Across the school, many activities have been taking place. These include, listening to a story from the Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory (ELLI) project which is about animals that represent different learning behaviours. For example, bees who work together well, or cats who are curious. Posters have been created by the children to display these learning behaviours.

In another activity, children learnt about the primatologist, Jane Gooding, and considered the ELLI learning characteristics she would have used in her work. With this, the children set their own goals and thought about the learning behaviours they will use to achieve them. Others have been investigating Art of Brilliance themes which promote attitudes such as choosing to be positive, understanding your impact, personal responsibility and being brave. They too have created posters of inspiring quotations and messages to display and promote positive attitudes. Please take time to read the excellent examples further in the newsletter.

Your child's weekly learning update on Google Classroom

Please also do take time to read your child's Google Classroom Stream to find out what has been happening this week in their class. Having read them all, these are such a fantastic way of parents understanding the learning and fun that has taken place. I have especially enjoyed reading them with not being at school this week, and together they demonstrate the wide and varied learning opportunities across the school. From today, the Year 5 and 6 children are writing their own 'blogs', so please do take time to read them and comment back, so that we know you value these.

Doodle – supporting homework

Thank you to parents who are supporting engagement in the Doodle homework tasks. We have received good feedback about the use of the newly introduced Doodle Spell, which supports learning school issued spellings. If you are still not able to access the platform or need a reminder of how to log in, please email your child's teacher through the school inbox.

Good luck to our Bath Spa Teachers

Thank you and well done to Miss Osborne and Miss Hunt, who today complete their Bath Spa Teacher placements in Bee Class and Ladybird Class. We wish them both every success for the remainder of their course and for their future careers.

School Menu

A revised school menu is available on the website. This will commence from Monday 31st January, the dairy-free and non-gluten versions will be updated soon. Please find the menu [here](#).

Currently, school meals and packed lunches are eaten in the classrooms, except for EYFS, but we hope that in the next few weeks, full dining arrangements will recommence.

Attendance and punctuality

We strive for very good attendance and punctuality, and with this, recognise the unsettled periods of the past two years and ongoing required isolation. It is, however, a legal requirement for children to attend school when they are well, and to be on time for each session.

All children are required to be in school by 8.55am, when the register is taken. Children arriving after this time are recorded as Late (L) and beyond 9.10am, are recorded as Unauthorised (U). Children commencing their day in line with their peers and all set routines, is particularly beneficial to a positive start. Also, key learning happens as soon as the school day begins, whether this is in class or through interventions to support learning.

Slapped Cheek

Please note that there may be cases of Slapped Cheek in the school community. Children, if they have Slapped Cheek, can continue to attend school. However, it is important for any pregnant persons to seek medical advice if they think they may have been a close contact.

Cycling and scooting to school, safely

For everyone’s safety, when riding to and from school, please be mindful of pedestrians and those using the public footpath which runs around the edge of the school field. We have again been informed of concerns and potential accidents. Please also note that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school site.

Face-coverings

Whilst it is now not a legal requirement to wear a face covering in an indoor public space, our measures at school have not changed. Therefore, the staff will continue to wear face coverings in all communal spaces and when moving around the school. Thank you for continuing to wear a face covering when gathering at the school gates and when on the school site – again our school measures around our requirement have not changed. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools are not required to wear face coverings.

School Measures and Government Guidance

At the end of the newsletter I have provided the school’s current measures and a condensed version of the government guidance on testing, isolation periods and close contacts. Please use this to refer to for any queries you may have.

Please also see the full updated government guidance for schools and parents.

[Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk)

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Our NPSA - Second-hand Uniform Sale

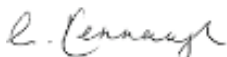
The NPSA has helpfully organised a second-hand uniform sale for tomorrow, Saturday 29th January. It will be held in the Upper School Hall between 2pm and 4pm. There is a great deal of second-hand stock, all in very good condition, so thank you to parents who have donated items for re-sale. Please can parents wear a face-covering inside the hall and use the hand-sanitiser available.

Email address for parents

For all parent communication, please use the email address enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk

I hope you have a good weekend.

With best wishes



Gill Kennaugh



- Bee** Martha D & Peace F
- 1EO** Oliver T & April B
- 2T** Jem C & Alice S
- 3OG** Rhed M & Romi H
- 4B** Beau B & Barney B
- 5G** Freddie H & Evie D
- 6B** James H & Phoebe B

- Ladybird** Henry J & Anna C
- 1R** Leo T & Aria S
- 2A** Jack T & Chloe G
- 3C** Nancy B-J & Elijah R
- 4KR** Lucy A & Zelda L
- 5HT** Mohammad H & Chantelle M
- 6H** Megan T-B & Ben E

Music Stars of the Week

Elsa W & Mina M



YEAR 5 - MUSIC

Year 5 have been studying the Vaughan William's piece 'The Lark Ascending' and have been learning to play the main 'lark' tune this week.



IT'S ALWAYS A

CHOOSE-



DAY!



Choose love over hate.

Choose happiness over jealousy.

Choose tolerance over judgement.

Choose bravery over hiding.

Choose right over wrong.



CHOOSE



LOVE!



CHOOSE WHAT IS

RIGHT!!!



Choose You ♡ Choose You ♡ Choose You ♡ Choose You ♡ Choose You ♡ Choose



Choose hope over worry,

Choose love over hate,

Choose Resilience!

Choose Courage!

Choose the truth not the lie,

Choose light over dark,

Choose hardwork over laziness,

Choose friendship over popularity,

Choose acceptance over judgement,

Choose happiness over despair,

Choose right over wrong,

Choose bravery over fear.

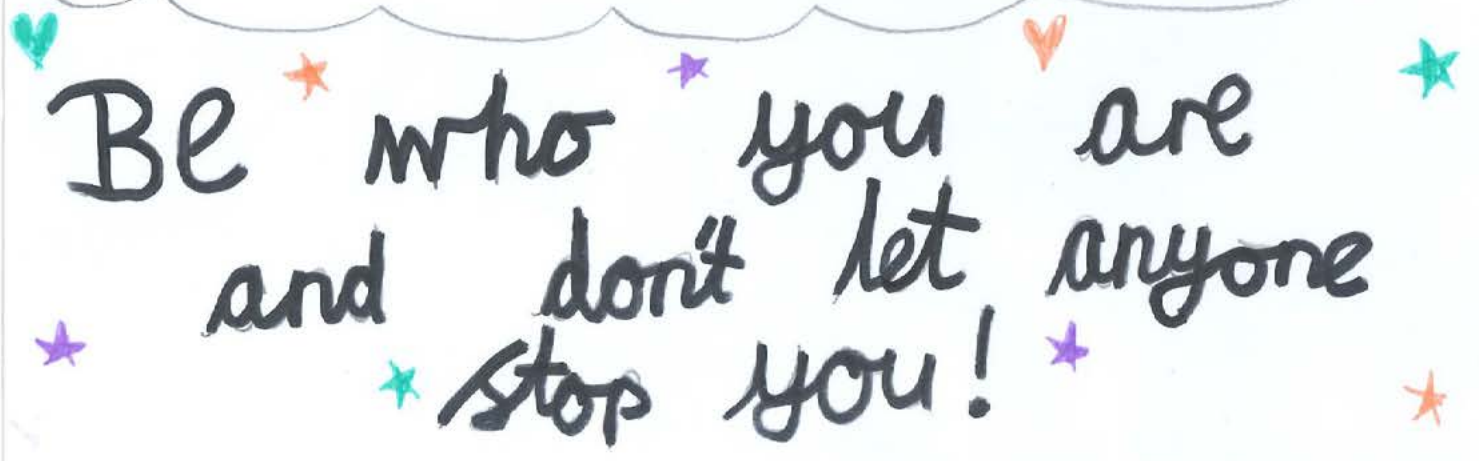
**Choose your
bright future**

by Emma

It's always a choose-day



Be who you are and don't let anyone stop you!



Covid-19 information

Current measures in place in school:

These are the current measures, which will remain in place for the week commencing 31st January. None of these measures will impact the children's education.

- Assemblies are planned for the end of the week.
- Meetings with parents can be face to face, or via Teams/Zoom, by appointment.
- Extra-curricular activities will continue in full, and will be subject to a weekly review.
- CO2 monitors in classrooms will indicate good ventilation, and when windows should be fully opened. All other spaces will be well ventilated. Children are able to wear additional layers, as required.
- Hygiene messages will be promoted at all times. Staff will remind children about good handwashing routines and this will take place throughout the day, along with the use of hand sanitiser.
- Meals will be eaten in classrooms, except for EYFS, who will eat in the hall.
- PE kits are to be worn on PE days. Full school uniform should be worn on other days.
- Classes will limit mixing indoors with the opposite year group class, when possible.
- Two year groups will mix at playtime outdoors.
- For Breakfast Club, children will sit at tables by year group, whenever possible.
- For After School Club, Upper and Lower School children will be in separate spaces.
- All visitors to the school are asked to wear a face covering.

Please can I remind parents of the following:

- To seek a PCR test for yourself/your child when symptoms of Covid-19 are known.
- For adults to test twice weekly with an LFD test when asymptomatic (also see further information below).
- To share with the office the outcome of your child's PCR test and that of a positive LFD test.
- A face covering should be worn when gathering at the gates and must be worn when entering the site.
- To distance from others when waiting to enter the site and when moving around the site, as much as possible.
- To enter the Charmouth Road entrance on the right, and exit via the opposite gate. The vehicular gates will also be open to support the volume of parents leaving the site at drop off.
- To use the one-way system when walking through the Lower School grounds and past the office block. Parents and Carers who are leaving the Upper School area, via Charmouth Road, should use the five bar gate by the office and not the gate on the other side of the office – therefore maintaining the one-way system.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19 – from the DfE

Those who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after five full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both Day 5 and Day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of Day 5 and the morning of Day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on Day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than Day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed ten full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full ten day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive LFD tests

From Tuesday 11th January, if you or your child receive a positive lateral flow device (LFD) result, the requirement is to self-isolate immediately, without the necessity to take a confirmatory PCR test. LFD tests are only taken by asymptomatic people. The positive LFD test result should be reported on GOV.UK After reporting the test result, you will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.

Anyone who develops any one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate and take a PCR test.



Public Health Advice – Daily testing for close contacts of Covid-19

Once notified by Test and Trace or the NHS Covid-19 app that you, or your child (see eligible ages below) is a close contact, an LFD test should be taken each day for 7 days (or ten days since your last known contact with the person who has since tested positive for Covid-19, if this is earlier than the 7 days), and report the results via the Online Reporting System.

- It is advised that the daily LFD test is taken before leaving the house for the first time on that day and not within 30 minutes of eating.
- If a pupil tests negative, they should continue to attend school.
- If they test positive with an LFD, they should isolate and **not arrange a PCR test**.
- If they become symptomatic they should isolate and arrange a PCR test.
- Daily testing is advised for all eligible contacts of a confirmed positive Covid-19 case whether Omicron or not.
- LFD kits for primary age children will not be supplied through school. Parents and carers are asked to acquire tests via their pharmacy, online or their community testing site.

Eligibility

The Government has introduced daily testing for close contacts of Covid-19 for those who are:

- Fully vaccinated (those who have had two doses of an approved vaccine or more)
- People who can prove they are unable to be vaccinated for clinical reasons
- People taking part or who have taken part in an approved clinical trial for a Covid-19 vaccine
- Children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status.

Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated and not exempt, must isolate in line with Government guidelines if they are a contact of a positive case.

Under 5s

- Under 5s are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19.
- They can continue to attend education or childcare settings.
- Under 5s who are a household contact are recommended to get a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while waiting for the results

Symptoms, testing and reporting

The outcome of all PCR tests and positive LFD tests, must be reported to the school office.

Please email enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk with the subject heading Covid-19 results.

Face coverings in primary schools

At Newbridge Primary School, face coverings will be worn by staff, adults, and those aged over 11 (including visitors) when moving around school and in communal areas. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings.

