



Monday 14th February

- Y4 Trip to the Roman Baths

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 have had a good week.

EYFS first outing

There was great excitement, yesterday, as Bee and Ladybird Classes prepared for and set off on their first school visit. Having boarded the coach safely, they headed off for The Egg Theatre in Bath. Each class watched and were enthralled by the production, The Snow Mouse. The children were so excited! On return, all of the adults told me just how brilliant the children had been, and the children were very eager to tell me about their adventure. Well done, everyone, and many thanks to the parents who were able to volunteer for the morning. Please see some lovely photographs further in the newsletter.

Developing Play

In a recent newsletter, I mentioned how NPSA funds raised will be utilised to support the improvement of the playground areas, both Upper School and Lower School. The fixed apparatus and flooring is old and needs replacing. We know that this will be expensive, but we are keen to start the project and do what we can with the funds currently available. Kindly, some members of the NPSA have come forward to take an active role in this project and will help formulate plans and seek the views of the children. In developing play, this week, new playground markings have been laid in in the Upper School playground – these will support children's own games as well as the PE curriculum.

At the Inset day in January, play was a focus and, from this, themed play boxes have been created. These will soon be made available around the site for children to develop role play and creative games.

Everyone Active

Thank you so much to the children and families who came along for Everyone Active on Thursday morning. It was really lovely to see so many different ages jogging around the playground and having a chat with friends. Anyone is welcome – there is no need to sign-up, it's just a way of completing some exercise and having a positive start to the day. We will be on the top playground of the Upper School from 8.10am to 8.40am, next Thursday.

Follow up from Feel Good Friday

Following on from the activities which were promoted during Feel Good Friday last week, take a look at the fantastic display created by Year 4. The children made their own backing paper and used it to display their learning based on Art of Brilliance quotes. The children in Year 4 are really enjoying this learning and it is bringing much positivity to their school life.

Inset Days 2022/23

These are the current determined Inset days for the academic year 2022/23. Thursday 1st September 2022 and Tuesday 3rd January 2023. Three more dates will be set in due course.

School gates – safety

Please can all children who come to Breakfast Club only use the pedestrian gate, and not the vehicular gate, if opened for a car entering the site.

Your child's weekly learning update on Google Classroom

Please refer to your child's Google Classroom Stream to find out what has been happening this week in their class. The Year 5 and 6 children are writing their own 'blogs', so please take time to read them, and comment back. For all other classes, the teachers will have written a full account of this week's activities and will have attached some photographs for you to enjoy.

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://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

Thank you very much indeed for the Bag2School donations, as these, along with the second-hand uniform sale, have raised £410 for NPSA funds, to support playground improvements.

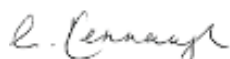
Please have a look at the NPSA newsletter sent out on Monday – we are still hoping for volunteers to step forward for the vacancies which will become available on the committee, from September. Just email npsabath@gmail.com if you are at all interested.

Email address for parents

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

Have a good weekend.

With best wishes



Gill Kennaugh

STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Heidi T & Ben W
1EO Sophie S & Arthur C
2T Whole Class
3OG Rakib K & Chelsea L
4B Zoe M & Alfie G
5G Luke L & Finn G
6B Mabel OG & Emilia W

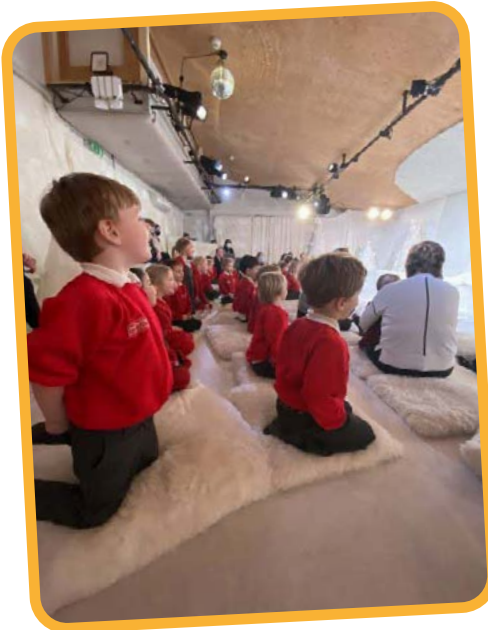
Ladybird Quinn H & Darcey S
1R Lucy W & Louis L
2A Whole Class
3C Evie H & Harry A
4KR Sophie E & Thomas M
5HT Astrid G & Joseph B
6H Ellie M & Charlie M-C

Music Stars of the Week

Isla S & Jasmine H



EYFS VISIT TO THE EGG THEATRE TO SEE 'THE SNOW MOUSE'





YEAR 4

The children created the backing paper and the learning is from their Feel Good Friday lesson last week where they explored lots of Art of Brilliance quotes and then designed their own!



YEAR 2 enjoying gymnastics in their PE lesson



Covid-19 information

Current measures in place in school:

These are the current measures, which will remain in place for the week commencing 7th February. 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.

When counting the days, Day 0 is the day of the positive test, or of known Covid-19 symptoms.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until there are 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.

