



Monday 14th February

- Y4 Trip to the Roman Baths

Friday 18th February

- Cake Sale at 3.15pm in the Upper School Hall
- End of Term 3

Monday 28th February

- INSET Day for Staff

Tuesday 1st March

- First day back for pupils

Wednesday 9th March

- Parents' Evening bookings open

Thursday 24th March

- Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud

Tuesday 29th March

- Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

Developing Play

Last week, I updated you on plans to develop play across the school. The children have really enjoyed making use of the new playground markings, both in PE lessons and at playtimes, after they were completed this week. Please see some lovely images, further in the newsletter.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, all classes have spent time completing activities to support Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is Growing Together. With this, children and adults are asked to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow. For further information please see this website <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday brought Safer Internet Day. This is celebrated each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. For resources which will be useful to parents and carers in supporting safe online use, please see <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>.

Covid-19 – current cases, school measures and government guidance

The number of cases of Covid-19 across the school appears to be falling, following an increase and particularly in Year 5. These are the current positive cases: Reception - 3, Year 1 – 0, Year 2 – 1, Year 3 – 0, Year 4 – 1, Year 5 – 4, Year 6 – 0, Staff – 3.

With the news on Wednesday evening, of the government removing restrictions from 21st February, I have not received any further information or revised guidance around what this will mean for education settings. Our current measures, along with all government guidance around isolation periods, testing and close contacts, will remain in place next week.

This is the full version of the current guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

At the end of the newsletter you will find condensed guidance and current school measures.

Newbridge Surgery parking

We have been contacted by the Newbridge Surgery, to ask parents not to use their car park when dropping children to school, or collecting them, when not visiting the surgery.

Vacancy - School Meals Supervisory Assistant

Would you like to work in our school, with the children at lunchtime? We have a vacancy, each day, between 11.45am and 1.15pm. In this role, you will supervise and support the children with their lunchtime meal and their play. If you are interested, please contact the school office or email enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk.

Volunteers in school

I am hopeful that we will be able to welcome volunteers into school in Term 4. Teachers will again be asked to draw up how volunteers can be utilised in their classrooms and to support targeted interventions. We will keep you updated.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are planned for Thursday 24th and Tuesday 29th March. These will be held online via School Cloud.

Online bookings will be opened on Wednesday 9th March at 7pm.

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.

NPSA Cake Sale

We are excited to hold the first cake sale for a while, next Friday, 18th February at 3.15pm. This will be held in the Upper School Hall. Please enter from the backdoors, near the cycle racks.

Dog fouling

I have been made aware of dog mess on the public footpath which borders the school field. I have raised this with the local Community Police Officer and also with Michelle O'Doherty, our local councillor for the Newbridge Ward. She will contact the dog warden and look at having signage sited, as a deterrent to dog walkers.

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 write their own 'blogs', so please take time to read them. 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. Please write a comment, if you value these updates.

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

STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Mia M & Hugo S
1EO Ethel L-S & Kiki G
2T Altan H & Sophie B
3OG Edward S & Clara W
4B Greta H & Archie P
5G Mina M & Amber A
6B Elijah A & Noah H

Ladybird Teddy O & Maya P
1R George R & Mariam S
2A Rosy T & Precious F
3C Isobel M & Flora K
4KR Jess F & Patrick L
5HT Macie H & Lyess G
6H Bess P & Grace K

Music Stars of the Week

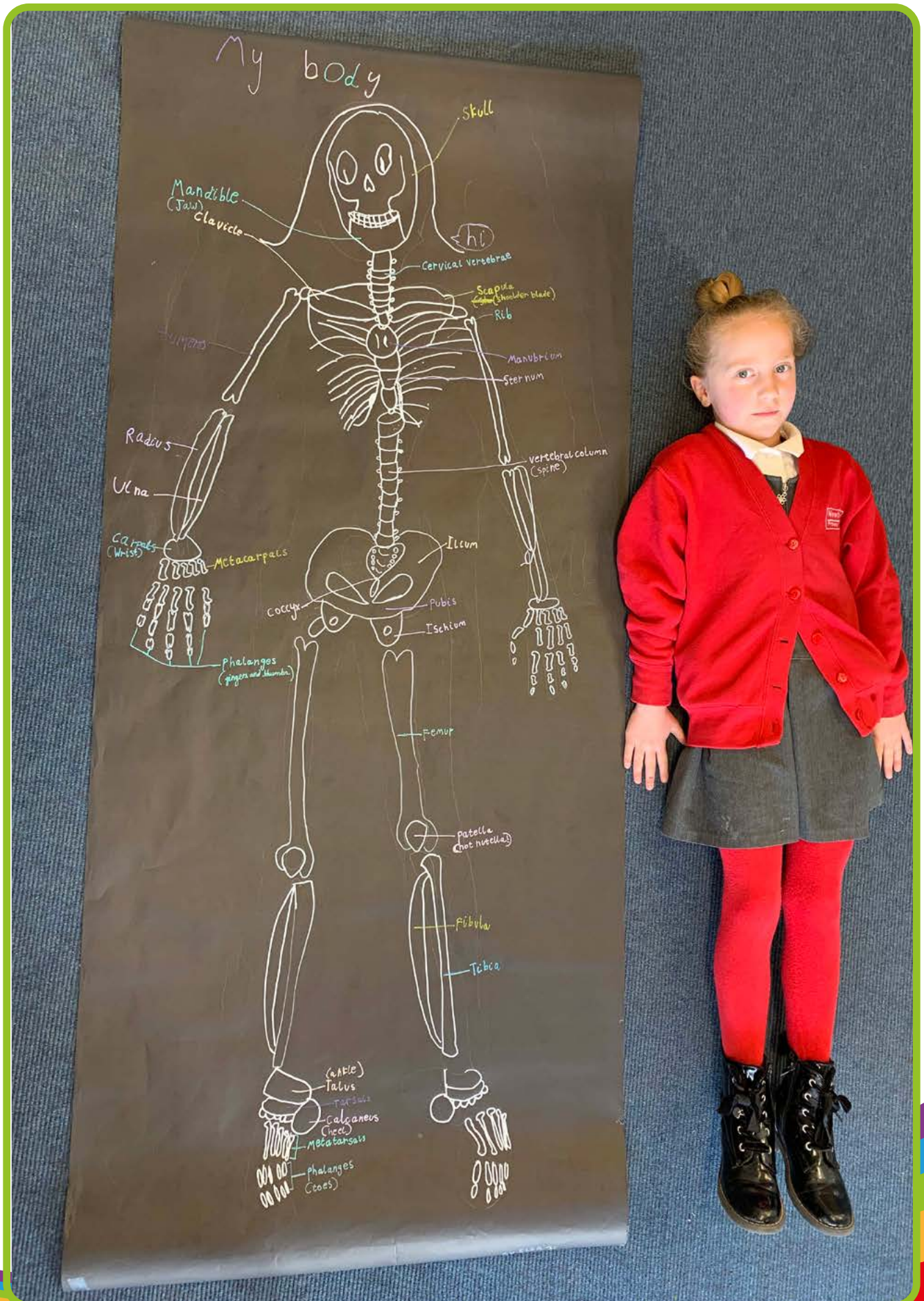
Elisabeth W & Grace K



NEW PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

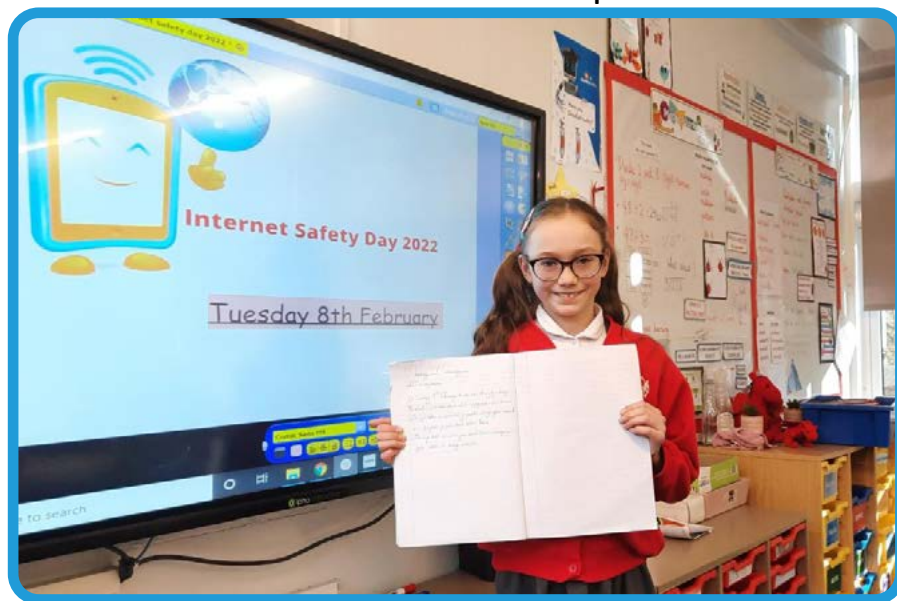
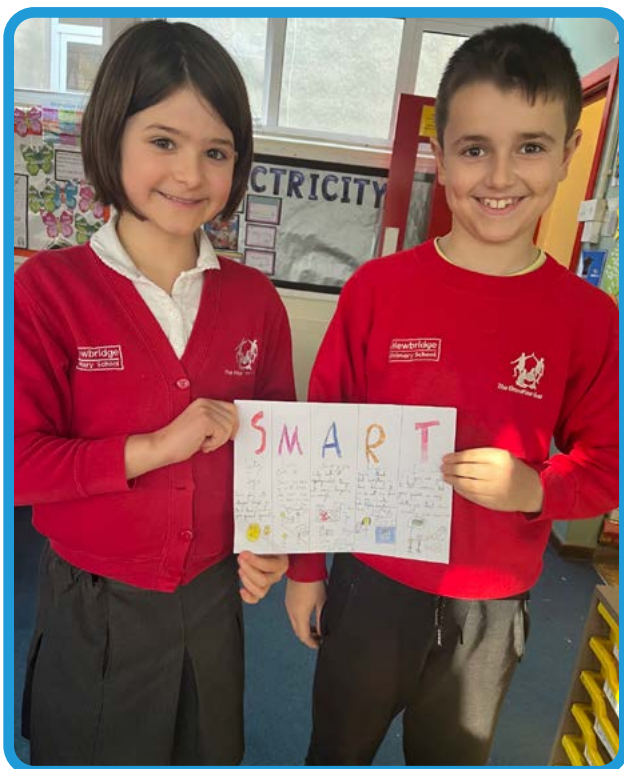


ELSA'S SKELETON DIAGRAM

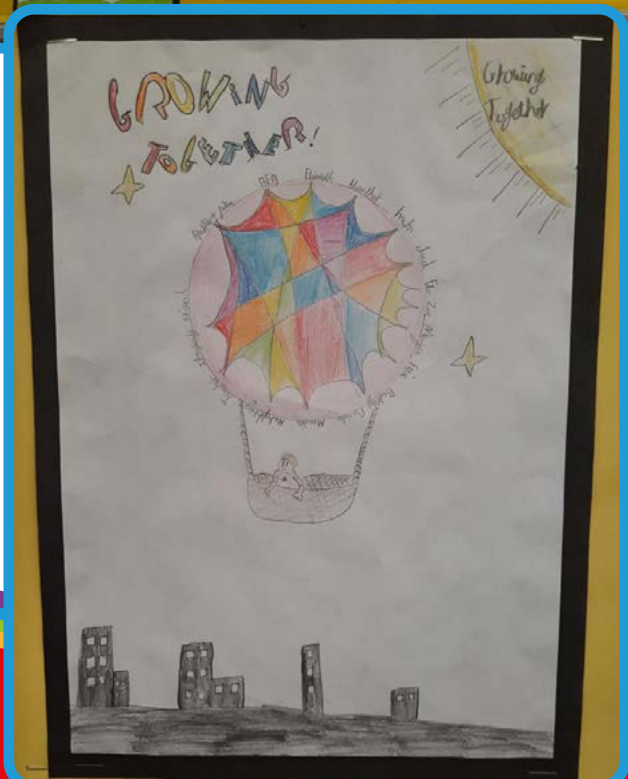


YEAR 4

For Safer Internet Day, we discussed how to stay safe online and how speaking to someone we trust is important.



We also focused on 'Growing Together' for Mental Health Week and the children created posters with support balloons, thinking about the people in their lives they would go to, if they were feeling sad or needed to talk about something.



Covid-19 information

Current measures in place in school:

These are the current measures, which will remain in place for the week commencing 14th 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.
- 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.
- To update the school when two negative LFD results have been achieved on day 5 and day 6, counting the day of symptoms or the positive test result, as day 0.
- 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.

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

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.

