



Tuesday 8th March

- Forest School for 2A

Wednesday 9th March

- Parents' Evening bookings open
- Forest School for 4B

Tuesday 15th March

- Forest School for 2T

Wednesday 16th March

- Forest School for 4KR

Thursday 24th March

- Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud

Tuesday 29th March

- Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud

Dear Parents and Carers

We have so much enjoyed seeing all of the children back at school this week after the half term break. The usual routines of school life, being immersed in fun learning opportunities and seeing friends, will have supported everyone at such a concerning time.

Supporting the children, and ourselves

Please know that I have spoken to the staff about how best, in our roles, we can support the children who will have some understanding of the crisis in Ukraine and will likely feel worried about this. I have talked about the importance of providing a safe space for any questions or discussions which may arise, and importantly, for you to know, staff will always be sensitive to the age and needs of the children. With this, I have said that we should acknowledge that we will not have all of the answers the children may be seeking, and should only provide accurate facts, when appropriate. I have also said that it is important, appropriate to age, the children should understand that information will be available from different sources and that some sources will provide misinformation.

These are some links I have provided to the staff, which you may also find useful.

[How to help yourself, your kids and others](#) – BBC News article

[5 ways to talk to children about the conflict](#) - Save the Children

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround> - BBC Newsround articles

[The Education Hub](#) - Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about the crisis and how to help them avoid misinformation.

If you feel concerned about your child in relation to the Ukraine crisis, or in any aspect of school life, please do contact the class teacher.

A warm welcome

We are delighted to offer a very warm welcome to Simeon, who this week has joined Class 4B, and Tharun, who has joined Class 5G. We hope that they and their families will be very happy in our school community.

Inset Day – 28th February

We had a positive and helpful training day on Monday, led by Jacqueline Laver, the school's Challenge and Support Partner. The staff considered 'challenge for all' in line with an action point from the school's last Ofsted report and the current School Development Plan. This will be a continued focus in all aspects of teaching and learning, with, in the short term, an emphasis on questioning. Further training will continue this term through our Professional Development meetings.

Celebrating Book Week

What a lovely Book Week it has been! I really hope the children have come home to tell you all about the activities and visitors we have had across the school. The love for reading, stories and books has been so evident, and sharing this love and enthusiasm has undoubtedly inspired others to pick up a book and to know they are a reader.

The array of pyjamas outfits for World Book Day, was great fun, too – thank you for supporting this. Next week, we will have a full write up about all of the activities, but meanwhile, thank you very much indeed to Mrs Button for organising the week, to our visiting authors - who were amazing, and to our NPSA for funding these visits.

Your child's weekly learning update on Google Classroom

Please remember to read the blog on your child's Google Classroom Stream to find out what has been happening this week in their class. They are so informative and reflect a full and active week of learning and opportunity. Please write a comment, in response, if you value these updates.

Eat Them to Defeat Them!

The national campaign, 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' has started - each child should have brought home a pack of information, to support getting involved. The campaign is to promote healthy eating, with a focus on trying a variety of vegetables. This week, the focus was on eating carrots - those children who eat them in their school meal, or in their lunch box, will receive a sticker. Next week, it's peppers!

Parents' Evenings and the opportunity to view your child's learning

Parents' Evenings are planned for Thursday 24th and Tuesday 29th March. These will be held online via School Cloud and online bookings will be opened on Wednesday 9th March at 7pm. Prior to the online meeting, we invite you to visit your child's classroom, with your child, to view their books between 3.25pm and 4.00pm on Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th or Friday 18th March. So that books can be prepared, a live form will be issued on Wednesday 9th March, for you to select the date you will visit.

Newbridge Surgery – a request

Again, I have been contacted by Newbridge Surgery, to complain that parents continue to park in their allocated spaces for the means of school drop off and collection. Please know, that in doing this, spaces are not available for those who need to access the surgery.

Vacancy - School Meals Supervisory Assistant

Would you like to work in our school? 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 play. If you are interested, please contact the school office or email enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk.

Covid-19 - Government guidance and school measures

On Friday 25th February, I issued a letter updating you on current guidance with regard to Covid-19. To review this information, please follow this link <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/about-us/welcome>.

It is important to acknowledge that Covid-19 has not gone away and that we will continue to be aware of positive cases in our school community. We, therefore, continue to have a shared responsibility to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19 through continuing to implement key control measures and by following Public Health advice.

With this, it is a priority to move forward, in line with the revised guidance, and to adopt increasing normality, to ensure that pupils face limited disruption and are provided with opportunities to thrive.

Going forward

- The full assembly timetable will be in place.
- Meetings with parents will be face to face or via Teams/Zoom, by appointment.
- The programme of extra-curricular activities will continue in full.
- From 7th March, all lunches will be eaten in the dining halls.
- PE kits will continue to be worn on PE days.
- Year groups will be able to mix for activities across the school.
- Pupils in Breakfast Club and After School Club will no longer be separated by age/year group and will mix as they wish.
- We will recommend that all visitors to the school should wear a face covering.
- Drop off and pick up arrangements will remain the same.
- CO2 monitors will be in place in classrooms. These will indicate good ventilation and when windows should be fully opened. All other spaces will be well ventilated.
- Hygiene messages will be promoted at all times. Staff will remind children about good handwashing routines and these will take place throughout the day, along with the use of hand sanitiser.

Email address for parents

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

With very best wishes for a good weekend,

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Bee Oakley-Bay L & Leo D
1EO Duru Nia C & Ada H
2T Alba M & Tommy E
3OG Poppy H & Sam G
4B Ettie P & Katie M
5G Tharun P & Ryan S
6B Max F & Connie S

Ladybird Henry O & Marc R-B
1R Ella E & Nell W
2A William B & Harrison H
3C Chloe G & Bethan T
4KR Elisa P & Henry B
5HT Thomas P & Javari F
6H Rafaela V & Ollie M

Music Stars of the Week

Felix K & Ellie M



WORLD BOOK DAY FUN







BLACK OUT POEMS AND ACROSTIC POEMS WRITTEN BY YEAR 6

