



Monday 14th March

- Parents to view books in classrooms 3.25pm-4.00pm

Tuesday 15th March

- Forest School for 2T

Wednesday 16th March

- Forest School for 4KR
- Parents to view books in classrooms 3.25pm-4.00pm

Friday 18th March

- Parents to view books in classrooms 3.25pm-4.00pm

Tuesday 22nd March

- Forest School for 2A

Wednesday 23rd March

- Forest School for 4B
- Volunteer Meeting 9.00am - 9.45am

Thursday 24th March

- Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud

Friday 25th March

- Feel Good Friday

Tuesday 29th March

- Parents' Evening via SchoolCloud

Dear Parents and Carers

The whole school is sensing more normality this week. We have had assemblies across the school and lunch in the dining halls, which the children have coped very well with. It is nearly two years on from all of the turmoil of first closing this school, and this feels like a good place to be.

Supporting the Ukrainian Crisis

We have planned how we would like to raise funds to donate to the Disasters Emergency Committee, to support the Ukrainian crisis. Firstly, the staff will hold a netball match, after school on Friday 18th March, on the Upper School playground. Families are invited to watch and make a donation, should they wish. There will also be a cake sale, led by the staff, on the playground at this time. Secondly, all of the classes will make meaningful items to sell in return for a £1 minimum donation, after school, on Friday 25th March. This will be a Feel Good Friday, and it will be themed 'Feeling good about helping others'. The items that the children will make and sell will be associated with sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine, and friendship, including bookmarks, friendship bracelets and ribbons of hope. There will be another cake sale at this time, very kindly led by a family who wishes to donate cakes to raise funds, too. We will publish further details of the sale nearer the time. In addition, the children will create sunflowers, to display around the school site, to show our respect. We also hope to plant sunflowers.

Dealing with the news about what is happening is difficult to comprehend and is very upsetting. These are some links, the same as I shared last week, which you may find helpful to offer support.

[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.

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

Please remember to sign up for the online Parents' Evenings planned for Thursday 24th and Tuesday 29th March. The bookings opened on Wednesday 9th March, with a letter sent this day with full details. You are also invited to book a visit to your child's classroom to view their books between 3.25pm and 4.00pm on Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th or Friday 18th March. A live form was issued, within the letter sent to you, to select one of the dates.

Year 5 Take Off!

When each year group launches a new learning enquiry, they plan a 'wow' or a 'hook' to grab the children's attention and to immerse them in their learning. On Tuesday morning, I was told that I must visit Year 5. As I made my way down the corridor, towards their classrooms, I was greeted with such great hilarity and shrieking. I couldn't imagine what I was going to find. Each classroom had been set out like the inside of an aeroplane and the children had been welcomed aboard, using their Newbridge Airways boarding cards, by Newbridge Airways staff looking the part. The children were taking off with an online flight simulator, admiring views of geographical landmarks around the world, such as The Nile. They were all having so much fun, it was just brilliant to see. Following this, the children met a special visitor online. Please read more about this and their memorable day further in the newsletter.

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 they have been up to this week. They reflect a full and active week of learning across the curriculum and always include photographs. Please write a comment, in response, if you value these updates.

Newbridge Gallery

All of the images that have been in the previous term's newsletters have been uploaded to the website. Please see

<https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/newbridge-photo-gallery-term-3-2021-2022> as you will be able to download any images you wish to save.

Eat Them to Defeat Them!

Well done to everyone who is engaging in the national campaign, 'Eat Them to Defeat Them'. The campaign is to promote healthy eating, with a focus on trying a variety of vegetables. This week, the focus was on eating peppers - those children who ate them in their school meal, or in their lunch box, receive a sticker. Next week, the focus vegetable is broccoli!

Our NPSA

Many thanks to those who attended the face to face meeting of the NPSA on Wednesday evening. We are keen to have more events in the summer term, such as the BBQ and the Summer Fair, and need to ensure we have enough volunteers to run these. Your class reps will issue updates over the coming weeks – if you would like to get involved, now that we can plan for these usual events, we welcome your support.

If you have not booked a place for your team at the Quiz Night on Friday 1st April, please follow this link <https://npsabath.org/events/> to do so. It is always a brilliant evening and will be such a good opportunity to rebuild our sense of community.

Covid-19 - Government guidance and school measures

As anticipated there continue to be cases of Covid-19 across our school community. There has been a rapid increase of cases in Year 1 and this cohort received a 'warn and inform' letter on Wednesday, following advice from Public Health.

Please can I ask you to take note of the letter I issued on Friday 25th February, 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>. We have a shared responsibility to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19 through acting on this guidance and by continuing to implement key control measures and following Public Health advice.

It continues to be a priority to move forward, in line with 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 is in place.
- Meetings with parents can be face to face or via Teams/Zoom, by appointment.
- The programme of extra-curricular activities will continue in full.
- All lunches are eaten in the dining halls.
- PE kits will continue to be worn on PE days.
- Year groups can mix for activities across the school.
- Pupils in Breakfast Club and After School Club can mix as they wish.
- Drop off and pick up arrangements remain the same.
- We recommend that all visitors to the school wear a face covering.
- CO2 monitors are 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 are promoted at all times. Staff 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

I wish you a good weekend.

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Bee	Ruairi H & Louis R	Ladybird	Jacob S-G & Matilda S
1EO	Florence D & Riya G	1R	Stanley M & Angus P
2T	Olivia K & Niki P	2A	Eddie M & Audrey E
3OG	Sophia W & Finley P	3C	Flora K & Florrie S
4B	Seb S & Maya C-L	4KR	Mason N-J & Daniel P
5G	Minnie F & Phoebe W	5HT	Astrid G & Joseph B
6B	Tilly G & Josh S	6H	Jasmine H & Jacob W

Music Stars of the Week

Poppy H & Isobel F



BOOK WEEK

What a fabulous week and a bit we had!

We were incredibly lucky that we were able to invite five authors and illustrators into school to talk to the children. This was thanks to the generosity of the NPSA who funded all the visitors.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 had an assembly and workshops led by Maudie Smith, who was sharing her new book 'My Must Have Mum'. All the children I spoke to enjoyed meeting a 'real-life author' and the fact that she had been an actor was a bonus!

Key Stage 2 met with three authors throughout the week: Rachel Delahaye, Emma Read and Fleur Hitchcock - and were totally inspired to start writing their own books. Rachel spoke to the whole of Key Stage 2 about how she became an author and how it is possible for anyone to become one. Emma has devised a competition for Year 3 and 4 children to take part in – you will find more information about this on Google Classroom. Fleur engaged the children with an excerpt from her latest book and also tantalised us with the front cover of her new book, out in September. Year 6 were also lucky enough to have an illustrator, Estelle Corke, come in and run workshops. From these they created their own books based on illustration ideas she shared with them.

On Thursday, it was fabulous to see all the school dressed in their pyjamas with their favourite books. I was lucky enough to pop into EYFS and see the children engaged in book related activities. The children also shared some of their favourite books in assemblies at the end of the day and it was a joy to see children speaking so enthusiastically about their reading journey and favourite books and authors.

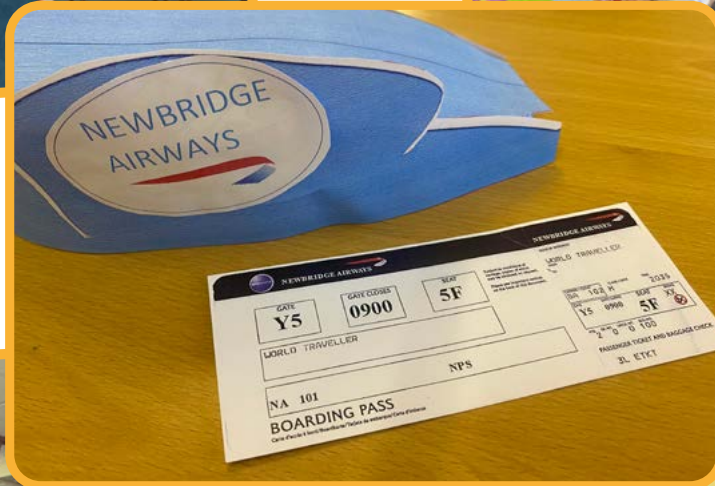
Many thanks for all your support over the week and I hope that you are enjoying sharing the books the children bought.

Kirsty Button
English Lead



YEAR 5 'WOW' DAY

On Tuesday, Year 5 launched their enquiry into rivers and water. The children were welcomed aboard Newbridge Airways, where they were treated to a virtual flight down some of the world's most famous rivers. They also got to speak to Ian Baird, who has just finished rowing the Atlantic. The children had to use geographical questions to try and locate where in the world Ian was calling us from, and traced his journey on their blow-up globes and atlases.





MEETING FOR MATHS & READING VOLUNTEERS



Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Evans
Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone
by J K Rowling
The Astounding Broccoli Boy
by Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie
Wonder - RJ Palacio
What a Waste: Trash, Recycling,
and Protecting Our Planet



So that we can provide training to willing volunteers who wish to offer their support with Maths and Reading across the school, we are holding a meeting on Wednesday 23rd March at 9.00am to 9.45am.

Please complete the live form below, the venue will be confirmed.

<https://forms.office.com/r/s5RpMzXrbp>



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