

**Tuesday 22nd March**

- Forest School for 2A

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- 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
- Forest School for 2T

Wednesday 30th March

- Forest School for 4KR

Monday 4th April

- Year 1 Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum

Friday 8th April

- End of Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers

It is two years today that the school closed for the first time. I can remember the raw emotion of this day and week so vividly. I expect many of you can, too. Two years on, we are certainly rebuilding, and the events that have taken place this week further cement much welcomed normality and all that school life should offer - it has been a brilliant week.

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

Thank you to everyone who came to visit classrooms and share the learning books, prior to Parents' Evening - we hope you found this helpful. Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place on Thursday 24th and Tuesday 29th March. The bookings for these will close on Monday 21st March at 12 midday.

Supporting the Ukrainian Crisis

Thank you to all those who came along to support the staff netball match and cake sale after school today, with donations for the DEC. This was great fun and it was so good to see our community back together again. Through your generosity and support, we raised an incredible £500.

Across the school today, all of the classes have been making meaningful items to sell after school next Friday, 25th March. Such a distinct atmosphere was created in doing this - with all of the children crafting and making art, there was a positive hive of activity, yet time for calm, reflection and talking together. The whole school, having a common goal, giving back and being positive together, felt so incredibly special.

The items the children have made are associated with sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine, and friendship. There will be another cake sale next Friday, too, kindly organised by one of our families. All of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Year 5 Netball Tournament

It was so good to see the first school sports team, for two years, leave to compete in a Netball Tournament organised by the School Sport Partnership and played at Ralph Allen School. Having committed to weekly training, alongside others in their year group, Lauren, Ursie, Mina, Evie, Mia, Isabelle and Hattie were fantastic ambassadors and represented our school with pride and enjoyment. The team could not have achieved this without the full support of Mrs Slinn, who trains the children weekly and shares her passion for netball. Please read on for the report written by Isabelle.

Year 6 Rugby Tournament

There was another sporting highlight on Thursday, when the Year 6 Tag Rugby team made their way to Odd Down Sports Ground to compete in their first tournament. Henry, Otis, Max, Jasmine, Reuben, Lexi, Mabel, Samuel, Henry, Clement, Ollie and Noah all had a brilliant time, and came back to school beaming about their achievements. We are so proud of them all. Please read on for a report written by Emma and Henry.

Class 4B perform at Oldfield School

We have good links with Oldfield School and were delighted to recommence in activities they offer, when Class 4B attended a multi-sports tournament on Thursday afternoon. All of the children were fantastic, and despite the very soggy walk to Oldfield, they enjoyed all of the sports on offer. Our children were again great representatives, and in their performances were encouraged by Oldfield students, many of whom were former Newbridge pupils. This was a super event and we are looking forward to further opportunities to work alongside Oldfield School, to support and strengthen curriculum links.

Staffing

A long-standing member of our team is leaving at the end of this term. After 25 years of teaching, Mr Hempleman has decided to resign from his position and leave the teaching profession to explore a new venture. For those of you who know him, I am sure you will agree that this is a substantial loss to Newbridge Primary School and to education. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Mr Hempleman throughout his career. His excellence is admirable, and I could never have expected any more of him - he has given his all to every role he has held. His true professionalism and care for the children's needs and academic standards, has, and continues to be, outstanding. As a senior leader, he has continually lived out and promoted our school values and vision, and has been intrinsic to the school's development and it moving forward. Whilst I am saddened about Mr Hempleman's decision, I am extremely pleased that, with his wife, he has a new and exciting opportunity ahead - one which I know he will relish and be equally successful in.

THANK YOU!
TODAY, WE RAISED
AN
AMAZING £500
FOR THE
DEC IN SUPPORT
OF UKRAINE

We are currently recruiting for a temporary member of the Senior Leadership Team for Terms 5 and 6 and also for a permanent member of the team, from September. Meanwhile, Mrs Amor, will move from her teaching position in Year 2, to teach Class 6H for the remainder of the school year, and Miss Young will teach Class 2A, full time.

Mrs Seek, a long-standing Teaching Assistant, will retire from her role at the start of Term 5. Mrs Seek has supported many, many children over 20 years of work. Her association with the school exceeds this time, as her four children all attended Newbridge. She is retiring to spend more time with them and her grandchildren.

In other news, we offer our congratulations to Mrs Titchener, a Year 2 teacher, who is expecting a baby in August.

Volunteers' Meeting

If you did not see it in the newsletter last week, this is the link to sign-up for training to be a Reading or Maths volunteer <https://forms.office.com/r/s5RpMzXrbp>. The meeting will held on Wednesday 23rd March at 9am, in the Blue Room. I know many parents have obtained a DBS recently, but all volunteers will require one, processed by Newbridge Primary School.

Parking Considerately

I have again been contacted by the Newbridge Surgery, to complain that parents are parking in spaces allocated for patients, at drop off and collection times of the school day. On behalf of the surgery, please can I ask parents to refrain from doing this. I have also been contacted by a local resident, who has complained about inconsiderate parking on our neighbouring roads, and has sent photographs. Again, please can I remind parents to always consider the safety of others when parking. I have no jurisdiction beyond the school gates, but have contacted the Community Police Officer.

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 broccoli - those children who ate it in their school meal, or in their lunch box, received a sticker. Next week, the focus vegetable is tomatoes!

Email address for parents

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

I hope you can enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

With best wishes,

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Bee	Mae Y & Magnus B	Ladybird	Luke W & Isabelle C
1EO	Mia Louise N-J & Benjamin B	1R	Alice L & Matilda S
2T	Victor B & Cash G	2A	Anisa G & Felix B
3OG	Fern D & James W	3C	Harry A & Flynn N
4B	Nora B & Oli R	4KR	Millie M & Emma H
5G	Fred S & Ben L	5HT	Macie H & Iris H
6B	Sophie P & Bill G	6H	Eva S & Charlotte M

Music Stars of the Week

Thai P & Rufus K



SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK

On a Monday and Tuesday lunchtime the library is open for Years 3 to 6. We have librarians from Year 6 who help to tidy, organise and record books taken. We are all excited about this!

Mrs Button and Mrs Bartlett



MULTI SKILLS AFTERNOON

On Wednesday, 4B walked to Oldfield School to take part in a multi skills afternoon, which was organised and led by the Year 9 Sports Leaders. The children were brilliant! They didn't complain about the weather and once we arrived at Oldfield, they threw themselves into all the activities: athletics, basketball, football and benchball. They listened really carefully to the leaders and worked well as teams.

It was so lovely watching the children thoroughly enjoying using the facilities at Oldfield and working alongside the Year 9 pupils, many of whom were Newbridge past pupils. What a wonderful way to spend a wet Wednesday afternoon.



NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tuesday saw our Year 5 Netball team travel to Ralph Allen to take part in the BANES Bee tournament, the first in 2 years!

It was a brilliant afternoon and the team did incredibly well. They played 3 games and through each one, we saw them develop their skills, team work and resilience. We were really proud of them all enjoyed cheering them on, on the side lines.

A huge thank you to Mrs Slinn who coached and organised the team. Thanks also to the parents who transported the children and made sure they were hydrated and had great snacks to keep them going.



Isabelle had this to say

After we arrived, we started with a simple, average netball warm-up. Once we had finished our warm-up, we had a quick rest and found out who we were playing against. The first game had four quarters so we could swap positions. Sadly, the end result was 1-6 but it was great fun.

RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, twelve Year 6 pupils played in a rugby tournament with 15 other schools at Odd Down Sports Ground. The team members were: Emma, Jasmine, Lexi, Mabel, Samuel, Rueben, Henry, Clement, Max, Otis, Ollie and Noah.

The team met at Odd Down at 9.00am and the tournament started at 9.45am. We managed to beat the first team we played, St John's, and we then won the next two games!

Following this, all of the teams met, and it was announced who would play in the cup final and the plate final. We got into the cup final, but the first team we played (Saltford) beat us 6-5 which meant we unfortunately were eliminated.

We came back to school having had an excellent time. We all thoroughly enjoyed our experience, despite the fact that we didn't proceed to the next round. We are happy that we had this opportunity and we would like to say our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Seaborne, who coached us and supported us from the sidelines. We would also like to thank our parents for organising transport.

by Henry and Emma



YEAR 3 children took pride in preparing meaningful items to sell to support the Ukrainian Crisis



YEAR 4

making friendship bracelets, bunting, salt dough sunflowers and paintings.



YEAR 6 have been crocheting, knitting, making origami hearts, peace ribbons and pompoms.





MORE CRAFTING FOR UKRAINE



