

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 31/03/21

- Parents' Evening

INSET Days 2020/2021

- Thursday 1st April 2021
- Friday 25th June 2021
- Wednesday 21st July 2021

INSET Days 2021/2022

- Thursday 2nd September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Monday 28th February 2022
- Friday 24th June 2022
- Friday 22nd July 2022

Friday 26th March, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have completed three weeks of the full return to school and the children have done remarkably well. Whilst the Easter holiday will be upon us very soon, I do think that everyone will be in need of a rest at this point, both children and staff. The children are all having to build up their stamina and this three and a half week return period will serve everyone well for Terms 5 and 6.

There will not be a full newsletter next week, but please look on your child's Google Classroom stream on Wednesday, as some videos will be posted from the classes.

Safety and Procedures

Supporting children and young peoples' mental health

Please find below very useful and practical guidance that can be accessed if you are concerned about a child's or young person's mental health and well-being. This was updated on 16th March 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

This following list of organisations is within the document, but I have copied them here for quick reference.

[Every Mind Matters](#) provides [advice and practical tips for parents and carers](#) on looking after a child's or young person's mental health and [self-care advice for young people](#).

If you're concerned about a child or young person's mental health, you can get free, confidential advice via phone, email or webchat from the [Young Minds Parents Helpline](#).

[Action for Children](#) has lots of tips to help you spot signs of mental health issues in children and provides advice on the action you can take to help.

Barnardo's has also set up the [See, Hear, Respond support hub](#) – a dedicated service to help children, young people and their families or carers with problems caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

You can get [Psychological First Aid training](#) on how to support children and young people's mental health during emergencies like COVID-19 and crisis situations. This course has been developed by Public Health England and is for anyone who provides care for, or works with, children and young people, including parents and caregivers.

Symptoms of Covid-19

The school must be informed as soon as possible of a pupil with Covid-19 symptoms. The pupil must isolate until a negative PCR test result has been received, or in the event of a positive result, isolate for ten days, along with all household members. Any siblings of pupils with symptoms of Covid-19 must not be sent to school and must isolate at home with all household members.

The outcome of any PCR test must be shared with the school immediately.

To book a PCR test follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

The symptoms are:

- **A high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature).
- **A new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- **A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

Reason for absence

Please can we ask, that when parents contact the office to inform the school of a child's absence that a full reason for the absence is provided, including symptoms of any illness. Please can parents also contact the school on each day of absence, by 9.30am.

Childcare bubbles

Please note that there remains strict guidance around the use of childcare bubbles, when eligible. Here is the government link, updated on 24th March.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household>

Updates this week**Parents' Evening**

Thank you to the parents who attended the meetings on Tuesday evening, I hope these were helpful in knowing more about your child's return to school. A high number of appointments were missed on the evening and the teachers do not have the capacity for these meetings to be offered again. The second parents' evening is on Wednesday 31st March.

NPSA meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the NPSA Zoom meeting on Wednesday evening. I appreciate the support and effort of the committee members, class representatives and attendees who are continuing to find ways to organise events and activities for our community when it is so much more difficult to do so. Please read the NPSA newsletter to keep updated with current activities, which include the brilliantly planned Escape Room, the request for your favourite recipes and the next Bags2School drop off date.

Dogs on site

Please know that dogs are not permitted on the school site. Also, when outside the gate, please can I ask that all dogs are kept on a lead.

PE Kit and School Uniform

For the start of Term 5, please can all children attend school with the full and expected uniform items.

Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Welcome

We offer Emily and her family a very warm welcome as she joins with us in Year 6. We are very much looking forward to getting to know her and her being a part of our school community.

End of Term

Please remember that the children will finish school on Wednesday 31st March, as Thursday 1st April is an Inset day. All children will return to school on Monday 19th April.

Take care and I hope you can have a restful weekend,



Gill Kennaugh

REQUEST

If you have any unwanted Duplo and/or Lego bricks you could donate to school, it would be greatly appreciated. Ideally, we need a mix of coloured bricks and a couple of the building boards. It is to run an intervention that uses the bricks to support word and sentence construction.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Kiki G & Oli G

1K Tommy E & Leona K

2T Finley P & Clara W

3OG Shahan S & Julia F-G

4C Henry J & Evie D

5B Ellie M & Megan T-B

6B Ruben H & Esmee T

Ladybird Lucy W & Jos P

1R Precious F & Harrison H

2G Isobel M & Harry A

3KR Alden R & Oliver R

4H Macie H & Fred E

5H Phoebe B & Matthew D

6A Sam W & Zac L



CURRICULUM CORNER

Super Spellings!

SPOT THE SPELLING PATTERN

Can you spot the **spelling pattern** in your spellings?

Now think of **5** other words that have the same
spelling pattern.

Can you put these words into a sentence?

SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK

This week in the forest, **BEE CLASS** had great fun hunting for numbered Easter eggs!



In **LADYBIRD CLASS** this week, we have been making the most out of the blue skies, playing outdoors with our friends from Bee Class!



YEAR 1



Learning and practising road safety.



2G colouring in their Ted Harrison inspired artwork using bold, bright colours.



2T enjoyed creating Arctic artwork in the style of Ted Harrison

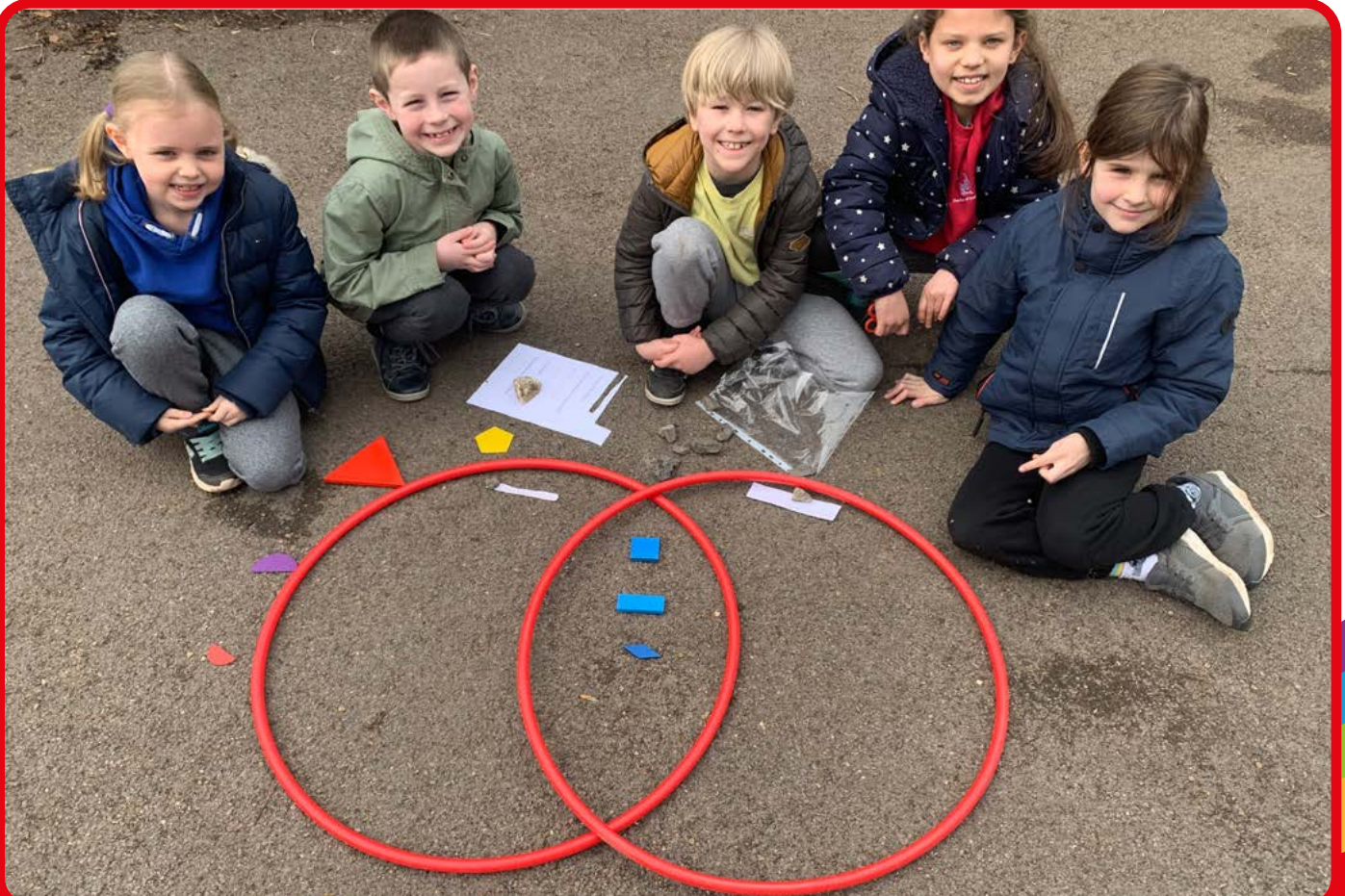


3OG

investigated measuring
perimeter in the
playground



3KR exploring Venn diagrams to sort 2D shapes



4C outside planning their Roman Myth



4H acting out the digestive system!



In **5B** this week, we have had great fun converting fractions into decimals through playing games.



5H playing netball in the sun!



YEAR 6 and their superhero masks. They loved making these last Friday.



Would you like to work with children in your local school?

We are strongly committed to enabling each child access to a broad, enriched education of the highest quality. Our aspiration is to be the best we can be and are ambitious about what we can achieve for our children. The following post offers an opportunity to be part of a supportive, caring and committed school community who have high expectations of themselves and each other.

From April 2021, we would like to appoint a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to cover the following hours:

Monday - Friday

11.45am - 1.15pm


£9.62 per hour

The ideal candidate would have to:

- Be patient and caring
- Be dedicated to all children achieving the best they can
- Be an excellent team player
- Be resilient and energetic

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. We follow safer recruitment practices and appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Please contact Newbridge Primary School on 01225 421675 or email us at
newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk

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