

NEWSLETTER

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INSET Days 2020/2021

- 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

We currently have an opportunity available to be a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested in this role, please see details further in the newsletter.

Friday 30th April, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week. It has been business as usual in school as we get into the step of the term. Please note that Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday and therefore the children will not return to school until Tuesday 4th May.

Extra-Curricular activities

Parents in Years 3 to 6 will know that extra-curricular activities, which can be held outdoors, are recommencing from Tuesday 4th May. This is great news and certainly gives a sense of increased normality.

If you have signed up for any of these activities for your child(ren), please can I ask that you support them in knowing where the meeting point is for the activity, where their belongings should be placed and where the activity will be held. Please also check what should be worn for the activity. The details of this were sent by email and are also on the website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/clubs>. For all activities, the children will enter and leave via the Charmouth Road gate. The activity leader will oversee this. Please can all parents and carers be on time for drop-off and collection to enable a smooth running of these new arrangements.

Well done, Noah!

Noah, from Year 5, was recently recognised for his winning entry in a competition to design a badge for his Cubs group to mark its centenary. As a result, the badge was produced and he was presented with it, alongside the other members of the group. What a lovely achievement.

Feel Good Friday

Today the children have been supported to focus on the theme of understanding and managing stress with age-appropriate ideas from the Anna Freud Charity. You can visit the website at <https://www.annafreud.org/>

Please find below useful and practical guidance issued by the government that can be accessed if you are concerned about a child's or young person's mental health and well-being.

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

Full uniform required

Please can I remind you that all children are required to wear full uniform, and this includes PE kit. It seems a number of children are choosing to wear hoodies, when their sweatshirts are in their bag. Please can parents remind children of uniform requirements.

Doodle Applications

Please remember that all pupils have access to Doodle Maths and Doodle English. There is a poster in this newsletter about this and further information will follow next week, setting out how this platform will be used for homework activities going forward.

Parking and waiting

Again I have been contacted by concerned neighbours about parents parking on local roads in an inconsiderate manner or dangerously. Whilst in my role I have no jurisdiction outside of the school gates, I hope that all parents will consider the safety of families when using local roads.

Twice weekly rapid testing available to everyone

Everyone is now able to access Lateral Flow Devices for rapid testing. Please access this link for information [Twice weekly rapid tests for coronavirus](#).

Face Coverings

Please note, that for everyone's safety, face coverings must still be worn on the school site and are strongly advised at the school gates.

Congratulations!

We all send best wishes and congratulations to Mr Handson and his wife, who had a baby boy – Theo, on Saturday. They are all doing well.

Have a lovely, long weekend.

Yours sincerely

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Bee Ben T & Georgie K
1K Emma R & Freja K
2T Christopher L & Reuben J
3OG Thomas M & Ruben T
4C Josh B & Lauren U
5B Mohamed S & N Francis
6B Harry G & Gracie B

Ladybird Sarafina D & George R
1R Rory W & Jack T
2G Nancy B-J & Thomas C
3KR Skye T & Spike F
4H Isabelle G & Scarlett S
5H C Spalding & E Warner
6A Louis F & Jacob P

CURRICULUM CORNER

Super Spellings!

TELL A STORY OR POEM

Use all of your spelling words in a short story or poem that makes sense! **Underline your words with a ruler.**



SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK

This week, **LADYBIRD** and **BEE** classes have been looking at the story of the Hare and the Tortoise. We all went to the field to act out the story, walking slow and steady like the tortoise and then running and resting like the hare!



YEAR 1 comparing weight in maths.



2T enjoyed creating and performing calming pieces of music this week.



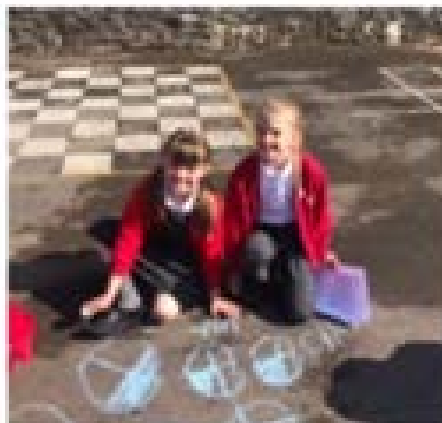
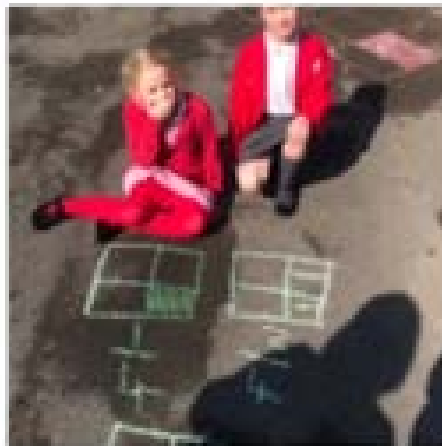
2G enjoying the outdoors.



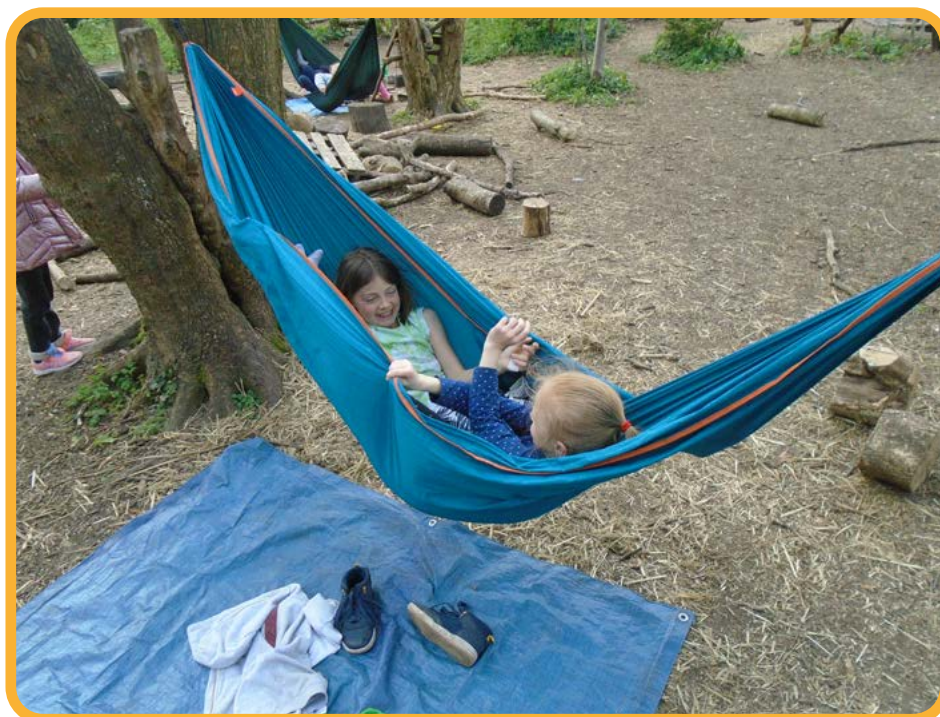
3KR's ball skills in P.E.



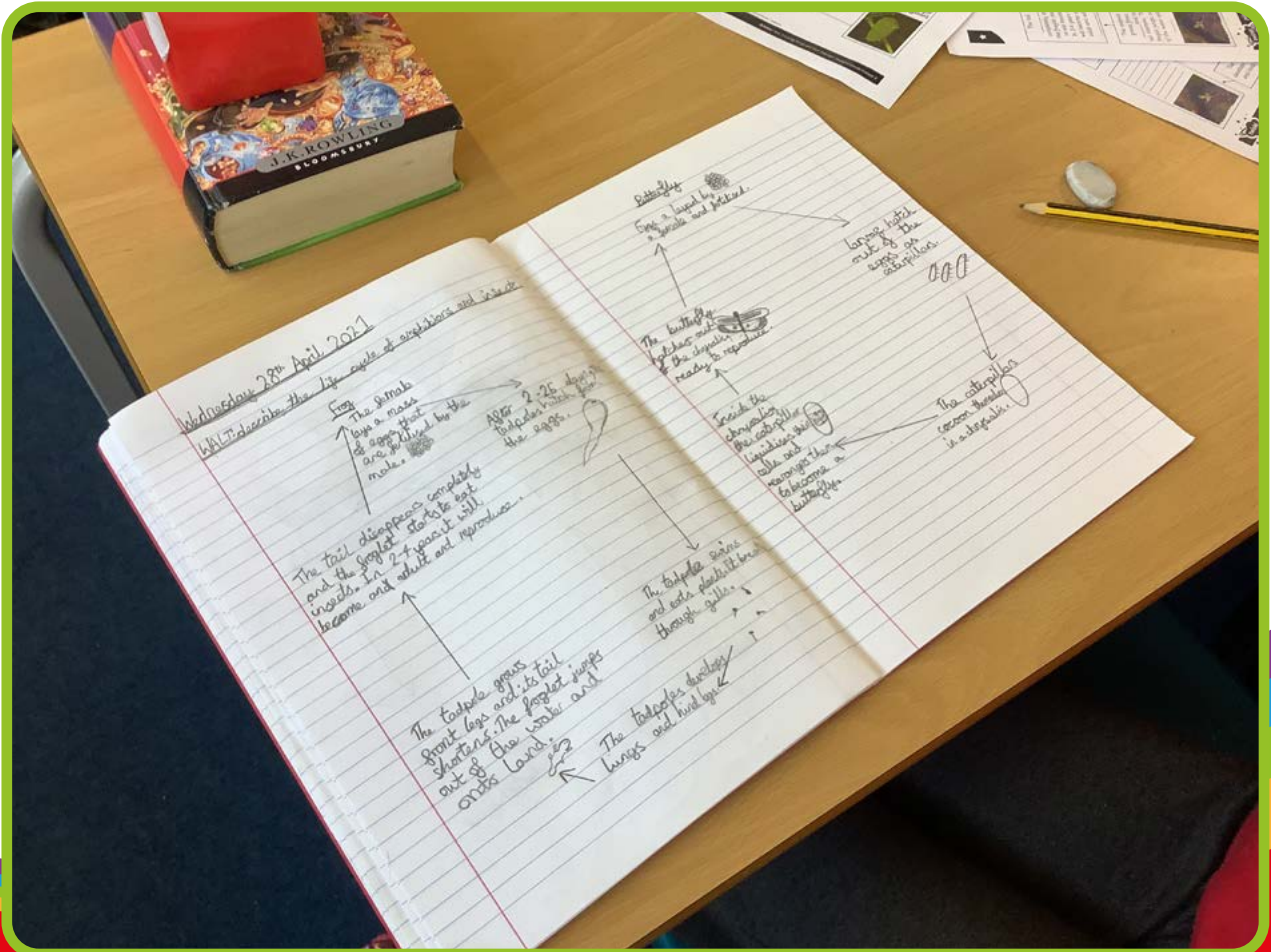
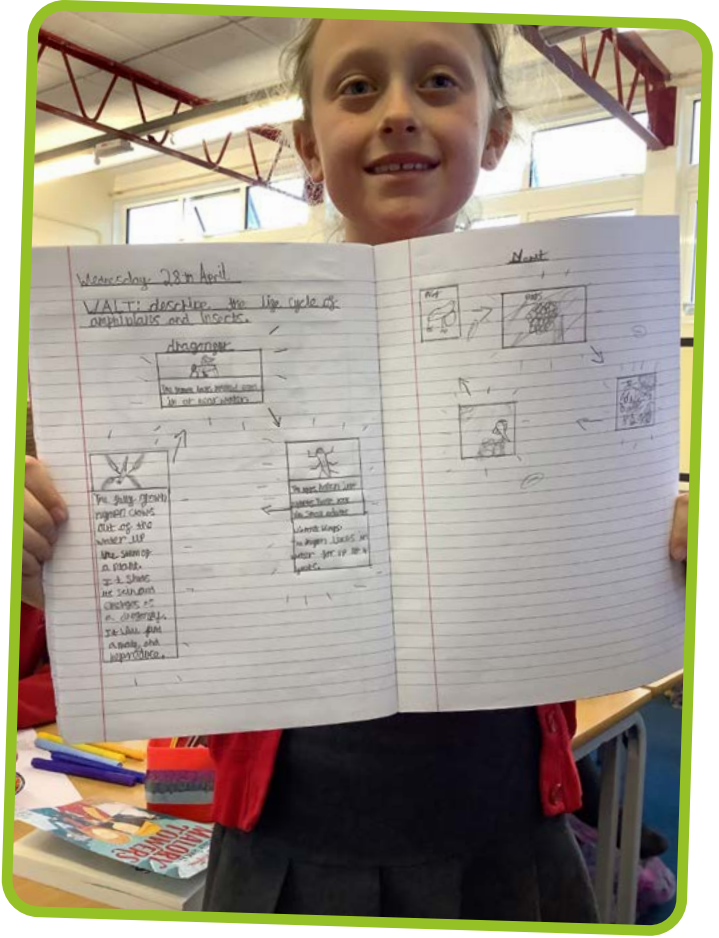
3OG went outside to consolidate this week's learning in maths (representing fractions).



YEAR 4 learning different knots in Forest School.



YEAR 5 learning about the life cycle of amphibians and insects.





YEAR 6 PSHE -
finding out we are
all linked to each
other...

...and using
glockenspiels in a
music lesson, to play
'The Fresh Prince of
Bel Air'.



Our **Whole School Home Learning** is DoodleMaths

- the award-winning homework programme!

Every child has a subscription to Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables. **All children can benefit** from using the apps. Below are some tips from our top doodlers on how to develop a **good study habit** at home and complete your **homework tasks**!



- **Independent** - Let your child work through their 5/6/7/8/9 or 10 -a-day exercise without any help - encourage them to do it independently and if they're really unsure, guess! The app is tailored to your child and creates a personalised work programme for them.
- **Daily routine** - Try doodling before school or set it as the first task for getting home. Developing maths skills will soon become part of the daily routine.
- **Reward** - Most importantly, it's fun and engaging, with motivational collectables, educational games and seasonal

Challenges to take part in. Teachers award house points for completing homework and meeting their target number of stars each week.

If you have any questions, please visit help.doodlehq.com or speak to a member of the Doodle team by clicking on the green chat icon on the website.

Happy Doodling!

"I love it!" Arthur - Bee Class

"I like it because you can collect stars and buy things for your robot!" Alba 1K

"I learn more and it boosts my confidence!" Barnaby 3KR

"I like it because it is quick and fun!" Izaac 5H

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

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