

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 9th May

- NPSA second-hand uniform sale

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

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 7th May, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week, and enjoyed the long weekend despite Monday's poor weather.

Doodle applications and homework expectations

You will know that the school has purchased Doodle Maths, Doodle English and Doodle Spell for the children, with the generous support of parental contributions. Many children accessed these apps during school closure and Doodle Maths and Doodle English will now form the homework for all children from Reception to Year 6.

Children are now expected to complete the daily challenges with a minimum target of staying in the 'green zone'. This equates to between 35 and 50 stars each week. We hope that with this being the school's expectation, all children will be further motivated to complete the challenge and improve in and consolidate curriculum linked aspects of English and Maths.

For Year 2 to Year 6, the teachers will set an 'Extra' task for the children. The 'Extras' will be scheduled for a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Friday. This will allow teachers to offer verbal feedback and support children who have not accessed the learning.

Children who access the programme frequently will receive certificates to recognise their commitment and progress. We will be using a 'Doodle Trophy' in classrooms to help motivate some healthy year group competition! If your child is unable to access the programme, please inform your class teacher. Please also ask for your child's username and password to be reissued, if you no longer have it.

Extra-Curricular activities

How fantastic it has been to see the children able to attend outdoor extra-curricular activities this week. It definitely brought a sense of increased normality and positivity. Whilst some activities were very well attended, there are spaces too. Please call the school office if you would like to know which clubs are still available.

Thank you to the Box family!

Thank you to Phoebe and Henry – along with their elder brother, Charlie and their parents, who completed a litter pick for five days during the Easter holiday, for Challenge 21. The family set to work on clearing litter from the hospital site and cleared 14 bags worth, with over 21 bags in total. They also completed their challenge in Twerton, Newbridge and Victoria Park. (Please see photos below). With all of their incredible efforts, they raised a brilliant £288 for NPSA funds! What fantastic Newbridge citizens, upholding our school values too – well done!

Full uniform required

Again, please can I reiterate that all children are required to wear full uniform, and this includes PE kit, at all times. Please can parents remind children of uniform requirements and that they should arrive at school with all items.

NPSA events

You will see from the attached NPSA newsletter that plans are afoot for some usual events towards the end of the school year. Of course, these will be in line with all necessary Covid-19 restrictions at the time, but again it is so positive that we feel able to now think this way. Many volunteers are always needed before, during and after events so please respond to your class representative if you would like to know more about how you can help. It might be that you have joined the school this year and would like to get more involved now that opportunities are starting to arise to do so – we always love to welcome new faces, so please get in touch.

Welcome

This week, we welcome Hussein to Year 6 – already the children have made him feel very welcome. I am sure he and his family will enjoy being a part of our Newbridge community.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Riya G & Olivier F

1K Niki P & Harith A

2T Sam G & Deniz T

3OG Scarlett W & Troy J

4C William S & Leonardo H

5B Isobel F & Finley C

6B Sunny B & Nat W

Ladybird Albie S & Alix M-C

1R Arthur L & Audrey E

2G Eli R & Isla S

3KR Alfie G & Samuel E

4H Javari F & Millie S

5H Mabel O-G & Zachary T-B

6A Sarah S & Humphrey O



CURRICULUM CORNER

Super Spellings!

FANCY LETTERS

Write each of your words using **fancy writing**.

Your letters could be **curly** or **dotty**...

whatever you decide.

SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK

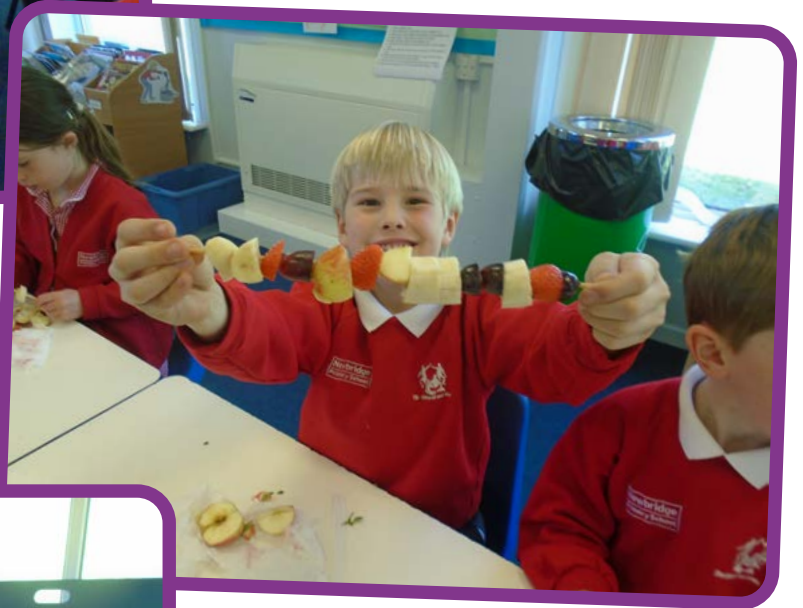
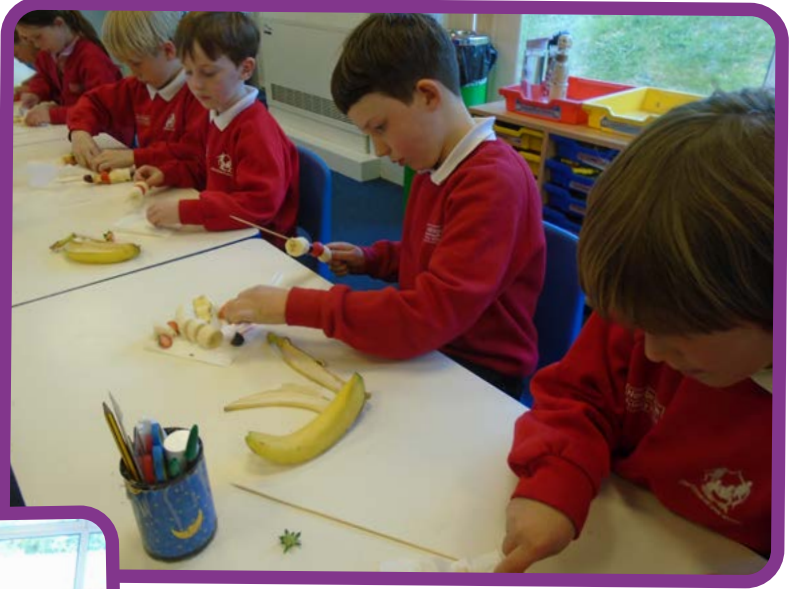
This week, **LADYBIRD** and **BEE** Class have been practising their jumping, rolling and balancing!



YEAR 1 PSHE - Being a good friend.



YEAR 2 learning
how to follow
instructions by
making healthy
fruit kebabs in
English.





YEAR 3 created 'emotion wheels' in Art and practised yoga to manage their feelings.



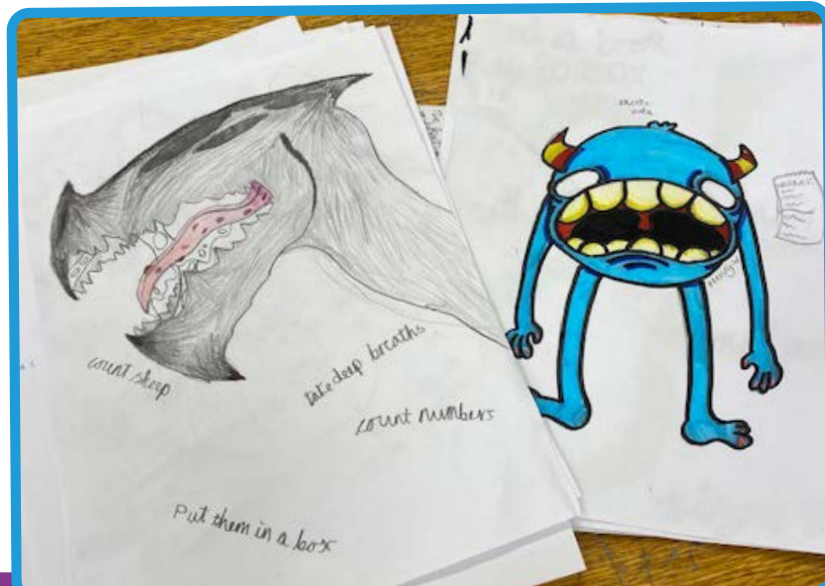
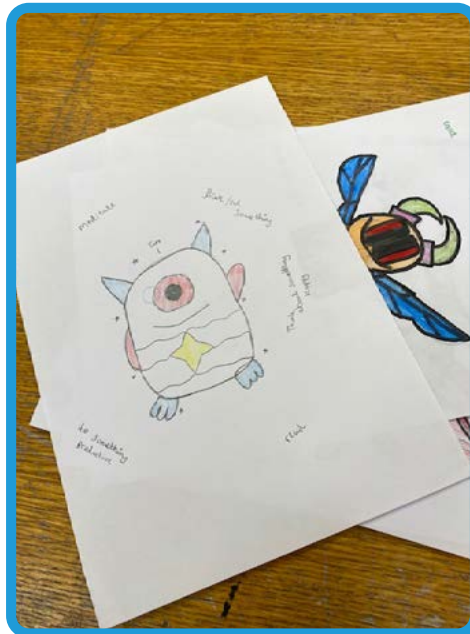
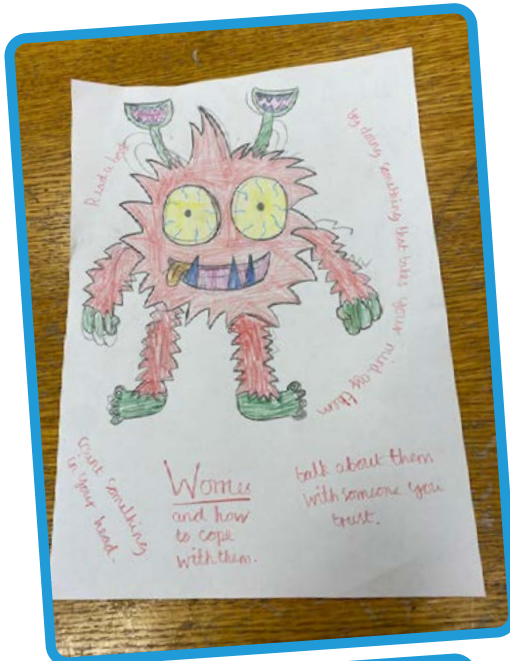
YEAR 4 in Forest School
(right) - creating fire from
sparks using a flint and steel....
....Freeze frames of scenes
from 'Stone Age Boy' by
Satoshi Kitamura to support
writing their own stories
(below).



During this PSHE lesson, **YEAR 5** discussed the topic of peer pressure.



YEAR 6 Year 6 designed 'Worry Monsters' to help them decide what to do in difficult times.



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

NPSA NEWS

Since the children returned to school, the Committee has been busy firming up plans for our main summer event - the Newbridge Primary School Family Fun Day. Please do come along to the next NPSA meeting - details below - to find out more about what is planned for the day, and to see how you can get involved.

Bag2School Fundraising Total

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes & other items for the Bag2School collection. Together you have raised **£267**! That's the largest amount we've ever raised through Bag2School. Thank you!

Second-Hand Uniform Sale 9th May

Please note, that due to the weather forecast this event has now moved to Sunday 9th May

We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale **this weekend**, Sunday 9th May, **at the rear of 48 Locksbrook Road.**

Our pop-up shop will be open from **9.30-11.30am** and from **2-4pm**.

How to find us:

The back of 48 Locksbrook Road is **accessed from Locksbrook Trading Estate**: go all the way down Station Road and follow the road round as it bends to the right. **You need the first gates on the right as you come into the Trading Estate, directly opposite Howdens.** If you need to come by car, there is a small amount of parking in the church car park next to the gates.

If you are coming across the bridge from Lidl, the gates will be to the left, in front of you.

There will be signage and it will be obvious, don't worry!

Please note: the sale will be outdoors, so will be cancelled in the event of rain. If in doubt, please check NPSA social media.

To ensure a Covid-secure event, please:

- wear a mask
- come alone
- use the hand sanitiser provided
- observe social distancing
- make all **payments by card** or exact money only (no change given)

NPSA Meeting 18th May

The next NPSA meeting will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday 18th May at 8pm**. Zoom details will be in the next newsletter. Everyone (not just class reps) is welcome to attend and to contribute ideas. If there is something specific you would like to raise, please email npsabath@gmail.com and we can put that item on the agenda.

Newbridge Primary School Family Fun Day - 10th July

Can you help?

This event - a combined summer fair and family BBQ - is scheduled to take place (weather & Covid restrictions permitting) on **Saturday 10th July**.

We are incredibly grateful to the Bailey family for volunteering to run the BBQ - THANK YOU! - but we will still need lots and lots of volunteers to make this event a success. This week you should all have received an email from your class rep with a list of jobs that need to be done in advance of the fair: **please do help if you can**. We are particularly keen to hear from any musical parents who might like to play or DJ in the latter part of the event.

Later in the term, stalls will be allocated to classes and your class reps will be asking for volunteers to run the stalls during the day, so please do sign up for that too - the more people who help, the less everyone has to do on the day, and the more time we will all have to enjoy what promises to be a fantastic day.

Family Fun Run

The date of the Family Fun Run has **moved to SUNDAY 4th July**. More details nearer the time. (Again, Covid restrictions permitting)



Gardening

Can you help?

Our volunteer gardeners - Kiz Rutherford and Jubal Pallavi - have returned to the allotment this week. The enforced break means there is now a lot of work to be done and they would be very grateful for some help. If you could spare a couple of hours during the week to take care of the allotment, or some of the other garden spaces around school, please do get in touch at npsabath@gmail.com. Social distancing rules will need to be followed.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAKE USE OF THE GIVING MACHINE AND AMAZON SMILE ... EVERY LITTLE HELPS 😊

smile.amazon.co.uk (nominate the NPSA as your chosen charity)
www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/newbridge-primary-school/



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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

