

INSET Days 2020/2021

- Friday 25th June 2021
- Wednesday 21st July 2021

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

Friday 18th June, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The news of restrictions not being lifted on 21st June came as a blow on Monday. We had commenced planning for some events to take place with parents present, however, sadly these will no longer be able to take place in the same way. I'd really hoped that the end of the school year would have brought wider opportunities, for all – it is such a shame, but we will continue to do our best under the circumstances and provide as many end of year activities and processes as we can, safely.

Messages from Public Health this week

As you will be aware, we have seen a rise in the number of cases of Covid-19 across the country, specifically cases of the Delta variant and this remains a cause for concern. With this, please note that there has been no change in the national guidance issued around testing, tracing and containment in schools.

- All adults in families households with children aged under 11 are asked to continue to undertake LFD testing at least twice a week.
- In the event of a positive LFD result, or the onset of COVID symptoms, a PCR test must be taken to confirm the case, and the individual and their contacts must self-isolate immediately.
- Contacts of a positive case are now also encouraged to take a PCR test, even without symptoms, to quickly detect secondary cases. Please note that if a contact's PCR test is negative, they must still continue to isolate for the remainder of their isolation period as they could still be incubating the virus.
- Public Health England recommend that children with non-COVID specific symptoms of acute respiratory infection do not go into school if they are unwell, as a general rule, and seek a PCR test if they (or their families) progress to COVID 19 symptoms whilst unwell.

Year 5 at Great Wood

Our Year 5 pupils have been to, and returned from, Great Wood Camp in Somerset. They spent three days and two nights there in glorious weather. I too, was fortunate to be able to visit for the day on Tuesday. It is such a beautiful site and seeing the children having an amazing time, being supported by brilliant staff, was absolutely worth all of the planning and anticipation around whether or not the trip could happen. It was a perfect trip for the children after everything they have been through over the past fifteen months, and I am very proud of them all for overcoming any challenges, and for giving everything their best shot whilst they were there. Fun was had in activities ranging from archery through to dam building, and I know that many memories will have been made.

Thank you again to the Year 5 parents for getting behind the trip and to Mrs Bartlett, Ms Card, Ms Rhodes, Mrs Milne, Mr Baigent and Miss Chamberlin – without whom the visit could not have happened.

Science Week Competition

Please take time to look at some of the wonderful entries for our Science Week competition – to make a model of an extinct or endangered animal. These are wonderfully creative and so clever. Thank you and well done to everyone who took part – Science Week really was a great hit.

Bath Spa Teachers

Thank you and many congratulations to Miss Chamberlin and Mr Wardle who completed their teacher training placements at Newbridge this week. We have been so fortunate to receive two such positive, proactive, hardworking, caring students. This opportunity is always mutually beneficial and we thank them for all they have brought to Newbridge, our team and our children. We wish Miss Chamberlin and Mr Wardle the very best of luck with their future careers.

Feel Good Thursday – Supporting Rethink Mental Health

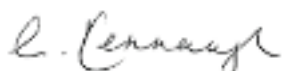
As we are not in school for the last Friday of this month, we will have 'Feel Good Thursday' on 24th June. On this occasion, I would like the school community, if at all possible, to support the charity ReThink Mental Health. This charity is close to the hearts of Newbridge staff and we wish to complete something positive to support the charity's work. Seven laps of the school field is just over one mile, and on this day we are aiming for all of the children and staff to complete this distance. It would look fantastic if the children could wear bright colours to celebrate and reinforce positive messages, and remember to wear shoes that will be suitable for walking or running in. The class teachers will also be talking, as appropriate to age and stage, about what mental health is. ReThink Mental Health <https://www.rethink.org/> is all about taking away any stigma associated with this illness and knowing that it is ok to be talked about and to ask for help. If children are able to bring a donation of £1, for ReThink Mental Health, this will be so gratefully appreciated.

Warm weather safety

We have had some incredibly hot days recently and we wish to ensure all of the children are safe from the sun and heat. Please ensure, even on warm days that the children are applied with sunscreen before school and wear a hat. Children should always bring a filled water bottle.

I hope you have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely



Gill Kennaugh



STARS OF THE WEEK

Bee Georgie K & Roland H

1K Lyla R-B & Cash G

2T Oscar D & Alice S

3OG Remi F & Billy G

4C Freddie H & James W

5B Whole Class

6B Mia G & Max C

Ladybird Aria S & Ivy C

1R Khadeja K & Benjamin W

2G Layan E & Amira A

3KR Albert C & Maya C-L

4H Lyess G & George E

5H Whole Class

6A Hussein Y & Lotte W



CURRICULUM CORNER

Super Spellings!

BOOK OF SPELLINGS

Create a **booklet** of your **spelling words** and arrange them in **alphabetical** order. You could **illustrate** each **spelling** too.



SCIENCE WEEK

COMPETITION WINNERS

Well done to everybody who took part in this year's Science Week competition.
Your models were fantastic! Here are the winners...

BEEES

Georgie K



LADYBIRDS

Wiliam C



1K Mabel C



1R Grace B



2G Dylan B



2T Adam A



3KR Imogen B

30G Julia F-C



4C Mina M



4H Felix T



5B Jasmine H



5H Amuri V

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6A Sarah S



6B Robyn W



SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK

BEE CLASS have been learning about the endangered animals in Africa. Our display shows elephants in the African savanna.



This week, **LADYBIRD CLASS** have been investigating journeys in hot air balloons! The children had lots of fun going on their own flights to far away lands...



This week in PSHE, **YEAR 1** have been looking at what they would like to be when they grow up.



YEAR 2 enjoyed a trip to the Upper School where they saw what life would be like as a Year 3!





YEAR 3 took part in their very own 'Ancient Greek Olympics'. They learnt how to throw a discus, box and completed the long jump!



YEAR 4 and Forest School fun this week.



YEAR 5 group photo from their residential trip to Great Wood this week. They had an amazing time.



YEAR 6 created puzzle pieces representing themselves in art this week.

