

**Thursday 21st July**

- INSET Day

Friday 2nd September

- First Day of Term 1 for Children

INSET DAYS 2022/2023

- Day 1 - Thursday 1st September 2022
- Day 2 - Monday 31st October 2022
- Day 3 - Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Day 4 - Friday 23rd June 2023
- Day 5 - Friday 21st July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We have completed, for the first time in three years, a full school year. And whilst we have not been able to fulfil all of the activities on the school calendar, we have done pretty well. The second part of the year has seen all of the vibrancy and colour that is Newbridge Primary School, and I am grateful that we have all been able to enjoy and experience this, again.

Our children

Our children stand out. I am proud of all they have each achieved this year, and wish to thank them for their commitment to their learning and to our school community. They are wonderful Newbridge citizens. I wish to say a very big well done to our Ladybird and Bee Class pupils, who have completed their very first year at school. There were some slightly teary parents this morning at drop off – seeing all that their children had achieved, and feeling very proud.

Sadly, a number of children from different year groups will leave today as they move to new areas and new schools. We wish Jos, Flo, Scarlett, Teddy, Felix, Daniel, Kiki and Cash every success and happiness.

Today is all about our Year 6 pupils, who are flying the nest after up to seven years in our care. From four year olds in Reception, who I remember vividly, today we see confident, caring, healthy young people who will actively and responsibly make a difference to our world. Last Tuesday and Wednesday evening, all of the children were afforded the opportunity of showcasing their many talents in their Year 6 production – Sherherazade. It was a night all of the parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and grandparents will remember forever. It was the show of the year. The togetherness of the year group stood out, with every child playing their part with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. The acting, dancing and singing were exceptional. I still don't know how, at the age of ten and eleven years old, they are able to learn their lines and deliver them with such fluency and confidence. These were two very special nights, nights which confirmed the children will go far, and that anything is possible. Last night the children had their Year 6 Leavers' Tea and Disco – more fun was had with a photo booth, a snow machine – and very energetic dancing in between! Thank you to the parents who made this a memorable night.

And finally today was their Leavers' Assembly. The last time we, and families had the chance to recognise and celebrate them all – wishing them well and sending them off on the next stage of their journey. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege, Year 6, we are so proud of you.

With this, I need to acknowledge the Year 6 families who will leave Newbridge today - there are twenty seven families who will move to pastures new. Some of these parents have had very long associations with our school, having had multiple children attend. Some parents have played significant roles in the school's development and success, particularly as school governors or, and as, long serving members of the NPSA. Our school would not be all that it is without this support – many tireless hours of commitment, all with a desire to help, give back and make our community stronger. Thank you, I am extremely grateful for your skill and support – knowing you held these roles and seeing what can be achieved, has been heartening. I wish you all well for the future.

Our community

Our NPSA continues to be a stalwart of support and cements together all that our school stands for. After another bumper year, and seeing so clearly how funds have been raised and spent, in last week's NPSA newsletter, (which you can find [here](#)) we are fortunate to have all roles filled for September to be able to go again. Led superbly by Katherine Wellings, the NPSA has again had to, for some part of the year, find novel ways to deliver events and cope with changes and cancellations, but this has never deterred them from their work. A special thank you is offered to Katherine, who steps down as Chair, and to Mim Wharf and Fiona Remnant, who each have their last child leaving Newbridge today. As committee members and trustees, they have each given back, so many times over; thank you.

Thank you, too, to the many, many volunteers who have planned events, run stalls, organised cake sales, made posters, gathered prizes, sold uniform, written newsletters, led on social media....the list is endless. And without the coordination and support of the class representatives, none of this would likely get off the ground.

Thank you to each class rep, some of whom oversee two classes.

I am also very grateful to our governing body who has again helped to steer us through some difficult decision making and help shape our future. In particular, my thanks is expressed to Sarah Evans, our Chair of Governors, who voluntarily offers leadership and support. A number of governors are stepping down from their roles at the end of the year. Thank you to Daniel Vilalta and Julia Hilton who have served terms, offering sound advice. And thank you to Sarah Webb, Katy Hancock and Emma Puzey, who have served multiple terms. Their work has been outstanding, together completing over 30 years of governance. They have made an incredible contribution to our school, and I am personally most grateful for this.

And with being able to have volunteers back in school, we express our sincere appreciation for the support you have been able to give; whether it be with reading, cooking, making, school visits, gardening....it has all been so much appreciated and has made a difference to our children and our school.

Our staff

And this brings me to the staff. Through more change and uncertainty this year, the large staff team have worked tirelessly for our children and families. Their commitment, care and enthusiasm is second to none and I thank each and every one of them for making our school so successful and for providing all of the opportunities for the children, across the curriculum.

We need to say goodbye to a number of staff as the year draws to a close. We wish Mr Cumpson, Mrs Button, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Stacey and Mr Burton every success for the future. We also send our very best wishes to Mrs Titchener, as she and her husband expect their first child very soon. And in very recent news, we congratulate Miss Young, who has secured a full-time teaching post for September, with Mrs Best being appointed to teach alongside Mrs Amor, in Year 3.

In other news....

Year 5 visit Oldfield School

Our Year 5 children had a brilliant time at Oldfield School last Monday. They were excited to be able to access secondary school subjects and loved the sense of 'feeling grown up' as one pupil told me. We continue to appreciate our strong links with the school and the benefits that come with this.

Year 4 Out and About

Last Thursday, our Year 4 pupils had an early start, with a prompt departure at 8am for a trip to Stonehenge. This fitted with the year group's history enquiry. Although a long journey, once arriving, the children, staff and parents had the best time. It was a special and memorable visit for all. Thank you to the parent volunteers who very much supported the children to have a good day.

A visit from an ex-pupil

We were delighted to welcome Tobias Deane to Year 6 last week. Tobias, left Year 6 in 2007, and was very keen to come back and tell the children about his passion for the environment and a business model he has developed. The children were inspired by his visit, and it was so lovely to see him.

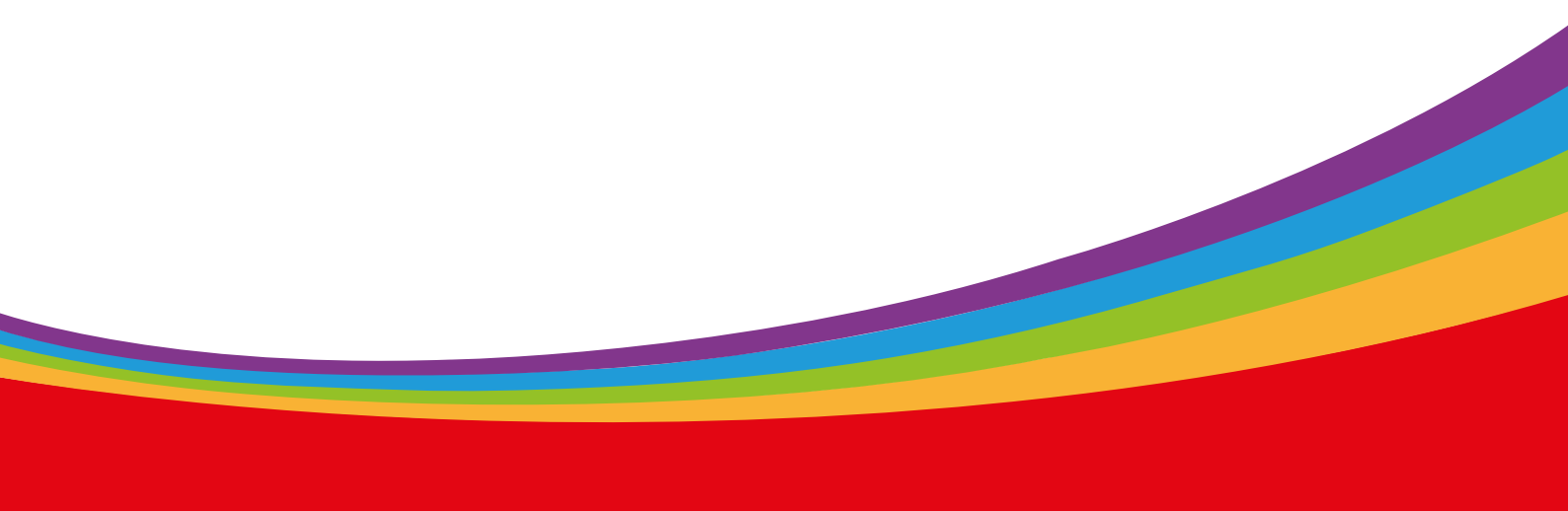
Finally, thank you to you all. To have your continued support has helped tremendously in another challenging, yet brilliant, year - our work is impossible without you being behind us and beside us. Thank you, also, on behalf of the staff for the generous end of year gifts; these too are greatly appreciated.

We wish you and your family a restful Summer.

Yours sincerely



Gill Kennaugh



STARS OF THE WEEK

Bee	Theo C & Leo D	Ladybird	Matilda S, Zeke S & Jacob S-G
1EO	Benjamin B & Florence D	1R	Mackenzie P & Kiere G
2T	Whole Class	2A	Whole Class
3OG	Fern D & Ruby B	3C	Whole Class
4B	Flo P & Ethan M	4KR	Scarlett W & Daniel P
5G	Daisy S & Max H	5HT	William R & Macie H
6B	Whole Class	6H	Whole Class

Music Stars of the Week

Eva S & Alfie T



WEEKLY WELL-BEING



Promoting children and young people's wellbeing is a key part of keeping them safe, helping them develop and ensuring they have positive outcomes into adulthood (Public Health England, 2021). Please check the newsletter each week for tips and suggestions to support your child's well-being.

THIS WEEK'S TOP TIP:

Well-being Bingo:

This week take a few minutes each day to reflect on the different activities you have done. You might like to colour in each activity as you do it. Perhaps you could complete one for each week of the holiday.



If you would like further information these websites have lots of ideas. Or feel free to contact Ms Rhodes via the school office.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>



Pupil Voice & Junior Leadership Team Update

We would like to thank the following pupils for their outstanding contribution to developing pupil voice across the school:

Izaac D & **Eve M** - for their work on the JLT.

The other members of the JLT (current Years 1-5) will be staying in their roles for the start of the Autumn Term before handing over to newly-elected representatives. This will ensure a smooth transition between current and new teams. Mr Bacon and Mrs O'Gara would like to thank all of the JLT for their work this year.

In addition, the following pupils have also spoken to the whole school and specific classes about issues that are personally important to them, and have helped us all in understanding and celebrating what makes us individually unique.

Caoimhe R and **Noah H** (6B) - for presenting a whole school assembly (with a special-guest appearance from Mr Cumpson).

Seb S and **Imogen B** (4B) for preparing a presentation that was shared with their year group.

Grace K (6H) - for preparing a presentation and sharing this her own with other classes in the Upper School (and for her work on the Compassionate Cards project).



In **YEAR 2**, they practised measuring in millilitres by making invisibility potions - this was marvellous fun!



YEAR 4 TRIP TO STONEHENGE



YEAR 5'S VISIT TO OLDFIELD SCHOOL

On Monday, we went to Oldfield to look around and do lessons: Art, Drama and History. In Drama, we started off with clapping around a circle in different amounts of time then we paired up and did role play (it was optional to perform it). We could choose from making our own, or doing two others that we'd already done. In Art, we were drawing biscuits. The options were Bourbon, Jammy Dodger, Custard Cream or a Cow Biscuit. Then, we used a stick and ink to go over the pencil with. Finally, in History, we were learning about the Romans and we were making choices that a Roman emperor would do.

By Luke L and Mia K :)

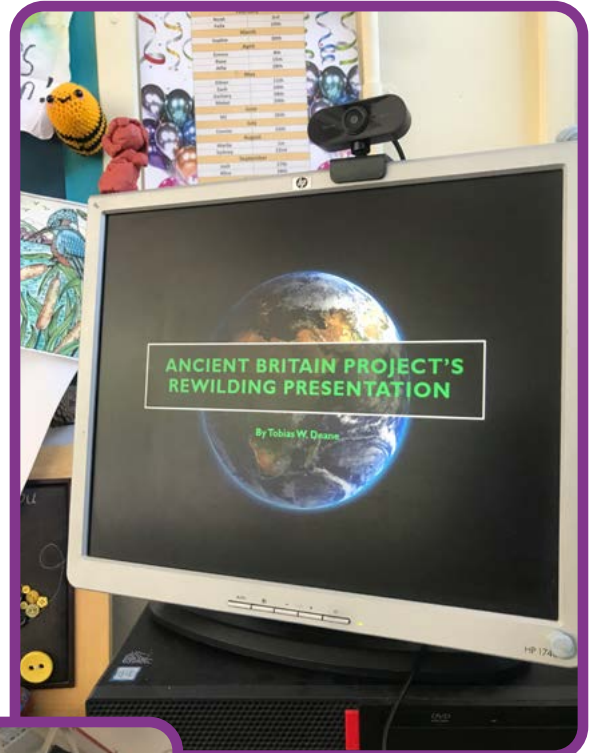




YEAR 6 VISITOR

On Monday ,Year 6 were lucky to have an ex-pupil, Tobias Deane, come into school to talk to them about the Ancient Britain Rewilding Project he started.

His talk and presentation were fascinating, and he talked to the children about the importance of rewilding and how we can all make a difference. We were all amazed at how the landscape of Britain has changed over the centuries and how species indigenous previously to Britain have become all but eradicated. With the efforts of people like Tobias, hopefully the landscape will return to how it used to look in not too many years to come . Hopefully, Tobias will be able to come back in next year to talk about the progress he has made in his efforts to rewild.



YEAR 6 PRODUCTION





JULIAN HOUSE

SUMMER CAMPAIGN 2022



We have just launched our first Summer Campaign here at Julian House, as the extreme heat makes life ever harder for our most vulnerable clients.

Summer is usually a time we all look forward to taking a break, whether that's a holiday away, a weekend camping or just an afternoon in the garden with a friend... but for the people we support there is no break.

People experiencing homelessness are over nine times more likely to take their own life than the general population. Poor mental health, substance reliance and lack of employment opportunities, means that for many individuals, homelessness is something they struggle to avoid.

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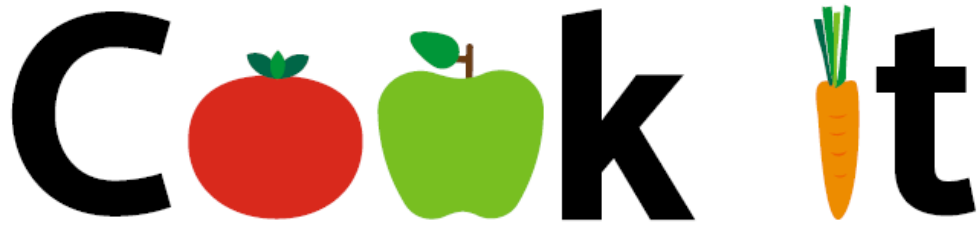
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Homelessness doesn't take a break - Julian House Summer Campaign

<https://youtu.be/Cqxk1SfH7Sw>

With your help, we can give them the break they need to get back on track.
To donate, please follow this link:

www.julianhouse.org.uk/donate/<<http://www.julianhouse.org.uk/donate/>



FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

**Join a group session to discover how to make
easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person
or online**

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

Upcoming start dates (one session per week);

- Summer holiday course 1st Aug-4th Aug (4 consecutive days)
11-12.30pm at St Michael's Primary, Twerton, Bath.
- Wed 21st Sept-19th Oct, online, 4.30-5.30pm.
- Tues 11th Oct- 15th Nov (no session 25th Oct), 4-5.30pm at Southside
Youth and Community Centre, Twerton, Bath.

**Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on
Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com**

**Bath & North East
Somerset Council**

Improving People's Lives





Dear Parents,

Instructor Nick here - Taekwon-Do is now at **Newbridge Primary School** & we are offering a Month Free! It's on **Mondays** during term time and is exclusive to Newbridge Students. It's all about:

Teamwork
Integrity
Growth
Energy
Respect
Self-Control



The upcoming 4 week free trial will run at **Newbridge Primary School** starting **Monday 12th September** and continue at that location going forward:

Infants (School Yr 1-2): Mondays 6:35-7:15

Juniors (School Yr 3-6): Mondays 7:15-8:00

Our classes are the lowest priced pro Tae Kwon-Do sessions in Bath. After the free trial, should you wish to continue, classes are £32 a month, which includes **all training, belts, gradings, replacement uniforms, patches, licensing, insurance & VAT**. Siblings train at a £9 per month discount.

To register, please fill out this form: www.tigermartialarts.club/monthfree

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Kat, Tiger Admin on:
admin@tigermartialarts.club or **07921855900**.

Once booked, we'll contact you before the start to confirm details.

Many thanks,

Instructor Nick

Head Instructor & DSL

Tiger Martial Arts



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DELIVERED BY UP & UNDER SPORTS



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SUMMER 2022 FESTIVAL OF SPORT **CRICKET & MULTI SPORTS**

9am to 4pm | open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15

Lansdown Cricket Club, Combe Park, Bath, Somerset, BA1 3NE

25th - 28th July | 1st - 4th August | 8th - 11th August



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