

Monday 20/01/20

- Clubs start

Tuesday 21/01/20

- Y4 Forest School for Windsor and Cleveland

Thursday 23/01/20

- Y5 River Walk

Friday 24/01/20

- Y1 Space Day

Tuesday 28/01/20

- Young Voices
- Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Churchill

Friday 31/01/20

- Feel Good Friday

Tuesday 04/02/20

- Bee Class assembly at 2.40pm
- Y4 Forest School for Windsor and Cleveland
- Child Exploitation and Online Protection meeting: 6pm for all years

Tuesday 11/02/20

- Ladybird Class assembly at 2.40pm
- Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Churchill
- Yr 3 We the Curious

Friday 14/02/20

- End of Term 3
- Inset 3

Monday 24/02/20

- Start of Term 4

Wednesday 26/02/20

- Y6 SATs meeting: 3.30pm
- Y6 Residential meeting: 4.00pm

Thursday 27/02/20

- EYFS Maths Meeting for parents: 2.45pm

Friday 28/02/20

- Feel Good Friday
- Bags2Schools
- NPSA Quiz Night

Monday 02/03/20

- Spelling Bee

Tuesday 03/03/20

- Y1 Phonics Information meeting: 2.45pm

Thursday 05/03/20

- World Book Day/Book at Bedtime: 5.00-5.45pm

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

An update on our plans for utilising our outdoor space: The new year brings positive updates on our vision to enhance and make use of our outdoor space. Last weekend Tom Eaglestone very generously gave up his Saturday to bring his mini digger and level the area of land outside the Year 4 and Year 6 classrooms. Matt Slinn also kindly helped to dig the soil over where the proposed planting beds will go, before relaying the membrane ready for the next stage. This will take place on Saturday 1st February when the gravel will be laid and the planting areas will be prepared. Tom tells me that 40 tonnes of gravel is being delivered and therefore, if you are able to help between 10am and 2pm with the laying of this, and you have your own wheelbarrow and shovel we would be most grateful.

Before Christmas we asked for your feedback on our plans to construct a 'Wellbeing Space' in the school grounds. Many of you took the time to share your thoughts, and you were overwhelmingly positive.

At the start of the month, the fundraising team submitted their first application for £90k, for part of the funding for this building. We have now received feedback on that application, and the overall message is positive. The committee is considering a donation of £80k. Before they commit to that donation, they have asked for more information on some aspects of the bid, and - crucially - they have asked us to demonstrate that we can secure the balance of the required funding from other sources, but we are moving in the right direction.

There is a lot more work to do, but we have good reason to be optimistic. I will share more information when it is available. In the meantime, thank you from the fundraising team for your continued support.

Reading makes the headlines: You will know that this year we have promoted reading across the school and we are delighted that we can evidence children's increased engagement and enthusiasm in many of the books we have promoted. Mrs Button, who leads on reading, recently started a book club for Year 6 pupils. 35 pupils attend weekly and are reading Emma Carroll's book, *The Somerset Tsunami*, based on Catastrophic flooding which happened more than 400 years ago in Somerset. The local BBC News has reported on the book and has made reference to our book club and the children's interest. Please see the full article at <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-somerset-50642915> and read on to see a report from Mrs Button.

Items of value in school: Quite a number of older children now have their own phones. It is school policy that these are handed into the office on arrival at school and collected at the end of the day. Children are only allowed to do this if agreed by parents and to support independence in walking home from school.

Also, we allow children to wear watches from Year 3 upwards, but many children are wearing fitness tracking devices. If you allow your child to wear one, please impress that this should be worn at all times, except for PE activities when it should be handed to the class teacher. These devices should not be played with or taken off at any other times. We do not permit smart watches to be worn. With regards to electronic reading devices, these again are not allowed in school. I fully appreciate that this goes against the grain of promoting reading, but items of such expense and that can connect to the internet are not permissible. Thank you for your support.

Upper school discos: Thank you to Jo Burman and all of the parent volunteers who ran two great discos on Wednesday evening for the children. The children had a lovely time.

Have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards

Gill Kennaugh

YEAR 6 BOOK GROUP

Sunday 15/03/20

- Team Newbridge run the Bath Half

Wednesday 16/03/20

- Y6 Residential

Friday 20/03/20

- Y1 & Y5 Cake Sale
Clubs finish

Wednesday 25/03/20

- KS1 SATs meeting: 2.40pm

Thursday 26/03/20

- Parents' Evening

Friday 27/03/20

- Feel Good Friday

Monday 30/03/20

- KS1 & KS2 Dance Umbrella
- Feel Good Friday

Tuesday 31/03/20

- Parents' Evening

Thursday 02/04/20

- Kilve Court Final Meeting

Friday 03/04/20

- End of Term 4

**Please note the Year 3
Class Assembly has been
postponed to a later date.**

The Year 6 book group are part of an article written for BBC News. They have been reading **The Somerset Tsunami** by Emma Carroll linked to the devastating floods that occurred in Somerset on 29th January 1607. We are all very excited that we were interviewed and our photograph is on the BBC website. You can read the article here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-somerset-50642915>

Our next book is *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnill: we can't wait to start reading it!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Benjamin W, Rosy T

1DE Ruby E, Abigail B

2EO Jessica F, Elisa P

3OG Ismene L, Kaia B

4C Ben E, Ellie M

5B Elsa H, Louis F

6B Jamie D, Freddy M

Ladybird Emma R, James L

1R Poppy H, Rhed M

2G Seb S, Spike F

3KC George E, Xavier S-G

4H Matthew D, Marlie G

5H Henry W, Ruben H

6A Charlie B, Sam P



CURRICULUM CORNER

Super Spellings

This week, try tracing the letters to your spelling words. Trace them with your finger on someone's back, on their hand, on their feet, in the air, in sand etc

Spelling Workshop

Thank you to the parents who came to the Spelling Workshop. We hope you have now got lots of ideas and activities to do at home and online. For those parents unable to attend the workshop, please go to the school website and look under

<https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/children-and-learning/how-to-help-your-child-learn-their-spellings>

for the power point shown, giving all the top tips on helping your child learn how to spell in a fun and memorable way.

OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT THE WILDWOOD NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our February holiday club days provide a range of fun outdoor activities for children aged 5-11 including:

Den building Campfire cooking Environmental arts and crafts Bush craft Storytelling Games

Plus plenty of opportunities for free range, child-led play and exploration

The outdoors provides a wonderful environment for adventure to suit all ages and the days will evolve depending on the weather and what the group would like to do.

The Wildwood is an established outdoor learning environment within the grounds of Newbridge Primary School. It is a diverse woodland area with new all-weather roundhouse, a fire circle and an established pond for 'lucky dipping'.

Sessions will be led by Sarah Webb and Jonny Houston both experienced Forest School leaders based in Bath.

Dates: Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th February 2020

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

**Please bring packed lunch and a water bottle.
Campfire snacks will be provided in the morning and afternoon**

**Cost: 1 day booking: £35 per day – siblings £30 per child per day
2 day booking: £65 per child**

Booking essential, please email valair1@hotmail.com or call on 07825 610145 for a booking form. Spaces are limited.

THE NPSA PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT 2020

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

BAR OPENS 7.30PM

QUIZ 8PM

UPPER SCHOOL HALL

MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE 8

£50 PER TABLE

TICKETS GO ON SALE 3/2/20

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