

NPSA NEWS

WELCOME TO NEWBRIDGE & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to the new families joining the very special community at Newbridge Primary School and say a big hello and welcome back to everyone else. This term and next are certainly going to feel very different and we are all going to miss out on some of the usual NPSA events which are not taking place because of the ongoing situation. Familiar events like Fireworks Night and the Christmas Fair will not be happening but the NPSA will continue with fundraising activities that are feasible and safe. Fortunately, the Fireworks organisers have carried our booking forward into next year, so the event will be back in 2021! We would love to hear from anyone with a fundraising or community building idea that they are keen to implement and would urge you to reach out through npsabath@gmail.com.

THE NPSA COMMITTEE AND AGM

The NPSA AGM was held via Zoom in July, and all parents should have received a copy of the minutes via their class rep before the end of last term. Following the AGM, the Committee now looks like this:

- Chair - **vacant**
- Treasurer - Kathy Runacres
- Co-Treasurer - Fiona Remnant
- Secretary - Mim Wharf
- Communications - Charlotte Morris

As you will notice, the role of Chair is vacant, as Amy Osborn's time at the helm has come to an end. The Committee would like to thank Amy for the amazing commitment and creativity she has shown in this role, bringing a lot of magic to NPSA events. If you are interested in taking on the role of Chair, or if there are two of you who would like to take on the role as Co-Chairs, please email npsabath@gmail.com to request a copy of the job description, so you can find out exactly what is involved. If you would like to speak to Amy or to any other member of the Committee about what the role entails, please just ask. We will aim to hold an election for the role of Chair soon and you will receive details of this via class reps and via Parentmail. As we will not be holding face to face NPSA meetings in terms 1 & 2, voting will be via email.

ANGLEPOISE LAMP RAFFLE



Thank you to Neil Clews for single-handedly organising this raffle over the summer. Thank you also to his company Anglepoise for their continued generous support of the school. £225 was raised, and the lucky winners were Mark Brownlee, Jess Dingis & Hannah Watson. Neil has hinted at another raffle nearer Christmas...so watch this space!

SCARECROW TRAIL 2020

Thank you so much to Team Scarecrow (Anna Beeton, Amy Williams, Helen Clark, Alice Hoyle & Charlotte Morris) for organising the trail in August. It was great to see so many faces out and about, socially distanced and enjoying the well-timed pause to the wet weather. We hope our new starters enjoyed hunting for the Bees and Ladybirds! Thank you to the makers and hosts, who put on a brilliant display of that famous Newbridge creativity! The winner of the makers award was Andrew Wicks for his spectacular Big Bad Wolf which we hope will be making an appearance in school soon. The trail raised £685 in total which is absolutely fantastic and gives a much needed injection into NPSA funds. Thank you for taking part and being so generous.



FREE MONEY FOR THE NPSA

As you will all be aware, the cancellation of all our usual events - the raffle, the summer fair, the BBQ, fireworks display and Christmas Fair – will leave a big hole in the NPSA's coffers, as well as in our calendars. We hope to have some socially-distanced fundraising ideas planned soon, but in the meantime, there are ways in which you can donate to the NPSA for FREE!

1. **Giving machine** - start your shopping with Sainsburys, John Lewis, Tesco, Argos (and lots of other major shops) in <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/newbridge-primary-school/> and a % of your spend will be given to the NPSA for FREE!
2. **Amazon Smile** - start your shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk, nominate the Newbridge Primary School Association as your chosen charity and again a % of your spend will go to the NPSA for FREE.
3. **Company matched giving** - it's worth checking with your employer if they match charity fundraising. If they do, and you'd be happy to use your annual allowance to support the NPSA, please email npsabath@gmail.com