

NPSA NEWS

*Today we have a bumper newsletter for you! We said there was lots in the pipeline, so here it is - more information about what is going on between now and *whisper it* Christmas. There are a few events and activities that could do with volunteers to help organise them, so please do get involved if you can - it really helps to spread the load and it's a great way to meet new parents.*

Bag2School Collection

Thank you all for dropping off your second-hand clothes on Sunday. **We raised a huge £204** - our best ever Bag2School collection. Thank you! There will be another collection in January, so if you missed this one please hold on to those old clothes until the new year if you can. Thank you also for the donations of school uniform - watch this space for the date of January's second-hand uniform sale.

Online Quiz

20th
Nov

Get your thinking caps on Newbridge! Jason Dinsdale and Gareth Groves are organising our first ever virtual quiz night! **Friday 20th November**, 8pm, teams of six - tickets cost £30 per team - and the quiz will be held via Zoom. Tickets will be on sale, online, after half term and team numbers will be limited, so book early to avoid disappointment! If you've not attended a virtual quiz before, you don't have to be in the same place as your team mates - you can each stay in your own homes and confer with your team via text/email/WhatsApp.

There will also be 'team rooms' within Zoom - further details will be emailed to the ticket purchaser to share with their team. This is as Covid-safe as anything could be and it promises to be lots of fun!

Autumn Trail

Half
Term

Can you
help?

This year, for the first time, the NPSA will be running a pumpkin-carving competition. Create your masterpiece and bring it to school on the morning of Saturday 31st October so that it can be included in a trail through the woodland area. Visitors will vote for their favourite pumpkin and there will be a prize for the winner.

Entry to the trail will be by timed tickets, and you'll be able to pre-order a bag of sweets to enjoy on the way round while you complete the puzzles on your trail activity sheet. Keep an eye out for more details via class reps, but in the meantime if you'd like to help organise this fun half term activity, please email clarelmoon@gmail.com

GARDENING

HELP NEEDED

Thank you to those who have already been in touch about helping out with gardening around school. For those of you who aren't sure exactly what might be involved, here are some photographs of the areas of school that could do with some TLC.

The allotment and the spiritual garden are larger scale commitments that might suit a group of parents. The other flower/herb beds are smaller and will only need intermittent attention.

If you have some time to spare at the weekends (Covid restrictions mean there is no access to school on weekdays during term-time) please email npsabath@gmail.com and let us know when, where and how you think you'd like to help.



Round bed by 5 bar gate



Herb beds by Music Room



Beds by Year 1 classrooms



Allotment



Beds by Blue Room



Spiritual Garden

Can you help?

Christmas is coming

Eeeeeek!
Whoooooop!



Christmas Puddings

You'll be able to pre-order traditional Plum Puddings or, if you prefer, Luscious Lemon or Sticky Toffee Puddings in early November, for delivery in early December. Each pudding will have a special label designed by a Newbridge child (children will have the chance to enter the label design competition at school) and they make great gifts for family & friends.



Christmas Cards

Once again the children will have an opportunity to design their own Christmas cards, or Thank You cards if you prefer. The designs will be completed in school before half term, so proofs will be sent home in book bags after half term. You'll be able to order cards - as well as gift tags, mugs, tea towels and 'bags for life' featuring your child's design - via our online booking system. Order details will be sent home with the proofs.



The School Calendar

Can you help?

As is traditional, we'll be producing a Newbridge School calendar this year. Thanks to Carmen Betteridge, Helen Clarke and Bradley Bailey for volunteering to organise this project. More details will be available after half term, but you'll be able to pre-order calendars online for delivery in December. **If any of you run a business, or work for a local business, that might be interested in sponsoring the calendar**, sponsorship costs just £37.50 - please get in touch with Helen Clarke by sending her an email at watkins_morgan@hotmail.com to find out more.



The Christmas Hamper Raffle

Can you help?

This is usually a popular part of the crazy chaos that is the Christmas Fair, but this year we're planning to run the raffle online. We'll be asking each class to put together a hamper (this is instead of the usual donations for the Adult Tombola, the Chocolate Tombola, the Cake Stall, and the Sweetie Cups...) based around a particular theme, and then we'll raffle these hampers in December. **More information to come via Class Reps!**



Light Up Newbridge

Can you help?

Do you want to help organise this NPSA first - a festive trail of lights & decorated windows to brighten up our local community and bring everyone together in the run up to Christmas? Charlotte Morris, Hannah Lees and Katherine Wellings would **welcome an extra pair of hands or two to get this exciting new event off the ground**. So please send an email to npsabath@gmail.com if you can help out. After half term we'll share more information about how everyone can take part. Watch this space!