



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Dates for Term 4:

**w/c 1/4/19**  
Arts Week  
**1/4/19**  
Dance Umbrella (for those involved)  
**3/4/19**  
Parents' Evening – all years  
**4/4/19**  
Y5 Residential Meeting  
3.30pm  
**5/4/19**  
End of Term 4

## Dates for Term 5:

**23/4/19**  
Start of Term  
**1/5/19 - 3/5/19**  
Year 5 Kilve Residential  
**6/5/19**  
Bank Holiday  
**8/5/19**  
KS2 to Matilda  
**w/c 13/5/19**  
KS2 SATs Week  
**16/5/19**  
Year 5 Assembly 2.30pm  
**21/5/19**  
Year 1 Assembly 2.40pm  
**23/5/19**  
Year 4 Assembly 2.30pm  
**24/5/19**  
End of Term 5

Inset days agreed so far  
for 2019/20:

2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019  
and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July,  
2020.

## Change of date

Please note that the  
Upper School Sports Day has  
had to be moved to Thursday  
13<sup>th</sup> June with a reserve date  
of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Dear Parents and Carers

**Team Newbridge:** It was fantastic to celebrate our Team Newbridge runners at today's assembly. They were welcomed to a standing ovation – fitting of their great personal achievements and in recognition of their contribution to our school. Each was awarded a small gift and the Year 6 children spoke to thank and congratulate them. It was clear how proud the runners are and I thank them all for being such excellent role models to all of the children. As I said last week – if you have been inspired by their performance, you might like to run for Team Newbridge next year, if so please see me or Amy Osborn to get your name on the list.

**Parents' Evening:** Thank you to those who attended Parents' Evening this week and to those who have signed up for next week. If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact Mrs Hill in the school office who will book one for you.

**Dance Umbrella:** Good luck to our Year 2 and Year 6 children who will be performing next week at The Forum. Dance Umbrella is an extravaganza of dance performances created by many primary and secondary schools in Bath and North East Somerset. It takes a great deal of time to plan and practice the routines along with making costumes. Thank you to everyone concerned in making this happen. We will hear all about it in next week's newsletter.

**Reverend Clive Garrett:** We send our very best wishes to Clive who is retiring this week. Clive has been an incredibly good friend to our school for many years in the capacity of our local reverend and also as a serving governor of the former Newbridge Infant School and then Newbridge Primary School. I will always value Clive's wise words, calm demeanour and positive outlook.

**Conduct on and around the school site:** It is incredibly important to our school that good conduct is modelled by all parents and carers, at all times, whilst on our school site and when in the near vicinity. If any parents have concerns that are school related, we would rather know about them so that we can assist in dealing with them.

**Irresponsible driving and parking:** For many weeks I have asked parents and carers to park and drive responsibly on the roads that neighbour our site. Everyone's safety is a priority but I am unable to get drawn into situations that are out of my remit. If you have any concerns at all, please contact the police.

**Everyone Active:** There was a fantastic turn out on Thursday morning – probably the most we have had. Many thanks to everyone who came to join in, from toddlers to parents – it was just great to see everyone exercising together in the sunshine. The grass was very wet due to the heavy mist, so it may be advisable to bring a change of socks next week. We haven't had any grandparents join in yet with our outdoor sessions, so if you know any that want to come along, we would love to see them.

**Finally....Mrs Harrison:** You may know that Mrs Harrison has been absent from work this year. Recently we learnt that she has made the very hard decision to retire at the end of this term. Many of you will know Mrs Harrison as she has taught hundreds of children during her time at Newbridge. Her career here spans thirty years and for every minute of every day, she has centred her practice on providing the very best opportunities for every child. Her experience, knowledge, wisdom, humour and thoughtfulness will be remembered by every adult she has come into contact with. Her work whether it be in planning, research, preparing for a meeting, leading a team, supporting in challenging times or as a member of the governing body has been an incredible asset to our school and community.

Mrs Harrison has clearly stated that she does not want any fuss on leaving; she said that she had received lovely cards over the years and that this was enough. However, we do want to have a collection for her, so should you wish to contribute, please leave this in the school office and we will organise a suitable gift. We wish her a very happy retirement.

With kind regards  
Gill Kennaugh

## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Bee** Rakib K, Rhed M

**Ladybird** Benjamin E, Harry N

**IDE** Harry W, Spike F

**IR** Jake A, Henry H

**2EO** Evie D, James W

**2G** Amity C, Ben L

**3OG** Mohamed S, Samuel W

**3KC** Alice H, Zac C

**4C** Jacob P, Lottie W

**4H** Charlie G, Spencer W

**5B** Ethan W, Sasha H

**5H** Rosie H, Oscar McG

**6A** Whole Class

**6B** Whole Class

### What a week of netball Newbridge has had.

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of March, our A Team travelled to Oldfield Park Junior School to play the next round in the B&NES Cup. Having been away on residential for a week, and then to Life Skills, the Year 6 were tired and out of practice. Therefore, they were all slightly apprehensive about the game, as Oldfield are the current B&NES champions.

However, the team started well and were in the lead 3-1 at the end of the first quarter. All was good at half time, as the score remained the same even though the team had rotated their positions.

The third quarter was to bring lots of drama, with Oldfield scoring 6 goals, leaving Newbridge trailing 3-7! A very nervous team started the final eight minutes with the mighty Henry playing goal attack and with Scarlet supporting him at goal shoot. The team pulled together to win the game by 2 goals, leaving the final score at 9 -7. What a team – an excellent result and excellent team spirit!

But it didn't end there! On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Newbridge B team played Castle Primary at home in the beautiful sunshine. With one player down due to illness the team of six had to up their game and that is exactly what they did. There was some wonderful netball, some excellent shooting and amazing team work. Newbridge scored a whopping 9 goals and conceded only 2. Our defence were impressive and our shooting accurate. What a result - congratulations to both teams who are now through to the next round.

Mrs Bartlett would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who supported the teams and a special thanks must go to Mrs Slinn, who has coached the children on Tuesdays after school.

Well done Year 6, this is the best netball result Newbridge have ever had in the B&NES Cup. – a great achievement.

*(This is outstanding everyone – so impressive in so many ways. We are hugely proud of you all, Ms Kennaugh)*

## School life....



Yusuf created this incredibly detailed boat for his learning about the Romans. Well done.

Some of our fantastic netballers!

Well done #TeamNewbridge!



## Year 2 Recorders Term 5

Mrs Houston is looking forward to teaching the recorder to all Year 2 children during Term 5. Not only should they find this fun and rewarding, but it will set them up for future challenges in music lessons and also help if they decide to learn another instrument. Lessons will take place during ordinary PPA music time on Tuesday mornings. It would be lovely if you could encourage your child to practise at home.

All children will need a recorder to play in lessons and to practise on at home. Although we have a few spare recorders in the music room, sharing them is not ideal because of the risk of germs spreading and they won't be able to take them home.

If at all possible, please would you **buy or borrow** a recorder for your child to use. It needs to be **clearly labelled** (name and class) on the back of the recorder and case, if there is one. You can buy recorders on line from £1.95 and Argos sell a recorder and useful book from £11.99

Please contact Mrs Houston if you need further details.

Thank you

## Curriculum Corner

### Super Spellings

This week, try writing out your spellings in order from shortest word to longest word and then from longest word to shortest word.

Try this great website to help learn times tables:

[www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk)

## OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT THE WILDWOOD NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Our Easter 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 a covered outdoor classroom, a fire circle and an established pond for 'lucky dipping'.**

**Sessions will be led by Sarah Webb and Claire Pickman who are both experienced Forest School leaders based in Bath.**

**Dates:** Week 1: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Week 2: Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**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  
3 day booking: £ 90 per child  
3 + days: £30 per child, per day

**Booking essential, please email [valair1@hotmail.com](mailto:valair1@hotmail.com) or call on 07825 610145 for a booking form**

# ARTS WEEK

From Tuesday to Thursday next week we are very excited to be having an Arts Week at Newbridge. The theme for the three days is:

‘Flying past the stars on silver wings’

We will focus on Arts activities that enable the children to express themselves and celebrate who they are.

**Tuesday** and **Wednesday** will be a non-uniform days. The children will change into their House PE tops on arrival.

On **Thursday** we would like to invite the children to wear their brightest, funkiest, wackiest outfits for our Carnival Day. NB. We do not expect parents to go out and buy anything new for this event.

## A meeting organised by B&NES NAHT

### **B&NES School Funding Cuts Meeting for all Parents, Members and Friends of our School Communities**

**Tuesday 2nd April from 7pm to 9pm**

**Twerton Infant and Nursery School, Poolemead Road, Bath BA2 1QR**

**Hear from union campaign officers, B&NES educators and party-political representatives**

We will be providing an opportunity for all parents and those connected with their school communities to come along and hear how school cuts are impacting on our children’s education and those who are trying to provide the best for them.

Our National Campaign’s Officer, Rob Kelsall will be giving the key-note speech and local MPs, political party spokespersons have been invited to comment on their schools funding policy and how they will be holding Government to account in the present climate of cuts.

We encourage you to share details about the event with your friends and school communities.

Please register your interest in attending by sending an email to: [kevin.burnett@nahtofficials.org.uk](mailto:kevin.burnett@nahtofficials.org.uk).