



NEWBRIDGE News

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Term 6 dates:

13/6/19
Upper School Sports Day
21/6/19
Mufti Day in exchange for
Summer Fair donation
22/6/19
Summer Fair 2pm-4pm
25/6/19
Lower School Sports Day
28/6/19
Inset Day
3/7/19
School Class Photos
4/7/19
NPSA AGM 7pm
5/7/19
Upper School Football
Tournament 3.15pm
12/7/19
Family BBQ 5pm
15/7/19
Volunteer's Tea 2.15pm
17/7/19
Yr 6 Production 7pm
18/7/19
Yr 6 Production 7pm
22/7/19
Yr 6 Leavers ' Assembly 2pm
Last day of Term 6 for
pupils
23/7/19
Inset Day

Tom Baker Cricket

Make up session
dates:

Monday 24th June

Monday 1st July

Raffle tickets now
on sale! Please bring
any unsold tickets back
to the office for
someone else to buy.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 6 – unbelievably, the last one of the year. It's been a busy week, with as usual, much activity.

Thank you for our new sound system: I often see Mrs Houston excited through her love of music, but on Monday she was on cloud nine! Your donations at the Christmas Music Concert and at the school nativities, along with fundraising events have meant that a brand new sound system has been purchased and installed in the Upper School Hall. On Monday, in our whole school assembly, the children were thrilled to listen to the sounds being played through the different speakers. Older children have already been trained in how to use it, as this is one of their responsibilities. It's brilliant and will make such a difference to our enjoyment and performance of music throughout the school. Thank you everyone so much for helping to make this happen.

Year 2 appreciate Bath: This week, both of the Year 2 classes took a trip into Bath to admire the beautiful architecture, to visit the Building of Bath Museum and No. 1 The Royal Crescent. The children took part in a range of exciting activities including dressing like a Georgian and learning some dance moves. All of the children were very enthusiastic and a credit to our school. Well done everyone and thank you to the parents who helped.

Lower School Football Tournament: Thank you most sincerely to the Durnford family who put so much time and effort into organising and running the Lower School Football Tournament. They ran this as volunteers, even though they no longer have children in the Lower School. Sadly I was unable to spectate this year, but from all accounts a great deal of fun was had, with great sportsmanship being demonstrated. Thank you to the parents who managed teams and particularly to Jamie, who is probably the youngest ever referee – well done! A report from Mrs Durnford follows later in the newsletter.

Transition plans are starting: It has been lovely to welcome our new intake to school this week for their introductory meetings with Ms Rhodes. Alongside this, Beechen Cliff, Hayesfield and Oldfield secondary school teachers have been visiting our Year 6 pupils who will be attending these schools in September. Yet again, the visiting teachers commented on the maturity of our children, how sensible and engaging they were and expressed how much they would be looking forward to receiving them in September. As we have been told before, the Newbridge pupils are the glue that hold the year groups together. It was also brilliant that some of our former children, who are now in Year 7, came back to answer all of the questions Year 6 had to ask.

Safeguarding update: Please can I remind all parents of the safeguarding procedures we operate regarding access to the school site during the school day. If you are visiting the school office during school hours and your business is completed in the office, there is no need to sign in. However, if your visit to school is during school hours and you need to go beyond the office, then you need to explain the reason for your visit to a member of staff, sign-in and collect an identification badge. Depending on the reason for your visit e.g. meeting with a member of staff, you will need to be escorted to the room where the meeting is taking place. Sometimes many parents arrive for an event e.g. an assembly and on these occasions parents will be asked to sign-in and collect a sticker but they may not be escorted to the hall or alternative space.

I am sure you will understand that these procedures apply to all visitors whether they are known to us or otherwise. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 6 cricket: Well done to our Year 6 children who represented the school in yesterday's B&NES tournament. They came up against some stiff opposition, but had a great day and conducted themselves brilliantly, as always.

Learning Everywhere: You may know that we propose to bring plans to you very soon about how we wish to further utilise our amazing grounds. We are in the stages of finalising our ideas, which will be achieved throughout targeted fundraising, bids and grants. At the NPSA AGM in July we will bring some of these to life in our presentation. Meanwhile, teachers have been considering how they can use the site to support all aspects of learning and this term Year 4 have set themselves the challenge of learning in as many outdoor spaces as possible.

Punctuality and attendance: Lower School children need to be in class for the start of their day at 8.50am and Upper School children need to be in class by 8.55am. The start of the school day is incredibly important to every child – being on time with peers and not having to join in late ensures a much calmer and positive start to learning.

Walk, cycle or scoot to school: Please can I ask that all families again consider if walking, cycling or scooting to school is an option. To support the parking issues on local roads and to lower emission levels, we very much encourage this. We have bike and scooter racks in school that can be used by children and adults.

Summer weather: Please can I remind you that we cannot apply sun-cream to children and so this will need to be applied before school. Please can all children be provided with a filled water bottle and a hat, daily.

Upper School lunchboxes and lost property: We still have quite a collection of lunch boxes left behind each day and week – often with old food in. If you are missing a lunchbox, please check the crates in the main corridor. There is also still a crate full of lost property outside the school office. Please do look.

Newbridge Summer Holiday Club: We are again going to run a holiday club for some of the weeks this summer. If the numbers are sufficient it will run 23rd – 26th July, 29th July – 2nd August, 5th August – 7th August, 14th August – 16th August. I will publish more details on this next week.

Maths meeting for parents: We have been working closely with a maths consultant who has led training for all staff. We have found this very beneficial and can identify the impact in both teaching and learning. We have asked her to lead a session with parents; promoting the same messages and strategies. This will be held in the upper school hall on **Wednesday 26th June** at 6.00pm to 7.00pm. We really hope that as many parents as possible can come along, from all year groups. Please sign up in the office if you are able to attend.

Mrs Hansard's absence: Mrs Hansard will be absent for all of this term. Ms Rhodes and Mr Hempleman, who are members of the Senior Leadership Team, will deputise throughout this time. Ms Rhodes will now assume responsibility for the Early Years Foundation Stage and Mr Hempleman will assume responsibility for pupil medical needs. Should you require any support in these areas, please do contact the office.

Finally: As we all know, Mrs Houston loves nothing more than singing, performing and being on stage. Well, in half term she had her dream moment when she starred in the backing choir for Lulu and Take That at Ashton Gate. She described her experience as 'incredible' and was buzzing for days afterwards. I need to share this with you as she tried to explain her experience and about the performers to the children, but it went over their heads - hopefully you will be able to appreciate it more!

Have a good weekend.

With kind regards

Gill Kennaugh



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SAVE OUR SCHOOLS

SATURDAY, 8 JUNE

PROTEST WITH US TO DEMAND FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING
BRING DRUMS TO BANG OUT SOS IN MORSE CODE

MEET @ QUEEN SQUARE, 12.00 NOON, MARCH @ 12:30
PROTEST PICNIC @ THE ROYAL CRESCENT, 13.00PM
saveourschoolsprotestbath@gmail.com

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The poster features a yellow background with a red border. On the left, there is a triangular warning sign with a black silhouette of a person walking with a child. Below the sign are illustrations of two drums with drumsticks. On the right, there are more drum illustrations. The text is centered and uses various font sizes and weights to emphasize key information.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Bee Lucy T, Alice S

IDE Barnaby B, Maya C-L

2EO Joseph B, Kaia B

3OG Zoe L, Kaan M

4C Nat W, Robyn W

5B George W, Lenore B

6A Rebecca G, Henry B

Ladybird Ava-Daisy A, Cerys L

IR Thomas M, Jessica F

2G Ela M, Iris H

3KC Felix K, Matthew D

4H Phoebe C, Oliver G

5H Daniel W, Ross C

6B Ben T, Faye G

Lower school football tournament

On Wednesday after school, over 60 lower school children took part in the Lower School Football Tournament.

The children were all very excited before the tournament, and took this into their matches playing with such enthusiasm. The rain thankfully held off until the very last minute.

The Fair Play Award winners were the League of Ladybirds, who played with such good spirit.

The result of the League A Final was Lightning Ladybirds 1 and The Bash Ball Boys 3

The result of the League B Final was Newbridge Ninjas 4 and Team BC United 0

The children loved receiving their medals and certificates and thoroughly enjoyed playing football.

Many thanks to Mark and Jamie Durnford for excellent refereeing and giving the children such good encouragement throughout the matches.

Corinne Durnford



HUGE THANK YOU TO M&S VOLUNTEERS & DAVIES & CO

Over half term, several members of the M&S Weston Lock branch team came and painted 6A's classroom. This is the second year running that they have given up their time for our school.

They also donated another £500 to the school to spend on decorating kit!

Thanks to Davies and Co, who continue to provide all paint and equipment to Newbridge Primary, including a last-minute colour order, we can use the £500 to put towards some new vinyl stickers like the ones that have already brightened up the Upper School corridors.

Without their generosity and hard work, our school would not be the inspiring place to learn, work and play that we all aspire to.

Please shout about their kindness on social media as much as you can and do thank them face to face – they would love to know what an impact they are having.

If you would like to organise a paint force event, be it big or small, please get in touch, the paint and equipment is all on site and all it takes is a bit of hard work and enthusiasm to make a really big impact. You can email Katy at katyhancockis@hotmail.co.uk or contact the school office if you have a task in mind.

“Be the change you want to see!”





Details will be coming out next week about the choir's involvement in next year's amazing Young Voices. This is open to all those in Upper School (the present years 2-5) For those parents who know nothing of Young Voices:

- all those in choir during terms 1-2 take part
- we learn a huge array of songs provided by the YV Foundation
- in January, we sing with 7,000 other children in Birmingham Arena
- the concert includes a professional band and guests singers
- the concert is open to parents, friends etc
- the NPSA help by paying for the coaches and so the cost is minimal



Please do look out for the letter but also make sure your child will commit to learning all the songs and to attending choir every week. It's a very busy but exciting time as we also have all the Christmas gigs to prepare for.

Curriculum Corner

Super Spellings

This week, try writing your spellings onto coloured card, paper or post it notes and put them in places around the house in different spots where you will see them lots of times. When you've seen them a few times, try and picture the word in your mind before you see it to see if you can remember the spelling correctly.

NEWBRIDGE UPPER SCHOOL SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Date: Friday 5th July our school field
Registration: 3.30pm onwards
First round starts: 4pm sharp
Presentation: 6.00pm approx

Each team must have a **captain** and **manager**. All players need shin pads and appropriate footwear. Please be at school for 3.30pm.

Captain: Point of contact for organisers, to check the playing order, collect money etc.

Manager: An adult who is responsible for the team on the day. Help them to organise teams to get to the right pitch at the right time, help organise the subs so everyone gets a turn and deal with any minor injuries which occur.

ENTRY FEE: £3.00 per player to be paid on the day at registration.

YOUR TEAM

It is a six-a-side tournament.

Your team should consist of a **minimum** of 6 players (a maximum of 10)

There are two competitions; years 3 /4 and 5/6 you can have Yr 3 mixed with Yr 4 or Yr 5 mixed with Yr 6.

There will be an all-star team for pupils that can't find a team. Please see Mr Cumpson to be part of this team

Open to all - you don't have to be a footballer. This tournament is all about playing football with your friends and having fun.

Money raised will go to The NPSA

Can you kick it?



Yes you can!

Players wanted for Tuesday evenings from 19:30-20:30 to join a few dads from Year 4 and reception for some 'quality' football.

Depending on numbers we have some Tika-Taka style football in the Upper School Hall but ideally looking for a 7 aside on the upper school playground.

If you are interested in having a kick-about, let me know.
Ben – 07824 665762