



NEWBRIDGE News

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- Monday 1/10/18**
'Maths with Parents' Meeting:
2.30pm (Lower School Hall)
- Wednesday 3/10/18**
▪ Better Maths Partner Meeting:
2.45pm (Blue Room)
- Wednesday 10/10/18**
▪ Y6 Residential Meeting: 5.30pm
▪ Meeting for Parents: 6.30pm
- Thursday 11/10/18**
▪ NPSA meeting: 7.30pm
- Tuesday 16/10/18**
▪ Parents' Evening
- Thursday 25/10/18**
▪ Parents' Evening
- Friday 26/10/18**
▪ Cake Sale Y2 & Y5
- Tuesday 6/11/18**
▪ Prospective Open Afternoon:
1.30pm
▪ NPSA fireworks
- Thursday 8/11/18**
▪ NPSA Meeting: 7.30pm
- Friday 9/11/18**
▪ Inset Day
- Tuesday 13/11/18**
▪ Prospective Open Afternoon:
1.30pm
- Friday 16/11/18**
▪ Bags 2 School
- Tuesday 20/11/18**
▪ Y5 Kilve Court Meeting: 5.30pm
- Thursday 29/11/18**
▪ School Photo Day
- Friday 30/11/18**
▪ Mufti Day
- Saturday 1/12/18**
▪ School Christmas Fair
- Wednesday 5/12/18**
▪ Discos Y3/4: 4.15pm – 5.15pm
▪ Discos 5/6/7: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 6/12/18**
▪ NPSA Meeting: 7.30pm
- Monday 17/12/18**
▪ Volunteers' Thank You Tea: 2pm
- Wednesday 19/12/18**
▪ Christmas lunch
▪ Lower school in church: 9.30am
▪ Upper school concert: 7.00pm
- Thursday 20th December**
▪ Upper school concert: 9.30am

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another great week in school – it is hard to believe we have been back for four weeks and that we are half way through the term.

A newly appointed Chair of Governors: At a meeting of the full governing body on Tuesday evening, Michelle O'Doherty, who has been our Chair of Governors for four years, stepped down from the role. Michelle has always worked well with the school and to challenge and support staff and governors in their work. At the meeting a new Chair was elected. Sarah Evans, parent to Alexander, Benjamin and Samuel was voted in unanimously. Eric Lucas, who has served on the governing body for many years, has stepped down as Vice-Chair. Katy Hancock, parent to George and Alice, was unanimously voted in as Vice-Chair. Both Eric and Michelle will remain on the governing body and their knowledge and expertise will continue to support us in moving further forward. Michelle will now be the Designated Safeguarding governor and Eric will be the Special Educational Needs governor.

Official notification from Ofsted: We have now received an official letter from Ofsted following our inspection in the first week of term. This will be sent to you later today from our Chair of Governors, Sarah Evans. From the letter you will see that during the inspection many areas of school development and good practice were recognised, along with areas for further improvement which had already been identified by senior leaders, staff and governors. Again, I would again like to thank the many, many parents who responded to the online questionnaire at the time of the inspection – the inspector told me that the responses were 'stunning'.

Meeting for parents: The meeting that was postponed on 26th September will now take place on Wednesday 10th October at 6.30pm. This meeting is to reflect on our results and achievements in 2017 – 2018 and to present our plans and areas for development for this year.

Maths with parents: As our meeting with parents was postponed we were unable to share a new initiative to support maths learning at home for Year 1 to Year 6. Following the parent questionnaire response in the summer term, we understood that parents felt more maths homework and support with new maths strategies would be beneficial. Therefore, Mrs Bartlett, the maths leader, has researched a way to support parents and pupils and has set up 'Maths with parents'. This is an on-line resource which will allow pupils to complete maths tasks, whilst being supported by short video clips to aid understanding of teaching methods. A meeting is being held for parents to explain more about this on Monday 1st October at 2.30pm. At this meeting on Monday, you will receive details of how to register. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bartlett via the school office.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: Traditionally our Year 5 pupils have held a coffee afternoon in support of Macmillan. Again today the pupils shone as they welcomed guests to the Blue Room to provide refreshments. We are keen to strengthen our inter-generational links and today we were delighted to have invited residents from Newbridge Towes Residential Care home to join us. Thank you Year 5 for recognising the importance of 'giving back'.

REMINDER: YOUR SHOES CAN HELP TO CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES

Please bring your old and unwanted shoes to the upper school foyer. We will deliver the shoes to Clarks. For every tonne of shoes, a donation is made to UNICEF which goes towards education programmes around the world. Shoes must be in a wearable condition please.

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'Welcome to Newbridge': Hopefully you will have seen the ceramic art work that appeared on the external wall last Friday. Pupils who have now left the school created tiles to form 'Welcome to Newbridge'. Thank you to Mr Baigent, our art teacher and especially to the volunteers led by Amy Osborn who glazed and placed the pieces and to Sam Talley who again very generously gave up his time to erect the boards.

Ms Coles is leaving today: Very sadly Lizzie Coles is leaving her role in the school office today. She has been such a fantastic and supportive member of staff and we are going to miss her and her many skills greatly. We wish her so much luck as she moves to a new role in design. We are though delighted to announce, that following interviews, Mrs Amy Osborn has been appointed to the role of School Secretary. Many of you will know Amy through her incredible volunteer work as Chair of the NPSA. We are very lucky to have her as a member of our team and I am sure you will offer her a warm welcome.

'Everyone Active': Thank you to everyone who came along on Thursday morning for our first 'Everyone Active' session of the school year. This was an activity we started in Terms 5 and 6 last year, with great success. The purpose of the session is for members of families to enjoy exercising together whilst promoting a healthy message and supporting well-being. Please remember that all ages are welcome each Thursday - toddlers through to grandparents.

Volunteers in school: We always welcome volunteers into school as your support is invaluable. All volunteers, in whatever capacity they support, will need to have a DBS check, to support safeguarding throughout the school. If you would like to volunteer or think you may at some point this year, please see Mrs Hill in the school office for further details of completing this check.

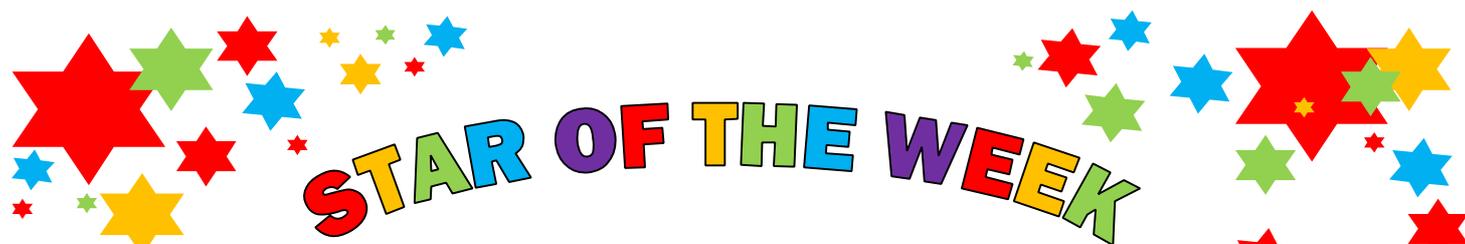
Parking: Yet again I have received a complaint about the inconsiderate parking in Charmouth Road and the resident attached photographs of a vehicle. I really don't want to publish registration plates, as I have known other schools to do, so again I am appealing to you to show care and consideration for our children, parents and residents at all times.

Finally: We are delighted that Hawaa has joined Year 4. Her family has very recently moved to Bath and we welcome them all to our school community.

I hope you have a good weekend.

With kind regards,

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Bee Samuel G, Grace W

Ladybird Isla s, Dylan B

IDE Gracie A, Archie P

IR Zelda L, Daniel P

2EO Henry J, Amber-Rose A

2G Amity C, Charlie B

3OG Reuben K, Megan TB

3KC Caoimhe R, Eszter B

4C Kenzie H, Layla H

4H Benjamin P, Florence T

5B Ethan W, Lenor B

5H Gemma A, Jake G

6A Suki S, Sophie G

6B Alia RS, Kaylie H

Fantastic ceramic art work
created by past pupils



WE WOULD REALLY LOVE YOUR HELP

Do you have any free time?

Would you like to support our children with their maths?

Would you like to put a smile on a child's face?



If your answer to the above questions is 'Yes', then we would love you to volunteer to support our children throughout the school with their mathematical understanding. You do not need an A 'level in maths, just patience and time!

If you think this would be a great opportunity for you to help ... even if it is just 15 minutes one morning a week ... then please come to a get together on Wednesday 3rd October at 2.45pm in the Blue Room, where you will find out creative ways to make maths fun and encourage children to learn their tables.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to help, then please let Mrs Bartlett know, via the School Office. We look forward to seeing you.

NB: If you need a DBS certificate please see Mrs Hill in the school office.

SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

Do you like gardens/nature/being outdoors? The lovely allotment team would welcome new volunteers to help out. We are a group of parents who collectively look after the school allotment so that children can explore the fun of growing food. No experience, tools or regular commitment are necessary.

Come along to an Autumn tidy up afternoon, Friday 5th October, anytime from 1.30pm to 3.15pm. Tea, cake and chat provided! Sign in at the school office and come on up to the top of the field. We look forward to meeting you.

SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER - NATIONAL GETOUTSIDE DAY

Initiated by Ordnance Survey, whose aim is to get a million people outdoors, one of our parents, Mrs Radway, would like to get families to discover new local routes whilst raising awareness of AllergyUK. She has set herself a personal challenge to walk 1000 miles this year and has already completed 780! She would love to have some company on this next activity and has set up a free ticketing site for 60 people at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getoutside-35mile-walk-tickets-50040957852>
if you would like to join her.