



NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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Wednesday 28/09/18

- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: 2.15 (Blue room)

Monday 1/10/18

- 'Maths with Parents' Meeting: 2.30pm (Lower School Hall)

Wednesday 10/10/18

- Y6 Residential Meeting: 5.30pm

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

Thursday 8/11/18

- 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

I hope you have had a good week.

Our Reception classes: It has been a very busy week in our two Reception classes. This week, the two groups who have been taking it in turns to complete half days, met one another. When visiting their classes and seeing them all in action, it was evident that although just settling in, the children were very much enjoying meeting new friends and sharing their spaces together. The children have been accessing the indoor and outdoor areas and have engaged in a wide range of learning opportunities through play. I hope that as parents of new starters you have found the transition period supportive. If, of course, you have any queries or concerns, please do speak to your child's class teacher, in the first instance.

Year 4 out and about: On Wednesday our Year 4 children spent the day at Stonehenge. This is always a favourite visit of the children and launches the year group enquiry 'What can we learn together?' On return Mr Hempleman spoke highly of the children's engagement and conduct and as with any trip out, members of the public commented on their good behaviour. Well done Year 4.

Shoe SHARE: Many thanks to Hannah Brownell who has organised a shoe collection for UNICEF. The collection point is in the foyer of the upper school.

'Everyone Active': What a shame we had to cancel this event this week. 'Everyone Active' will continue next Thursday morning before school at 8:10am to 8:40am. It is a great way to start the day and promote a positive message about health and well-being to all. We meet on the field to run laps; including all ages and families. Key Stage 2 children can run without an adult, but children younger than this will need to be accompanied by an adult. Pupils can come to school in their PE kits on these mornings and remain in them for the rest of the day to save changing. There is no need to sign-up – just turn up.

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 Newbridge Primary School 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.

Meeting to parents: I had intended holding a meeting for parents to launch the school year on Wednesday 26th September. This date though clashed with secondary school open evenings and the date will be changed. Also, I would rather hold this meeting once we have received official notification from Ofsted following last week's inspection and so when I have received this, I will provide a revised date.

Parking: Yet again I have received a complaint about the inconsiderate parking in Charmouth Road. In previous weeks I have asked parents not to park and wait at the school gates, but again this has been reported to me. We ask this to ensure the safety of all persons on and around the school site. Again I have no alternative but to contact the police, to support in this matter. Please can I also remind you that that there is an unofficial one way system at busy times which helps the traffic to run more smoothly - this means coming up Charmouth Road and down Lyme Road and Lyme Gardens.

Finally: We offer a very warm welcome to Neha who has joined Year 3 and Lynne who has joined Year 1. We hope you and your family will be very happy in our community. I hope you have a good weekend.

With kind regards

Gill Kennaugh

REMINDER: YEARS 3-6 MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Slips are due in by next
Friday 28th September.

Do contact Mrs Houston if you
need further information.

STAR OF THE WEEK

IDE Greta H, Artie S

IR Louie A, Millie M

2EO Joshua B, Astrid G

2G Rupert N, Hattie M

3OG Ollie M, Ellie M

3KC Neha H, Alfie T

4C Heidi S, Elsie M

4H William B, Jayden M

5B Sasha H, Toby S

5H Sam J, Grace M

6A Sophie A, Ben T

6B Ridwan Ali, Emily G



YEAR 4 TRIP TO STONEHENGE



"It was amazing - we all had so much fun at Stonehenge. We all loved Stonehenge, you should go there, you will love it. And you will love the museum. Don't forget to look at the burial mound. Have fun if you go" **Jacob 4H**

"Stonehenge was amazing: we found it extremely windy but it was even more fun in the wind! It was fun looking at the amazing artefacts. The video of Stonehenge though the ages almost put me to sleep because it was such a relaxing video. It was so fun!" **Elsa 4C and Louis 4H**

WELCOME TO RECEPTION FROM YOUR EARLY YEARS GOVERNOR

Firstly, let me introduce myself: I am Emma Puzey, Mum to Charlotte in Year 6, Benjamin in Year 4 and Thomas in Year 2. I have been a school governor here at Newbridge for 5 years.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new pupils, parents and teachers to our school and to explain a little more about my role within the governing team.

The role of a governor is to support the Headteacher and staff. The phrase often used to describe this is 'a critical friend'. We help them to set and reach targets and to strive for excellence across the whole spectrum of school life. In accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure it is money well spent.

In addition, governors may take on monitoring roles in school. I have volunteered to be the Link Governor at Newbridge for Early Years. Governors attend training sessions to keep up to date with changes in schools and education. They visit school regularly to meet with the Headteacher, members of staff and pupils.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS) LINK GOVERNOR ROLE:

In the EYFS setting at Newbridge Primary School we believe that all children are entitled to the best possible start in their school life, both intellectually and emotionally, in order to enable them to develop their full potential.

The year focuses upon four key pillars:

A Unique Child, Positive Relationships, Enabling Environments, Learning and Development.

It is my role as the EYFS link governor to ensure, along with Mrs Harrison, Mrs Milne, Miss Keane and all Newbridge staff that these four pillars are continuously worked towards whilst ensuring that all Early Years targets in the school development plan are met. The Early Years pillars are also supported at Newbridge by the school values:

Learning and Communication, **Creativity and Imagination**, **Personal Development**, **Collaboration** and **Citizenship**.

EYFS Link Governor meetings take place each term to discuss amongst other things: The Development Plan, the resources available, assessment trackers and how we are monitoring pupil progress and interventions and the effectiveness of any new learning programmes. If you wish to learn more about the Assessment and Record Keeping in Early Years please visit the school website www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk Here you will find information both under the header 'about us / starting out' and under the 'EYFS policy'.

The reception year is an incredibly exciting time for both new pupils and parents – we believe that parents have the ability to play a really important role in their education. In Newbridge we do this by:

- Operating an 'open door' policy whereby parents/carers can come and discuss concerns and developments in an informal manner, including at the beginning and end of the school day
 - Inviting parents/carers to help in school
- Encouraging parents/carers to listen to their child read regularly and comment using the Reading Record Sheet
 - Encouraging parents/carers to complete 'WOW' sheets to celebrate home achievements
- Maths and writing packs will come home with your child before the end of Term 2: These will include suggestions on how you can support learning with fun activities and games
 - Inviting parents/carers to share children's 'Learning Journey' books throughout the year
 - Inviting parents/carers to class assemblies and shared learning sessions
 - Inviting parent/carers to information/workshop sessions/evenings throughout the year.

If you have any questions regarding the care and education your child is receiving in Reception, please speak directly with your class teacher. If you want to raise your point further, please visit the office and arrange an appointment with Ms Kennaugh.

If you would like to discuss a school policy or the school's strategy and vision then please do feel free to contact me using the governor email: newbridgegovernors@gmail.com

I wish you all an incredible first year at Newbridge Primary School,

Emma

'MATHS WITH PARENTS'

On Monday 1st October at 2.30pm, Mrs Bartlett will be holding a meeting for parents to share an exciting new initiative called 'Maths with Parents'. Please do come along to find out more. We would love to see as many people as possible.

NATIONAL GETOUTSIDE DAY

One of our very active parents, Mrs Radway, who is a fantastic role model to our families in promoting messages of keeping fit and exploring our countryside, has asked me to promote the following upcoming activity - National GetOutside Day initiated by Ordnance Survey. Their aim is to get a million people outdoors on Sunday 30th September, 2018.

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.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Please, please come and join Year 5, on Friday 28th September, from 2:15pm in the Blue Room and support this very worthy cause.

The children are very excited, as they are going to bake lovely cakes to sell and also decorate the Blue Room, so that you can relax and enjoy a cup of tea (or coffee) with your friends.

We would really appreciate seeing lots of parents and hope to raise funds to help this amazing charity.

Remember to put the date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you!



VOLUNTEER 1-2 HOURS A WEEK TO SUPPORT A VULNERABLE CHILD

Could you spare an hour or two a week to support a 7-11 year old struggling with family difficulties or problems in school? Local youth charity Mentoring Plus needs volunteer mentors for primary-aged children in Bath & NE Somerset. Mentors are kind, committed adults who meet up with primary pupils one to one weekly in school hours, have a chat, do fun activities and explore their community together. No previous experience is needed and full training is given. You'll help a lonely or anxious child to feel more confident, know their own strengths and cope better in the classroom – and build skills and confidence yourself!

Please call Mentoring Plus on 01225 429694 for a no-obligation chat or see mentoringplus.net/volunteer for details.
Next training: 6th and 13th October 2018 in Bath.

YOUR SHOES CAN HELP TO CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES

From Monday 17th September through to Monday 15th October, the NPSA will be hosting a **shoeSHARE**.

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.