



NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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Monday 17/12/18
Volunteers' Thank You Tea:
2.15pm
Wednesday 19/12/18
Lower school in church:
9.30am
Upper school concert:
7.00pm
Thursday 20/12/18
Upper school concert:
10.00am
Movie Night 3.30pm
Friday 21/12/18
End of term 2

Monday 7/1/19
Start of term 3
Wednesday 9/1/19
Everyone Active

Library News

Parents and Carers are more than welcome to bring their pre-schoolers and toddlers to the library after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and sign them up for their own library card. Parents and carers can get their own library card as well.

We are still looking for more volunteers to read with children and to take them to the library.



Dear Parents and Carers

We have just one week to go, but there are still many more activities to end the festive season in school. The remaining dates and times are all published in this newsletter.

Lower School Nativity: What a treat we had this week to see all of the lower school children perform on stage for 'Hey Ewe!' The atmosphere in the hall was buzzing as parents, grandparents and friends waited with anticipation to see the delights of the singing, dancing and acting. The Year 2 children led the performances, with each class taking it in turn to act or sing. Year 1, Bee and Ladybird classes had their moments too and it was lovely to see these very young children enjoying the moment and coping so well in a large hall with bright lights and an audience of many faces. If you were able to watch the performance, I am sure you will have laughed, shed a tear and admired the courage of all the children. Well done everyone and to all of the staff for making this happen, it was another heart-warming moment.

Christmas Dinner Extravaganza: Our catering service is going extremely well. We are very pleased with the uptake, and feedback is positive around children being able to opt for school dinner or packed lunches on a daily basis. We have designed a new menu for Terms 3 and 4 and this will come home with the children next week. One of their biggest challenges for the staff this term was preparing and serving 380 Christmas dinners on Thursday and the staff managed this with seemingly little effort. Our lunchtime supervisors and cooks work tirelessly for our children and we are very grateful for their hard work and care.

'Choir on Tour': Today the choir went on their annual tour to the RUH and local care homes and I felt very proud to be associated with such talented and enthusiastic pupils. Whilst watching at the RUH members of the public spoke to me and said how impressed they were at the standard of singing and confidence of the children. The choir will have touched many hearts; thank you for giving something so special back to our Newbridge community.

More Christmas events: Next week you are invited to join the Nativity service at Emmanuel Church on Wednesday 19th December. The lower school children all take part in this simple and beautiful performance, which will be led by the Year 2 children.

If you only have children in the lower school, you may be unaware of the Christmas Concert that takes place in the upper school. These concerts are an opportunity for all of the children who learn musical instruments, who play in musical groups and who are members of the choir, to show-off their talents. There are two concerts and the one on Thursday 20th December at 10am usually has seats available. Even if your child is not performing at the concert, you are most welcome to attend. Please ask at the office for tickets.

'Everyone Active': We had another fantastic time on Wednesday morning in the lower school hall. Karen King is brilliant at leading these sessions and encourages everyone to join in and have fun. Having received so many positive comments, we will continue the indoor sessions until February half term. The first session of the new term will be on Wednesday 9th January in the upper school hall. We will of course have our session next week too, in the upper school hall. Please come along for fitness, fun and well-being.

Lost property: All of the lost property needs to be cleared next week. Between Monday and Wednesday it will be placed on tables outside the office for you to claim. After this time it will be disposed of as we cannot keep it in school.

Defibrillators in school: You may not know that we have two defibrillators on the school site that anyone could access in an emergency situation. With such a large community and with so many events, it is important that you know where to find them. They are each placed in the school medical rooms – one in the lower school, off of the hall and one in the upper school, off of the main corridor. You do not need to have training to use them – when accessed the images and recorded instructions will tell you what to do.

Arriving late for school: I have noticed that an increasing number of families have been arriving late for school in the morning. The lower school children have to be in their classrooms by 8.50am and the upper school children have to be in their classrooms by 8.55am. When a child is not on time and has to join the class after it has started, it can make the child feel uncomfortable. Late arrivals also put a strain on the office staff as children need to be taken to class and school meal information has not been collected. Mrs Hansard oversees attendance and punctuality and is issuing letters to parents and carers when lateness and absence is persistent.

Charges for late pick-up from After School Club and extra-curricular clubs: The school policy is that parents and carers will be charged additionally if children are not collected by the end of After School Club. From 6.00pm, parents will be charged £10.00 for any period to 6.30pm and a subsequent £10.00 for any half hour period thereafter. Please note that this is **not an extension** to After School Club hours, this is so that the school does not incur additional staffing costs when parents are late. If children are not collected from clubs after school on time and following ten minutes of waiting, the club leader/staff member will send the child to the After School Club and parents/carers will be charged for the After School Club at the rate of £11.00. Please help our staff and club leaders by being on time.

Volunteers' Thank You: As a way of showing our appreciation to the many volunteers who support our school, we would like to invite you to 'Music and Mince Pies' on Monday 17th December at 2:15pm in the Blue Room. We could not do our job without you and we are very grateful for all you do. Please do come along if you can.

Pupils in the pantomime: If you are planning to see Peter Pan at The Theatre Royal in Bath you should know that two of our Year 6 girls are performing in the show. Both Charlotte and Rebecca have incredibly busy schedules with many performances over the Christmas period. The girls were selected for the pantomime as they are members of Dorothy Coleborn School of Dance and have committed many, many hours to their training over the years. Well done girls. Have a good weekend everyone.

With kind regards

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds Whole class

Bees Whole class

IR Whole class

IDE Whole class

2G Whole class

2EO Whole class

3KC Alvaro R-S, Emilia W

3OG Zoe L, Vincent P

4H Robbie F, Zac L

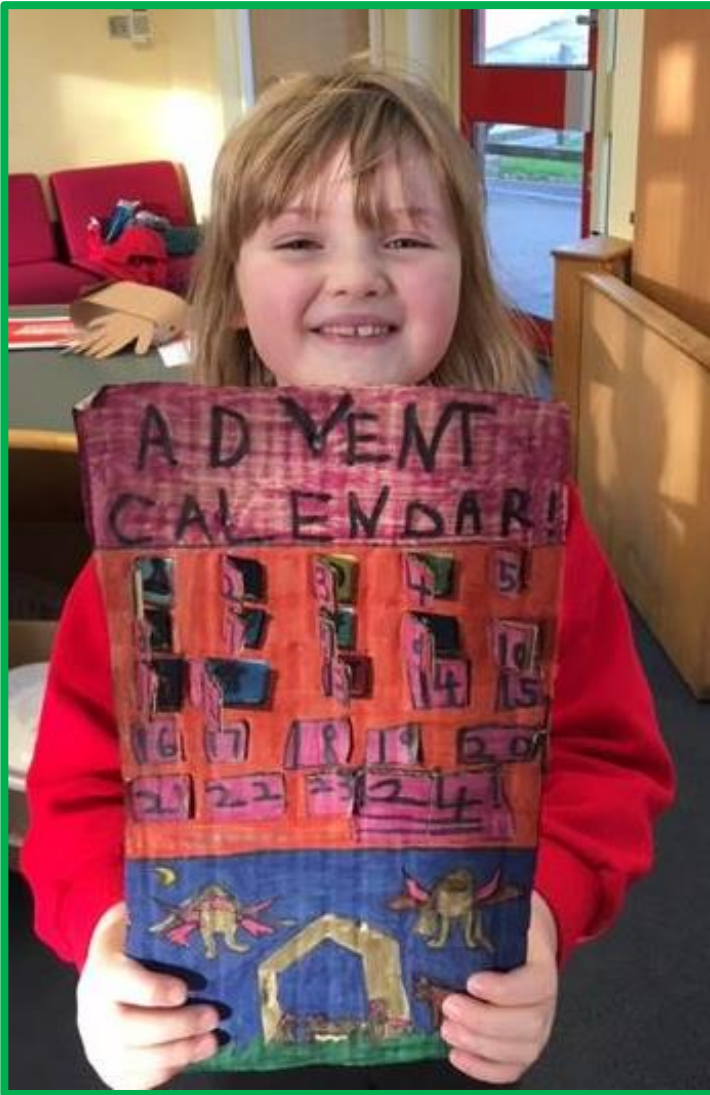
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5H Rosie H, Ella G

5B Esme S, Alex M

6B Henry F, Ronny S

6A George R, Abi A



Family Christmas Service

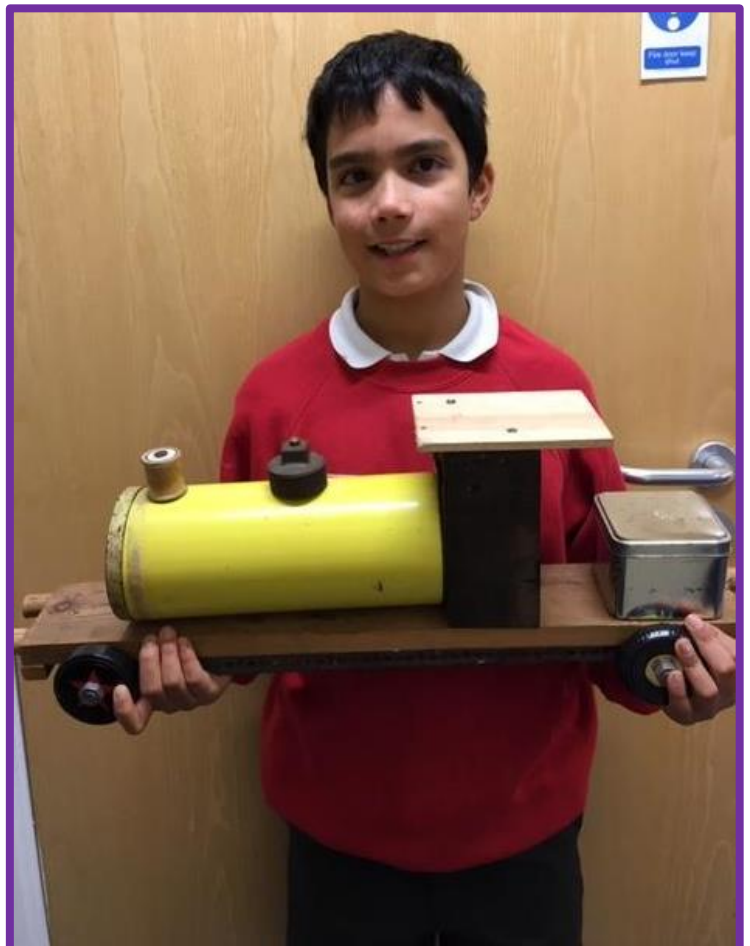
At Emmanuel Church
Apsley Rd

Sunday 16th December
At 9.30am
EVERYONE WELCOME



Above is Emilia W from 3KC and her amazing homemade Advent Calendar. Emilia's favourite door was number 3 because this is her birthday!

To the right is Kai K from 6A with a train he made. This astonishing bit of home learning was made out of bits and bobs of rubbish he found. Kai had a little help from his grandad on this very special project.



Volunteers' Thank You Tea

Monday 17th December at 2.15pm

We would like to invite you to a thank you tea for everything you have done for the school over the past term. There will be a short music concert and then you will be invited into the assembly.

We would love to see you there.

Please let the office know if you are able to attend.

Many thanks

Year 6 Rugby

Next term Year 6 children will be having tag rugby coaching from a Bath Rugby coach during their PPA PE lessons.

Lessons will take place on the field, unless it is extremely wet, so please can children come to school prepared for this. Appropriate footwear is necessary - trainers or football boots if possible, and a warm layer to wear over their PE kit.

We are looking forward to it already - it should be a lot of fun!

Mr Seaborne