



NEWBRIDGE News

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Key Dates for Term 1

Thursday 28/09/17

- Maths Volunteer Meeting
2.40pm Blue Room

Friday 29/09/17

- Reception Macmillan Coffee
Morning (9.00am Blue Room)
- Year 5 Macmillan Coffee
Afternoon (2.30pm Blue Room)

Monday 02/10/17

- 2pm Shared Learning

Wednesday 04/10/17

- 6 - 7pm Shared Learning

Wednesday 06/10/17

- 2pm Shared Learning

Monday 09/10/17

- School Photos
- 2.45pm Spelling & Phonics
Meeting

Tuesday 10/10/17

- EYFS Reading Meeting - Learning
how to support your child with
reading (9am Lower School Hall)

Wednesday 11/10/17

- Parents Evening

Thursday 19/10/17

- Parents Evening

Friday 20/10/17

- End of Term 1

WANTED

We hope you have all now seen
our fantastic new
After School Club!

Does anyone have any (age appropriate) **DVDs** or **video games** that they would like to donate – or even a **Flatscreen TV**? If you're having a clear out Mr Clarke and his team would also love any **dressing up items**, **puzzles** and **games** etc.

Any plastic **kitchen items** (or perhaps a **play kitchen** for outside) would also be gratefully received!

Many Thanks

HEAD'S VIEW

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is moving along well, with many new developments taking shape. We hope that you benefit from the changes we are putting in place, particularly with regards to supporting your child's learning.

Learning out of school: Tuesday this week saw the first off-site venture of the year. Our Year 4 children visited Stonehenge as part of their enquiry; 'Why do we have monuments?' Many of the children had not visited before and were very impressed at the size of the stones. This enquiry has provoked much interest, particularly around the home-learning opportunities – this week we saw a cake with a model of Stonehenge decorating it!

New certificates: Our new certificates have arrived and were presented today for the first time. In our celebration assemblies on Friday mornings children are recognised for their outstanding contributions in line with our new school values: **Learning and Communication Creativity and Imagination Personal Development Collaboration Citizenship**. There is a certificate to relate to each value and we hope that our worthy Stars of the Week feel very proud of their achievements.

The school website: As I have mentioned before, we want this resource to be more helpful to you in understanding more about your child's learning and in knowing ways that you can support at home. The Home-Learning page is now live, which displays the year group home-learning grids, the statutory spelling lists and links to useful websites. This area of the website will be developed over time and soon the spelling lists for the term will be published.

Spelling and Phonics meeting for parents: Our aim this year is offer more curriculum updates to support your understanding of your child's curriculum and strategies you can use at home. On Monday 9th October at 2:45pm Mrs Button and Miss Amies will provide information on Spelling and Phonics. If you would like to attend, please leave your name on the list in the office. The venue will be decided once we know numbers. If you are unable to attend, the slides will be attached to the website for your information.

Collection from after-school activities: Now that clubs have started, please can I remind parents and carers of the collection arrangements. All club leaders will escort the participating children to the gates near the office and parents and carers should wait on the outside of the gates for the children to be passed over. If a parent or carer would like to watch the activity taking place on the school field or playground, this is welcomed, although we ask that parents and carers leave via the school office to wait for the children to come through the gate. We very much appreciate your cooperation with this policy.

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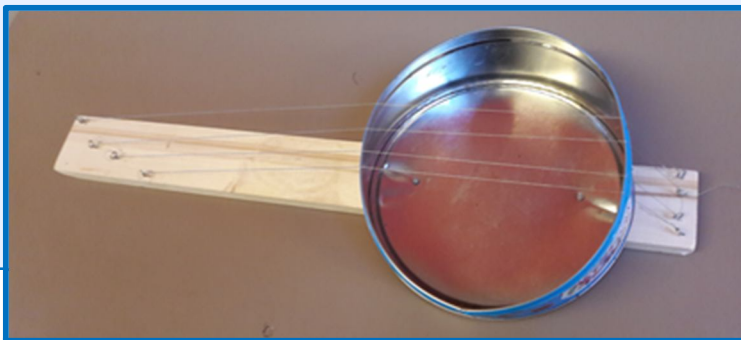
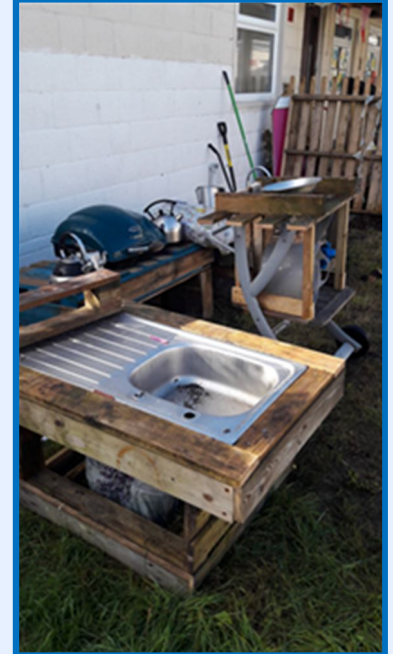
The Mud Kitchen: There has been an incredible surge of energy over the past week in the Early Years outdoor area, resulting in a fabulous mud kitchen! We cannot thank Amy Osborn, Sarah Stacey and Ellie Roberts enough (with the help of Humphrey and Noah) for their kindness and creativity. We know that the Reception children will absolutely love the area and that their learning will benefit greatly. The new sandpit has now been completed and we're grateful to the NPSA for supporting this (see photos below).

Displays: At this time of year, teachers are working hard to establish their new bases and ensure their classrooms and displays are engaging and celebratory. Our aim this year is to improve our learning environments, but of course this takes a good deal of time. If you are the creative type and would enjoy helping celebrate children's learning, please speak to your class teacher as your skills would be greatly appreciated in putting a display together.

And finally.....wedding congratulations: Last weekend, Miss Simpson who teaches in Year 1, and her partner Jason, were married. The staff were absolutely delighted to hear the news on Monday morning and we send our congratulations to them both.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With kind regards
Gill Kennaugh



Sam in 4C has produced exceptional home learning displaying creativity and imagination in making his own musical instrument

STARS OF THE WEEK

10 – Henry J, Seb B

2C – Jacob W, Sydney WH

3H – Elsa H, Albie F

4C – Whole class

5B – Emily G, Josh M

6A – TBA

ISC – Edie B, Phoebe W

2R – Ben E, Eve M

3A0 – Layla H, Tor J

4KE – Whole class

5H – Alexandra G, Eddie W

6B – Jesse H, Melissa J



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Please, please come and join our Year 5's, on Friday 29th September, from 2:30pm until 3:30pm 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!



Reception Parents and Carers

There will be a coffee morning for Parents and Carers of children in Bee and Ladybird classes on

**Friday 29th September,
9.00am-10:30am.**

Please come along and enjoy a cuppa and a cake.

All donations will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you are able to help serve tea and coffee please speak to Ellie Giles (Imogen's Mum, Bee class).

WE REALLY NEED 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 Thursday 28th September at 2.40pm 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 Amor know, via the School Office.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 28th September.

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

YOUNG VOICES

Off to a flying start

Rehearsals have started and I've suggested that the children try to learn all the words for each bit of the song we do each week, therefore learning bit by bit.

This week we looked at the start of Pop Go the Classics and Extraordinary as well as a little of Africa. Next week we are going to look at more of Pop Go the Classics and Why We Sing

Audience Tickets

Last call for anyone wanting tickets for the show. We have to send off requests next week.

CALLING ALL CONKER COLLECTORS

Forest School *and* the After School Club are both collecting conkers. If you have any spare, please bring them to the office.

Thank You

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