



NEWBRIDGE News

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Key Dates for Term 1

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

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Friday 20/10/17

- End of Term 1

Year 2 and Year 4 Forest School

Thank you to the Year 2 and Year 4 Parents and Carers who have made the voluntary contributions for the Forest School sessions for the forth coming year.

If you have not contributed but would still like to, please send your contributions in as soon as possible so that we can continue the Forest School sessions as they currently stand.

Many thanks

Dear Parents and Carers

What another brilliant week we've had!

Shared Learning: As your child has now settled into their new class, we would like to invite you to share some of their learning that has taken place so far this term. We are only four weeks into term, but I know the children will be very proud to talk about what they are enjoying and particularly for the older children, areas they wish to develop. We hold the Shared Learning sessions at this time of year and again in March as it gives you an insight into your child's progress and their start to the school year, before you meet with the class teacher at Parents' Evening on Wednesday 11th or Thursday 19th October. At this time of year we only offer the sessions to Year 1 to 6 parents as the Reception children are still settling into school, with this being their first full week. Reception parents will have the opportunity to attend the sessions in March. An email was sent earlier in the week regarding booking a time and this was followed up by a letter on Thursday.

Parents' Evening: Please note that our first Parents' Evenings of the year are being held on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 19th October. At the consultation the teacher will tell you how your child has settled into the school year, how they are approaching their learning and some early next steps to aid their progress. We operate an electronic system for making an appointment which is now live (<https://newbridge.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>). Please do remember that only one consultation is available per child; teachers are not expected to hold two consultations in the case of parents being separated.

Spelling and Phonics meeting for parents: Our aim this year is to 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.

Anti-Bullying and Behaviour Policy: Following the parent questionnaire held in the summer term, it was noted that a high percentage of parents did not know if bullying was dealt with effectively in school. In my feedback to your responses I said that the Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy would be reviewed in September. This process has now taken place and I have attached the policy for your information and guidance. Please do contact the school immediately if you suspect bullying may be occurring – the definition of bullying is included in the policy.

NPSA AGM: Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend the meeting last night. It was great to see so much support and I'd particularly like to thank all of those who have stepped forward to take on or continue in a role. You will know that our Chair and Vice Chair are not going to continue in their roles this year and therefore we express our sincere gratitude to Emma Puzey and

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Vicki Jackson whose work and commitment to the NPSA and our school has been outstanding at every level. Fiona Remnant has stepped down as Treasurer and again we thank Fiona for her work; it has made a huge difference to how smoothly the financial side has run. At the meeting I welcomed the opportunity to be able to thank all of the parents and families for their hard work last year in raising an astounding amount for our school. This fundraising makes an incredible difference to the opportunities we provide our children and sadly these items are not always the 'icing on the cake' type resources, as they might have been in the past. With budgets being continually squeezed, we are most grateful for support in purchasing items needed to deliver the curriculum. I spoke about our needs for this year and asked if some fundraising could be targeted at resources that will bring maths alive for all of the children. I also acknowledged that we will most likely need to update electronic mobile devices, especially as we now have access to Wi-Fi across the site. And so we move into a new chapter of the NPSA as Amy Osborn takes over as our Chair; I know there will be exciting times ahead and that we will all continue to enjoy the hugely positive community spirit that is generated by the NPSA.

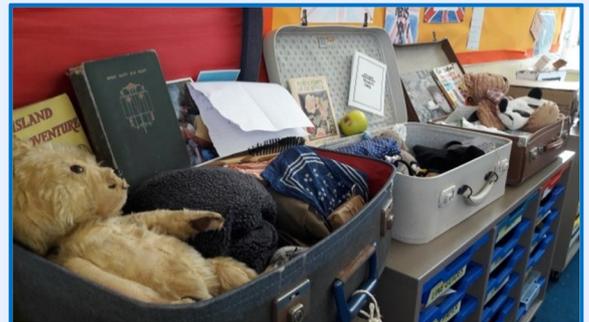
Macmillan Cake Sales: Thank you for supporting these today. This morning's sale and coffee was organised for our Reception parents and I am sure this event was two-fold – a great opportunity to raise funds for a very worthy cause, whilst catching up with other parents who have very recently joined our school. This afternoon's sale is being organised by our Year 5 children. I am sure they will enjoy the responsibility of running the coffee afternoon whilst recognising the difference they can make by giving something back. Well done everyone.

And finally...thank you for the many positive comments we have received this week. Many parents have told me how excited their children have been by the home-learning opportunities that have been provided. The parents have said that they can see how these activities really are extending and deepening learning, as we had intended. We are grateful for your support in these activities and have been more than amazed by the quality and variety of the learning brought from home. On another positive note, a number of Year 7 parents have spoken to me this week about just how well their children have settled at secondary school. The parents wanted to make a point of thanking us for preparing their children so well for the step-up to secondary school – I was really delighted to hear this and it means a great deal, as this is absolutely our aim.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards

Gill Kennaugh



As part of their home-learning, Gilah, Ella and Evie chose to design a suitcase for an evacuee. What they researched and found to put in the suitcases is just amazing. This is another brilliant example of extending and deepening learning through their enquiry about life in World War 2.

STARS OF THE WEEK

10 – Joey B, James W

2C – Marlie G, Bill G

3H – Benjamin P, Evelyn J

4C – Mathilda R.G, Clem L

5B – Ridwan A, Scarlett N

6A – Grace K, Jacob G

ISC – Charlie B, Iris H

2R – Ritvik G, Isla F

3A0 – Elsie M, Harry G

4KE – Maisy P, Gemma A

5H – Luca H, Maisie G

6B – Gilah H, Max F



MEET FRUZZIE!

If you see a dog around school please do not be alarmed!

It is Fruzzie, a therapy dog, who has been highly trained to work with children by the charity 'Pets as Therapy'. Fruzzie's owner, Bettina, has volunteered to bring Fruzzie in to be a 'reading dog' with some of our children. Fruzzie and Bettina will be in school on a Monday and a Thursday and you may see them leaving as you collect your children - please feel free to say hello.

Mrs Bateman (SENCo)

OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB

At The Wildwood, Newbridge Primary School

Our October holiday club days provide a range of fun outdoor activities for children aged 5-11 including:



*Den building Campfire cooking Environmental arts and crafts
Bush craft Storytelling Games*

Plus plenty of opportunities for free range, child-led play and exploration



The outdoors provides a wonderful environment for adventure to suit all ages and the days will evolve depending on the weather and what the group would like to do.

The Wildwood is an established outdoor learning environment within the grounds of Newbridge Primary School. It is a diverse woodland area with a covered outdoor classroom, a fire circle and an established pond for 'lucky dipping'.



Sessions are led by Sarah Webb and Jonny Houston, both experienced Outdoor Ed/Forest School leaders based in Bath.

Please bring packed lunch and plenty of water. Campfire snacks will be provided in the afternoon.

Monday 23rd October, Tuesday 24th October & Wednesday 25th October

9.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: 1 day booking: £35 per day – siblings £30 per child per day

2 day booking: £65 per child, 3 day booking £90 per child

Booking essential, please email valair1@hotmail.com or call on **07825 610145** for a booking form.