



NEWBRIDGE News

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- 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

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

DON'T FORGET

Monday is School Photo Day!

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week we have had and with only two weeks until half term, there is a great deal to fit in.

Shared Learning: We hope you enjoyed these sessions this week and learnt more about your child's current curriculum. We acknowledge that it is very early in the school year and that for some children there may not have been a great deal of recording in books. Though for the younger children, I am sure they will have enjoyed showing you their new classrooms. I want to review how these afternoons run, with the aim of the upper school children holding their sessions in their classrooms too – it is difficult with the volume of parents who attend, but it is something I hope to work towards. Thank you also for completing the Key Skills sheets. This process is very much in its infancy, but in time I hope these prove to be a very special part and record of your child's learning and development.

Parents' Evening: You will know that our first Parents' Evenings of the year are being held on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 19th October. At this 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. Please make sure that you have booked your appointment – we are aiming for 100% attendance. **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: On Monday 9th October at 2:45pm, Mrs Button and Miss Amies will provide information on Spelling and Phonics. We aim to offer you more updates this year on how you can support learning and progress at home. If you would like to attend, please leave your name on the list in the office. We have not received many names yet, but the meeting will still go ahead. On arrival the office staff will advise where the meeting will be held. If you are unable to attend, the slides will be available on the school website.

Attendance Policy: We are always striving to improve individual and whole school attendance levels and punctuality. Last academic year our overall attendance was 97.03%. Our attendance target for this academic year is 97.4%. I have attached the Attendance Policy for your information and guidance, and below I have outlined the areas that, as a parent, you are required to fulfil.

- Performing your legal duty by ensuring that your child(ren) of compulsory school age, attend regularly and are punctual for each session.
- Contacting the school office on each day of absence.
- Informing the school in advance of any emergency medical appointments in school time (for an absence to be recorded as a medical absence, the school requires evidence, e.g. appointment card/letter).

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- Making requests two weeks in advance for leave of absence in term time, with supporting evidence where required.
- Talking to the school as soon as possible about any child's reluctance to come to school in order for concerns to be dealt with quickly.

Thank you for your support with all aspects of the policy; I am sure that you too recognise its importance.

After School Club: The newly sited and expanded club is running very well. By all reports the increased space and the use of the two rooms allows the children more choice and a quieter environment, should they want this at the end of a busy day. We have a very good uptake with some Reception children having joined, though there are still a few spaces on each day, should you need child-care until 6pm.

Macmillan Cake Sales: Last Friday was fantastically rewarding with our two cake sales. The Year 5 children excelled in their organisation of their sale and then acted as hosts and waiters to their many customers. It was a great community event and the children were delighted to have raised over £350. The coffee morning for Reception parents that was held on the same day raised £102. This was very well supported and we would like to thank those who came and especially those who gave up their time to make the morning a success: Charlotte Walters, Jo Blair, Claire Derrick, Amy Touhy and Ellie Giles.

Cross-Country: On Wednesday evening we had our first sporting event of the year. The cross-country team, with the support of Mr Seaborne, competed in chilly conditions at Odd Down Sports Ground. Many more children than usual took part in the event, so many in fact, that each age group had to be split into two separate races – therefore making qualification for the county finals more difficult. All of the children were fantastic, as usual. Six children qualified by finishing in the top ten in their race, with three others narrowly missing out by coming 11th or 12th. In the team event, the Year 6 girls did particularly well finishing 5th, 7th, 10th, 11th and 12th. The overall team results are simply outstanding: The Year 6 girls were the champions in 1st place, the Year 6 boys' team came 2nd, the Year 5 boys' team came 3rd and the Year 5 girls' team were 5th. What an incredible set of results for everyone involved – we are so proud of you.

Home Learning – what a treat: We were treated to the most outstanding creative and imaginative home-learning today. Firstly, Lenore from Year 4 completed many tasks in one when she had made a musical instrument – a guitar, and had written a song about Stonehenge, which she performed in today's celebration assembly. The song also had an accompanying comic strip! And Oliver, from Year 3 wore his Aztec Armour – it looked absolutely brilliant. This was just amazing and put a huge smile on everyone's face – congratulations Lenore and Oliver.

Harvest Festival: We are holding this in school on the morning of Friday 20th October. Every year we choose to support a local charity who is in need of food donations and this year our nominated charity is Bath Foodbank. We would very much appreciate it if you were able to offer a donation of non-perishable food e.g. pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned soup, tinned fruit, sponge pudding, baked beans, etc. Please leave any donations on the tables in the upper school hall before school on Friday 20th October – thank you.

Upper school lunchboxes: We have quite a collection of lunch boxes left behind each day and week – often with old food in. If you are missing a lunchbox, please check the crates in the main corridor.

Scooters and bikes on site: Please can I remind you that whilst we encourage children to cycle and scoot to school, we do not allow these to be ridden on the school site. Please can I ask you to remind your child(ren) of this rule. This is particularly a problem at the end of the school day when the site is very busy – we don't want any accidents to happen.

And finally: This week Mason joined Year 1 and Sophia joined Year 6. Both children have settled into school life brilliantly and we welcome them and their families to our community.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

With kind regards

Gill Kennaugh



Megan and Zachary from 2C have shown fantastic collaboration and creativity in their home-learning enquiry about Knights & Castles

STARS OF THE WEEK

10 – Naioli D, Sophie G
2C – Clement S, Ethan W
3H – Henry M, Lotte W
4C – Alex E, Elsie B
5B – Charlotte P, Ronny S
6A – Ashyana H, Thomas H

ISC – Chantelle M, John J
2R – Isobel F, Jack A
3A0 – Jasper S, Sam S
4KE – Elly R, Jorg J
5H – Max W, Sophie A
6B – Megan H, Mae VR

CAKE, COFFEE
AND A GOOD
GIGGLE

THANK YOU

Thank you very, very much to all those who attended our Macmillan Coffee afternoon last Friday. It was lovely to see so many Parents, Grandparents and even teachers, supporting this worthy cause. We were all overwhelmed by your generosity, as we managed to raise over £350 for an amazing cause - a great achievement!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 5 children who did us all proud. They worked incredibly hard all afternoon taking orders, serving cake and tea, as well as selling cakes at the end of the day.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, they all looked delicious and made the afternoon much easier, as lots of people were keen to taste the delights. Can I also thank all those parents who helped out on the day, washing up, sorting the Blue Room, selling apples and cakes and counting the money - it really made a difference!

Blues Band

Wednesday 11th October

There will be no blues band on Wednesday 11th October as Mrs Houston will be attending a Young Voices workshop.

Violin Lessons

Please note, the music service have managed to find a temporary replacement for Ms Jenkins. Her name is Ms Smith and lessons will start this coming TUESDAY. The timetable is already on the music noticeboard and on the school website. Please note, this will change again when Ms Jenkins returns to work.

Instrumental Lessons on the Website

Please note that all instrumental timetables can now be viewed on the school website. Go to:

[Parents/Carers > Music > Music Timetables](#)

SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

Thank you to everyone who has already donated spring bulbs for planting around school. It is not too late to still help!

Bags of tulips or daffodils are only £3 in Sainsburys so why not grab a bag when you do your shopping? We hope to plant them the week before half term.

Thank you

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

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.