



NEWBRIDGE News

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Monday 30/10/17

- Start of Term 2

Thursday 02/11/17

- Y6 Barton Hall information meeting for parents @ 6.00pm

Monday 06/11/17

- Cursive Handwriting workshop for Reception parents (2.30pm Lower School Hall)
- NPSA Firework Display

Tuesday 07/11/17

- 1.30pm Open Afternoon (for new intake)
- Y6 Girls Netball

Thursday 09/11/17

- 2.30pm Y4 Assembly
- Y5 Kilve Court information meeting for parents

Tuesday 14/11/17

- 1.30pm Open Afternoon (for new intake)

Thursday 23/11/17

- Y6 to Fleet Air Arm Museum

Friday 24/11/17

- Bags 4 Schools

Thursday 30/11/17

- Christmas Fair

Monday 4/12/17

- 9.30 LS Nativity Dress Rehearsal – 2C (for parents with pre-school siblings)

Wednesday 6/12/17

- 9.30 LS Nativity Dress Rehearsal – 2R (for parents with pre-school siblings)

Thursday 7/12/17

- 9.30 LS Nativity Performance – 2C

Friday 8/12/17

- 9.30 LS Nativity Performance – 2R
- Clubs Finish

Tuesday 12/12/17

- Choir Tour

Wednesday 13/12/17

- Y2 Nativity Performance at Emmanuel Church (am)
- Upper School Christmas Concert (eve)

Thursday 14/12/17

- Upper School Christmas Concert (am)
- Y6 to Theatre Royal (pm)

Friday 15/12/17

- End of Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of a very busy, productive and fantastic term. Time has moved so quickly and I cannot quite believe that we have completed seven weeks, with the summer holiday a now distant memory. We have achieved a great deal and in many ways this has involved new initiatives and a change in practice. These changes could not have happened without the commitment and efforts of all of the staff who have worked incredibly hard to drive the school development plan forward. And of course, we could not do all that we do without your help and continued support, and I am very grateful for this.

The School Values: One piece of work which I am truly delighted with is the adoption, promotion and understanding of our new school values – those aspects which are most important to us in your child's learning and development. The children 'speak' the values, they demonstrate them continually and they recognise them in others. It is evident that through our promotion of these and the joined-up message in the Newbridge Journey, the home-learning, the celebration of children's achievements and the school certificates, that these are now very much a part of our school.

Parents' Evening Responses: Many thanks for taking the time to respond with your comments around homework/home-learning, anti-bullying, how your concerns are dealt with, information you receive about learning and communication. The vast majority of the feedback is very positive and encouraging. It seems that a large number of parents feel there are too many parentmails, detailing a range of information. I will look into this with a view to finding a way of slimming this down.

Home Learning: Following a review of the system which was rolled out to Years 2 to 6 in September, there are a few amendments for next term. These are to offer a consistent approach between year groups and to support learning in targeted areas.

- There will be a 'point system' for Years 3 to 6.
- Year 2 pupils should complete at least 2 activities (not follow the point system).
- A Maths challenge and a Spelling challenge will always be included.
- Pupils will complete an activity around safety and an activity around a healthy lifestyle.
- Timescales for completing the activities will be shared on the grid.
- We need to request that no food items are brought into school please, for safety reasons – a photograph will suffice. I know that this will be disappointing for some, but I am sure you will understand why.

The home-learning grids and the Curriculum Overviews for Term 2 will be available on the website at the start of term.

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Odd Down Parkrun: What a brilliant achievement for Newbridge Primary School pupils who took part in the inter-school challenge last Sunday morning. Due to many of our pupils competing at the event they clocked up a combined distance of 38km, therefore running the furthest out of the other schools who participated. Well done everyone!

More sport: This week our netball team played their first cup match against Combe Down Primary School and by all accounts were brilliant. The team narrowly missed out on a win but really should be so pleased with their performance and the team spirit shown throughout. Please see Mrs Bartlett's report further in the newsletter.

Help in the Year 1 outdoor area: Yet again many of our parents have been very generous with their time and efforts in tidying up and improving the area at the rear of the Year 1 classrooms. Last Saturday morning Hannah and Simon Brownell, Emma Bolt, Emma Holcombe, Paul Elliot, Emily Mitchell, Milly Greenslade and Mary Helen West all came to school to make a difference. Thank you – we couldn't do it without your support.

I would also like to thank the Year 1 parents, along with some parents from other year groups, who very kindly prepared the Newbridge Journey books.

Harvest Festival: We all enjoyed a lovely celebration today; the whole school joined together in the hall to share songs and poetry to celebrate Harvest. It was lovely to have Bee Class and Ladybird Class in their first whole school assembly; their singing was beautiful and all of the older children were thrilled to see them perform. And as our Reception children come to the end of their very first term at school, they should all be congratulated on how well they have settled in; we have all been so pleased with just how brilliant they have been. During today's assembly Emma, Elly and Abdelrahman from Year 4 spoke about our school allotment. They told the other children all about what they could see at the allotment, how it had been tendered and they named 21 fruit and vegetables that had been grown this year! Emma's mum, Lucy, is a huge supporter of the school and maintains the allotment and beds with the support of other parents and we too are very grateful for their work; Thank you for your generous food donations that were displayed in today's assembly. These will be taken to support the Bath Food Bank and I know that these items will be very gratefully received.

And finally: At the end of today's assembly I spoke to all of the children about keeping safe with forthcoming activities such as Halloween and Bonfire Night. I also mentioned how the clocks will move backward during half term and that the children should leave school on time at the end of the day and make their way home carefully, if this is something they do independently. Please can I ask that if ever you are unable to collect your child on time, that you let us know so we can ensure all of the children are safe on the darker evenings.

I wish you all a restful week,

Gill Kennaugh



This term, we have enjoyed receiving a broad range of wonderfully creative examples of home learning across the whole school. It has been great to see so many children embracing their learning and taking such pride in their work. Thank you to all those parents who have supported and encouraged their children's learning.

In Year 3, one child even went as far to complete their entire home learning grid! Across the term, Humphrey O has advertised this own Aztec food, researched Aztec temples, composed and performed an original song and even investigated the weather outlook to help his parents anticipate when to do their washing... to name but a few! A truly fantastic example of independent learning that has expanded his knowledge far beyond the school curriculum.

Humphrey has produced each piece of learning to consistently high standards and deserves to feel incredibly proud of his transition into Year 3 and his marvellous attitude to learning.

STARS OF THE WEEK

10 – Imogen B, Minnie F

2C – Sophie P, James H

3H – Jayden M, Humphrey O

4C – Thomas S, Olive CB

5B – Daisy W, James W

6A – Charlie L, Imogen M

ISC – Lauren U, Delphi-Rae MC

2R – Mabel O'G, Mckenzie C

3A0 – Max C, Jessica H

4KE – Hector S, Emma H

5H – Toby O, Archie H

6B – Sulayman I, Evie SJ



YEAR 6 NETBALL CUP MATCH

On Tuesday this week, the Year 6 Netball team travelled to Combe Down to play their first cup match of the season. The girls were absolutely brilliant; they played some excellent netball and were a great team. They supported each other and the opposition.

I was so impressed with how well they followed the High 5 rules. They showed how good they are at learning new skills and putting them into practice. The game itself was exciting, with the teams scoring lots of goals. Newbridge scored the first goal and took the lead on many occasions throughout the game. The last quarter was nail biting as it was 11 all with about 1 minute to go...unfortunately Combe Down scored leaving the final score at 11-12. Well done Newbridge, you made us all very proud.

A big thank you to Mrs Brazington, Mrs Francis and Ms Steele for providing transport and supporting the girls - you really did make a difference.

Our next game is November 7th at Oldfield Park Juniors.

CHOIR

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BLUES BAND

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