



NEWBRIDGE News

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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)
- 2.45 Writing Curriculum Update

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

BREAKFAST CLUB

Do you have any unwanted games, puzzles, art supplies or even an old chess set that you don't use anymore? The children really enjoy the challenge of a good chess game!

Also, just a reminder that we stop serving breakfast at 8.20am every day. We have to stop at this time to ensure that the Blue Room (and kitchen area) are tidy and ready for the children's learning throughout the day. If your child arrives later than 8.20am we can offer fruit and a drink – but sorry, no cereal or toast.

Many thanks

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week, with so many wonderful learning opportunities taking place across the school and of course, the firework display on Monday evening added something very special.

Learning in school this term: The Year 5 enquiry 'Have you got what it takes to be an astronaut?' certainly started with a bang. There have been many reports of how excited the children are about their enquiry and therefore Daisy and George have written this piece to explain more...

Last week Year 5 participated in blasting rockets into the sky on the field for our enquiry. We were split into groups and given limited resources: 1 square metre of card, 30 cm of masking tape and 1 large plastic bottle. We were allowed as many pieces of scrap paper and green towels as we needed. Our task was to create a capsule from these resources. We then placed an egg inside and attached the capsule to a bottle and blasted it into the sky. The majority of Year 5 chose a cone shape for their capsule although that proved not to be the most effective. One group went for a box and placed their egg inside; this proved to work alright although it cracked a little bit. Two groups managed to be completely successful in not cracking their egg at all. After all groups had finished making their capsule we went to the field. Mr.Hempleman was in charge of pumping the rockets into the sky. Ollie in 5B timed the rockets' flight. All rockets took a similar time in the air [2 seconds] so we couldn't really judge that. Our original idea was to fill the rockets with water but after a failed attempt [where the pipe leaked and sprayed on Mr.Hempleman] we decided to leave the bottles empty. Once all of the rockets had flown we filled a spare rocket with water to try again. After another 2 failed attempts, we finally succeeded to make the water filled bottle fly! It travelled much further than any of the other bottle rockets but our favourite sight was Mr.Hempleman soaking wet due to the residue of the water from the bottle rocket!

Year 1 Writing: Children often share their fantastic learning with me and this week was such a treat. Four very, very proud Year 1 children came to share their writing; Amber, George, Freddie and Imogen had all demonstrated brilliant progress and were **so** proud of their achievements – well done.

School Ambassadors: This week our Class Ambassadors, House Captains and School Councillors have all been in action. Each class has two ambassadors and they were very busy on Tuesday afternoon at our prospective parents' open afternoon. They politely greeted the parents as they entered the classrooms and explained to the visitors all about the learning that was taking place. Meanwhile our House Captains had the responsibility of supporting with tours of the school, alongside the senior leaders.

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Some House Captains also volunteered to speak at our presentation to the parents and did so beautifully; really showing off their skills and our school. The School Councillors attended their inaugural meeting on Monday with Mrs O'Gara. They took their roles very seriously and are very keen to make a difference to our school and our community – their first job is to decide on which charities the school will support this year. It's been a great week – with our children being our best advert.

Year 4 assembly: Yesterday saw our first year group assembly of the year and it was fantastic. All of the children had worked together to produce their own choice of sketches, songs, music and poetry. The assembly was very clearly based on our school values of: **Learning and Communication, Creativity and Imagination, Personal Development, Collaboration** and **Citizenship**. It was a showcase of everything the children had learnt since September and also clearly demonstrated all that we have been promoting as a school since the start of the year; particularly the wonderful examples of home-learning. Happiness and enjoyment in the children's learning was evident and I was particularly impressed with the confidence with which they delivered their lines. Thank you Year 4 for working so hard together.

The Writing Process – a meeting for parents in Years 1 to 6: To support your understanding of the process the children go through when writing, we would like to offer a further curriculum update on 4th December. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the school office. Once we know numbers, a venue will be agreed.

NPSA Fireworks: Thank you so much to the volunteers, organisers and to everyone who attended the display on Monday evening. It was the first dry display we had had for a couple of years and this made the event perfect in every way. The community spirit shone through and it was great to see all ages enjoying the fun and fireworks together. Thank you for the appreciation expressed about the event; the organisers should be really proud of all of their efforts.

An outstanding achievement: Jacob from Year 5 was selected to represent the Southwest in a national gymnastics competition last Friday. With his family he travelled to Birmingham, feeling both excited and apprehensive about his first national event. Jacob completed an outstanding performance in a number of disciplines and came 9th overall out of a 72 boys; even scoring a perfect 10 on the vault! What an achievement – we are all very proud of you!

And finally: We offer Abdullah a very warm welcome to Year 1. He started school on Monday and has really enjoyed meeting all of the other children. We hope his time at Newbridge is very enjoyable.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards

Gill Kennaugh



This fantastic photo was taken at the NPSA Firework display by Ben in Year 5

CHRISTMAS SINGING For Parents, Carers and Friends

We would love to see as many adults as possible joining our adult Christmas choir. It is a great way to meet others and you get to perform at the evening performance of our fabulous Christmas Concert on **Wednesday 13th December**.

All abilities and experience are welcome.

Rehearsals will take place at 7.30pm in the 'new' music room (behind the upper school hall) on the following evenings

**Monday 13th November, Monday 27th November,
Monday 4th December and Monday 11th December**

Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Happy Christmas singing
Lesley Houston

STARS OF THE WEEK

Bee – Rémi F, Thomas M

IO – Astrid C, Astrid H

2C – Reuben K, Matthew D

3H – Zachary L, Oliver G

4C – Whole class

5B – Margo B, Leo J

6A – Joshy N, Josh C, Thomas H

Ladybird – Barnaby B, Greta M

ISC – Amity C, Benjamin W

2R – TBA

3A0 – Robyn W, Noah S

4KE – Whole class

5H – Isaac P, Jacob M

6B – Dan B, Holly B



CHRISTMAS MENU

Wednesday 13th December

£2.60

Roast Turkey served with Pigs in Blankets
& Stuffing

Or

Vegetarian Wellington

Roast or Boiled Potatoes served with a selection
of Fresh Festive Vegetables

Chocolate Fudge Yule Log

Or

Fresh Fruit Salad

Or

Christmas Biscuit

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 13th December

£2.60

Deadline for Orders:
Friday 1st December.

If your child normally has school dinners, there is no need to specifically order a meal. If your child normally has a packed lunch, you are able to pre-order a one-off Christmas lunch. Please place orders including money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and 'Christmas Dinner' (cheques should be made payable to B&NES). Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a free school meal, so no money is required.

Please note: The deadline for the Kitchen ordering supplies means that unfortunately orders CANNOT be taken after Friday 1st December.

If you have forgotten to pre-order the Christmas lunch please do not change your child to school dinners week commencing 11th December, as there will not be sufficient food.

Many thanks