



NEWBRIDGE News

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Tuesday 28/11/17

- 5B Visit to The Herschel Museum of Astronomy

Wednesday 29/11/17

- Mufti Day

Thursday 30/11/17

- Christmas Fair

Friday 1/12/17

- Last day to order Christmas Lunch
- Football – Y6 Cup Match

Monday 4/12/17

- 9.30 LS Nativity Dress Rehearsal – 2C (for parents with pre-school siblings)
- 2.45pm 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
- 2pm Y3 Author's Tea
- 4.30 – 5.30 Y3 & 4 Christmas Disco
- 6 – 7 Y5, 6 & 7 Christmas Disco

Friday 8/12/17

- 9.30 LS Nativity Performance – 2R
- Choir busking at the Abbey
- Clubs Finish

Tuesday 12/12/17

- Choir Tour

Wednesday 13/12/17

- Y2 Nativity Performance at Emmanuel Church (am)
- US Christmas Concert (eve)
- Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14/12/17

- US Christmas Concert (am)
- LS Christmas Party
- Y6 to Theatre Royal (pm)

Friday 15/12/17

- End of Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

There is never a quiet week in our school and with the Christmas activities commencing, it is going to be extremely busy until the end of term. Please keep an eye on the dates provided on the newsletter and on the website.

The choir performs: Last evening the choir started their Christmas activities, with a performance at Bath Abbey in the Bath Primary Schools' Carol Concert and it was superb. The children had rehearsed at the Abbey in the day time and returned to join with all of the other schools and parents. The children waited patiently, whilst appreciating the performances, until it was their turn. Their singing was absolutely superb and the Abbey setting made it very special. This was a new experience for some children and I am sure one they will remember. Thank you to the parents who supported throughout the day and of course, to Mrs Houston who led the choir and encourages and promotes music across the whole school.

Year 6 out and about: Yesterday, all of the Year 6 children visited the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovil as part of their enquiry focussed on World War II. All reports have told me how brilliant and engaged the children were and this was commented on by the museum staff. This is what Ella and Anna said about the trip...

Yesterday, Year 6 went to the Fleet Air Arm Museum and had an amazing time! Some of our favourite highlights were: seeing the Royal Air Force plane and helicopters; going on board the second Concorde ever made; and having a tour of the museum. We also took part in a rationing workshop where we planned the rationed meals for our teachers. We also went on a shaking helicopter simulator which led out to the runway on an aircraft carrier. It was incredible to learn how aircraft took off and landed. We loved our time at the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

Year 5 have a very special visitor: As part of the enquiry 'Have you got what takes to be an astronaut?' Year 5 had a visit from Dr Whitley. Josh and Teresa have written a report later in this newsletter.

Teaching and Learning: I thought I would share some of our internal monitoring systems with you as many take place across the school, ensuring that that we are focused on key areas for improvement and that the children are making progress. We have almost completed a cycle of development observations for all of the teaching staff, when we monitor learning and progress. Teachers are also assessing progress through their observations and assessments, which will inform their teacher judgements against the Early Years Learning Goals or the National Curriculum.

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PLEASE NOTE:

No Cricket

Thursday 30th November and
Thursday 7th December

There will be a double session on
Thursday 14th December

CHRISTMAS LUNCH REMINDER

Deadline for Orders
Friday 1st December

The Senior Leadership Team will analyse this data and consider any development planning needs for the coming term. Alongside this, progress meetings are held with each teacher and every pupil's learning is discussed. With regards to our school development plan, teachers and governors will soon review the actions they are responsible for and then the linked governor will complete a monitoring report to be shared with the governing body. These are just some of our monitoring processes, but all are vitally important in meeting the needs of individual pupils and keeping the school moving forward.

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.

The Christmas Fair: Thank you for all of the donations already received for the Christmas Fair. I am sure it is again going to be an excellent event. To ensure that all children are safe, please can I ask that parents are responsible for their children during the fair and do not allow them to play on the field, in the conservation area, behind the lower school classrooms or to enter the upper school classrooms. This was a problem last year and your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated this year.

And finally: We offer huge thanks to all of the parents and children who gave up their Sunday afternoon to decorate our school. We could not believe what we found on Monday morning! The children were truly thrilled at seeing the bunting, baubles, garlands, lights and trees...it was magical.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Gill Kennaugh



Year 6 visit to Fleet Air Arm Museum

STARS OF THE WEEK

Bee – Emma H, Zachy D

IO – Josh B, Florence G

2C – Emilia W, Samuel W

3H – Robbie F, Florrie T

4C – Henry D, Ivo V

5B – Alia RS, Henry F

6A – Lily W, Joe G

Ladybird – Katie M, Zoe M

ISC – Ela M, William S

2R – Eva S, Alfie T

3A0 – Zach T, Kenzie H

4KE – Ross C, Miles S

5H – Sophie G, Summer S

6B – Ella H, Max L

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE AN ASTRONAUT?

Have you ever watched the programme, **Do You Have What It Takes To Be An Astronaut?**

Well, on Wednesday this week, Year 5 were lucky enough to meet one of its presenters, **Dr Whitely**. During her visit, she talked about space shuttles and astronaut training, which was really interesting. She also showed us how to make an origami space shuttle, this was quite tricky. Apparently training astronauts have to make 1000 in an hour!

Meanwhile, we were also privileged to have Mrs Hancock in school. She taught us how to think on the spot, through asking and answering questions, just like real journalists. We had to imagine we were astronauts who had been selected to go on a space mission. We learnt many skills through being part of a press conference, and had lots of fun too!

We really can't believe we met the person we have been watching on BBC television!

Written by Josh M and Teresa de C



MATCH REPORT

By Scarlet, 5B

On Tuesday 21st November, a group of boys in Year 5 played a football match against Oldfield Park. The boys who played were Sam (our team captain), Alex, Jacob, Nathan, George, Eddie, Toby, Henry and our goal keepers, Archie and Ned, who pulled out some amazing saves. But let us not forget the one girl who played – Scarlet. Everyone played really well together. The score for the game was 5-2. Alex scored an amazing first goal for us and Sam our captain scored a brilliant second goal. Everyone played brilliantly!

CHOIR AT THE ABBEY

Congratulations and thank you to the choir for such a fantastic performance in the Abbey yesterday. You did yourselves and the school proud.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS GIGS

A letter has been sent home today providing details, and asking for permission for the choir to take part in additional Christmas gigs. As the first of these will happen on Thursday, please could the reply slips be returned on Monday. Copies available in the office

Thank you - Mrs Houston

DINNER MONEY REMINDER

All dinners should be taken on a weekly basis. Dinner money is £2.60 per day (£13.00 per week). You are welcome to pay per week, month or term. Please could dinner money be paid for **in advance** on the first day of every week (or month/term if appropriate) and **not retrospectively**.

Could those parents and carers paying online, please check their accounts and top up if necessary (As you may be aware when paying for school dinners online, you do not get a reminder when your payment has run out).

When paying online could you also ensure that you pay amounts that are divisible by £13.00.

Many thanks