



NEWBRIDGE News

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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

Wednesday 03/01/18

- Start of Term 3



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who has pre-ordered the Christmas lunch. The orders have now been placed with the kitchen.

Please may we ask, if you have forgotten to pre-order the Christmas lunch please do not change your child to school dinners next week as there will not be sufficient food.

Many thanks

ORCHESTRA

Please note, there will be an extra choir rehearsal at lunchtime on Monday. Please ensure your child brings in their instrument and music.

Thank you

CRICKET CLUB

There will be a double session on Thursday 14th December

Dear Parents and Carers

Just a short update this week...after a long week!

Lower School Nativity: What an absolute treat we all had this week; the atmosphere created in the hall by the brilliant lower school performance of 'Bethlehem's Buzzing' was magical. The acting and singing skills of the Year 2 classes were amazing; with each class taking it in turn to lead the show. Year 1, Bee and Ladybird classes had their moments too and it was wonderful to see these very young children giving their all to a huge hall of bright lights and staring faces. If you were able to watch the performance, I am sure you will have laughed, shed a tear and admired the courage and confidence of every single child. Well done everyone and to all of the staff for making this happen. It was another heart-warming moment and undoubtedly put us all in the Christmas spirit.

Busking in town: The choir has been in action again today as they ventured into Bath to busk outside the Abbey and raise funds for Julian House. For the Year 3 children this will have been another new experience and I am delighted that we are able to offer these opportunities to all of the children. In all today, 97 children took part! We will of course see the choir and all of the musical groups again next week for the Christmas concerts and the tour around the community to perform at the RUH and at the local care homes. Thank you to Mrs Houston and to all of the willing volunteers for enabling today's event to happen and of course to the children for committing to their rehearsals and for simply being brilliant.

School Development Plan Review: This week the teaching staff have been meeting with their subject link governors to review their action plans. It is clear that we have not wasted a second of the first two terms and outside of teaching time the staff have driven their plans forward, demonstrating the impact of their actions already. Notable work has taken place in Maths, Writing, Phonics and Spelling – our key areas for development this year. We have our actions lined up for the coming terms and we will continue to focus our efforts in making progress in all key areas.

Volunteers' Thank You: As a way of showing our appreciation to the many volunteers who support our school, we would like to invite you to 'Music and Mince Pies' on Monday 11th December at 2:15pm in the Blue Room. We could not do our job without you and we are very grateful for all you do. Please do come along if you can.

Lost property: This is the last call for lost property to be claimed. There is some in the box in the lower school hall and a good deal outside the office.

With kind regards,
Gill Kennaugh

FINAL MUSICAL CHRISTMAS WEEK

After all our hard work this term, Christmas concerts and the choir tour are fast approaching
Thank you so much to the parents, staff and children who helped to make today's busking such a success
and so much fun. Well done all. Next week is even busier. Please help your child to practise, especially
if they are in **Blues Band** or **Orchestra**

Tuesday 12th December Choir Tour

Please remember a packed lunch (in a throw away container especially for Years 5-6) and suitable outdoor
clothing for walking to and from the RUH and care homes.

The whole choir will be singing in the RUH atrium from 11.30am. If you are planning to come and watch, please
could we ask that you do not stand right in front of the choir but to the side or behind the table area so that
visitors to the RUH can see as well. Thank you.

Wednesday 13th December Christmas Concert at 7pm

The children will be rehearsing during the day and so will need all music and instruments, together with
a named music stand if you have one.

Please can all instrumentalists arrive by 6.30pm and go to the spare classroom.

Choir should arrive by 6.45pm and go to Mrs Button's room.

Full school uniform please.

(NB Already very few tickets left for this performance)

Thursday 14th December Christmas Concert at 10am

Once again children will need all their music and instruments.

(NB Plenty of tickets left for this performance)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Bee – Whole Class

IO – Whole Class

2C – Whole Class

3H – Seb D, Elodie B

4C – Lenor B, Ethan W

5B – Freya A, Joseph B

6A – Ruby P, Corey B

Ladybird – Whole Class

ISC – Whole Class

2R – Whole Class

3A0 – Nat W, Mia G

4KE – Oscar MC, Bertie MC

5H – Annabel M, Alex D

6B – Anna K, Arthur P

ART GALLERY

Year 3 Creative Watercolour Work



By Fin D, 3AO



By Louis F, 3H

MATCH REPORT: NEWBRIDGE V KES

By William H, 6B

Last Friday our Year 6 team played King Edward's School in a cup game. A thrilling game ended 2-2 in normal time which KES won with a golden goal in extra time.

Both teams started the game playing really well but KES eventually started to get on top and took the lead with a well taken goal. KES were then awarded a penalty after the referee (Mr Cumpson) decided a Newbridge defender handled the ball. Fortunately the penalty went wide but not long afterwards KES added a second.

KES continued to attack in the second half and only some strong defending kept the score line at 2-0. Newbridge were defending for their lives but managed to catch KES on the

break and score a goal of their own against the run of play, scored by Dan Burton. The comeback was on! KES continued to hammer at Newbridge's defence but couldn't break through.

Newbridge cleared with a long ball that Dan Burton seized on and slotted low right to equalise against the odds. This took the game into extra time and the excitement of golden goal time.

Unfortunately KES struck the decisive blow after 5 minutes, winning the game 3-2.

The Newbridge team were really disappointed but very proud of their comeback and their refusal to give up. They were a real credit to the school.

Thank you to Mr Cumpson for refereeing and to every parent cheering on our team (standing outside in the freezing cold!)

DESCRIPTION OF A VOLCANO

By Hector S, 4KE

Like a raging dragon the volcano hurled lava out of the vent, suffocating the air. The scorching magma trickled down the side like a mountain ice-cream. In a flash people were buried by the burning ash, raining down then deadly lava, blood-thirsty for buildings, devoured everything its wretched path.

Vulcon was too emotional, the taste of ash was sour, bitter, dead and hot. Suddenly like a T-Rex the volcano roared. First a little trickle, then a booming explosion following it – the lava chomped on houses, wrestled trees and spewed ash over the town. Land was forming all over the world.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS FROM JANUARY

The children were treated to a brass demonstration this week and Year 6 were also inspired by Mrs Hewson's fantastic string quartet.

We teach a wide variety of instruments at Newbridge and it would be fantastic if we had some children starting on any of the following instruments: Brass (trumpet, trombone, baritone); Woodwind (flute); Strings (violin, cello, guitar) and Drumming

If you would like your child to start lessons in January, please email the music service directly music@bathnes.gov.uk

If you would like to arrange singing, clarinet or saxophone lessons, please let Mrs Houston know and she will contact the teacher for you. Mrs Houston would be happy to answer any questions.

STRING QUARTET

By Lily W and Matthew W, 6A

Yesterday, on the 7th of December, Year 6 were fortunate enough to have 4 ladies including Thomas H's mum, Lucy, who were part of a professional string quartet to come in and show us their talent by playing a piece that was created about World War II by Dmitri Shostakovich.

We came in after break excited to hear the music but we had no idea how amazing the piece really was and were stunned when they started playing. As well as the beautiful piece, an entire slide show made by Olly S's mum played in the background.

The inspiration for Shostakovich's Eighth String Quartet (the piece that they played) was a visit to the German city of Dresden which was badly affected in the war; the sight of destruction triggered emotion and this piece of music is how he showed it.

We must say a big thank you to Lucy, her quartet and Mrs Scully for giving up their time to come to our school and play such a fantastic piece for us; it was a brilliant treat for the whole Year.

