



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## 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

## PLEASE NOTE:

### No Cricket

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

There will be a double session on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## 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 then please do not change your child to school dinners week commencing 11th December, as there will not be sufficient food.

Many thanks

Dear Parents and Carers

It seems to be all about Christmas this week....

**The Christmas Fair:** What an extravaganza! So much hard work went into yet another successful event and all of the planning and organisation was led by our new, hugely energetic and now well-established Chair, Amy Osborn. Many parents were at school prior to the fair; sorting goodies, wrapping gifts and making sure everything was organised. The class representatives did a great job in rallying support for their stalls and we particularly need to thank one parent who saved the night by taking on 'a very important role'! The choir again sang beautifully to set the scene and open the event. Having the trees illuminated on the drive was a first and a real wow factor for everyone arriving – Max's dad is to be thanked for his skills, generosity and time. The clean-up was pretty speedy too – thank you to everyone who packed away and a special thank you to Tessa in Year 6 for hoovering the upper school hall until 8:15pm! As ever we are extremely grateful for your generous donations, your help, time and support. We don't know the total figure raised yet, but I am sure we will all be pleasantly surprised when we read this in Monday's NPSA newsletter. As you will know, all of the funds raised are used to support and improve our children's experience at school. Last month the NPSA donated £5000 towards maths resources - these are much needed to increase children's enjoyment, engagement and progress in maths. We would never be able to achieve all that we do without your support; the NPSA is second to none and does exactly what it sets out to do – Support our Children, our School and our Community.

**Christmas events:** With just two weeks of this term to go, there are many events taking place - the discos, the Christmas Party, the choir tours and of course the Nativities and Christmas concerts.

Next week we will all be able to enjoy the delights of the lower school Nativity play – Bethlehem's Buzzin'. The children have been very busy rehearsing and of course this takes a great deal of hard work by everyone involved. This week I was greeted at the office window by a herd of little donkeys - all very keen to practice their ee-ors! There will be two dress rehearsals next week; pre-school aged children are invited to attend these and then the performances are on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December. If you are a Year 2 parent, please note which class is performing on which day.

If you only have children in the lower school, you may be unaware of the Christmas concerts that take place in the upper school. These concerts are an opportunity for all of the children who learn musical instruments, who play in musical groups and who are members of the choir, to show-off their talents. There are two concerts and the one on Thursday 14th at 10am usually has tickets available. Even if your child is not performing at the concert, you are most welcome to attend.

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Again you are invited to join the Nativity service at Emmanuel Church - the lower school children all take part in this simple yet beautiful performance, which is led by the Year 2 children.

**Other business: Dangerous and inconsiderate parking:** I have again received a complaint about parking on Charmouth Road. It was reported that a parent's car was parked on double yellow lines and prevented use of the dropped kerb for pushchair and wheelchair users. Again, can I urge all parents and carers to consider others, park responsibly and walk to school whenever possible.

**A polite reminder:** If you choose to bring your dog to school at the start and end of the day, please can I ask that you do not tie your dog to the gates, in a way that causes a hazard for families. Some parents have reported concerns around dogs being in the way, especially if there is a fear of dogs. Please also note, that even if carried, dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school site.

**Lost property:** There are two full bags by the office waiting to be claimed; please check today or next week, before it is disposed of.

I hope you have a restful weekend, ready for so much more next week.

With kind regards,  
Gill Kennaugh



It is with great sadness that we learnt today of the passing of Mr Terry Cross, following a short illness. He was a former colleague and dear friend to us all, having worked with the school for over 38 years. He was the caretaker of Newbridge Junior School until 2006 and lollipop man on Newbridge Hill, having only retired from this role 4 years ago, at the age of 76. He did though continue in a role that was very special to him – "starter on sports day". He attended this event last July and carried out his duties with the same enthusiasm, energy and humour as he always did.

Many of you will have known him – he gave so much back to the Newbridge community and was very proud to be associated with it. He was a great role model to us all; he worked hard, helped others, took time to say hello and give a cheery wave and displayed great loyalty. Terry will be missed and we remember him fondly.

We have been unable to inform the children today and we ask that you share this news with them if they knew him.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

**3H** – Adam M, Albie F

**3A0** – Ruben H, Inigo De C

**4C** – Esme S, Olive CB

**4KE** – Ashaya S, Freddy M

**5B** – Ronny S, Kaylie H

**5H** – Sophie S, Isaac P

**6A** – Callum A, Safiya M

**6B** – Charlie B, Tom P

## Blues Band

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

## Orchestra

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that rehearsals next week will **go on until 4.30pm**. This is our final rehearsal before the concerts on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December  
Thank you - Lesley Houston

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Letters will come out next week providing details about tickets for this year's Christmas Concerts on:  
Wednesday 13th December at 7pm and Thursday 14th December at 10am.  
The concerts involve the choir, orchestra and blues band, as well as many of year 5 and year 6.

## CHOIR

Well done for your performance at the opening of our Christmas Fair yesterday. Remember, to keep practising all of the other songs too ready to sing them when we busk next Friday and then when we go on tour on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## MATCH REPORT: YEAR 6 NETBALL MATCH V OLDFIELD PARK JUNIORS

By Anna K, 5B

Last week seven of the Year 6 girls from our netball club played a difficult game against Oldfield Park Junior School. Even though they had all been on a school trip, they were eager and ready to face their opponents. They all played really well, which meant it was a closely fought game.

The girls played five minute quarters, rotating their positions each time. Considering the team has only been playing for about two months, we were incredibly pleased with the final score line, which was 4:1 to Oldfield. In addition, we played in tricky conditions, rain, wind and by the end of the game the dark!

The girls felt it was a good experience, particularly as the opposition had 2 boys in the team. Well done everyone, you were brilliant!

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I am very proud of the all the children who have taken part in netball club this term. They have proven to be excellent netballers and great ambassadors for Newbridge at both games.

Thank you to also to Ms Howard and Mrs Wyber for transporting and supporting the team.



## JUDO

Last week classes in Year 5 and Year 2 were treated to demonstration Judo lessons given by experienced coach Finn Gleeson.

The children had a lot of fun and were all enthusiastic to learn about some of the different skills of Judo both on their feet and on the mat. They also learned about the special clothes that are worn and the importance of showing respect for your opponent.

Finn runs the judo club that meets at 8am, on Thursday morning in school. If you would like to know more, please look at the clubs information on the website.



## OUT OF THIS WORLD

By Scarlett N, 5B

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, 5H, and on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 5B, went to the Herschel Museum where William Herschel lived. We were given a booklet of questions to answer whilst we did a tour of the house. This included watching a quick film about his life. We also got a talk about galaxies, the solar system and William Herschel. After that we walked to No.1 The Royal Crescent and made a model of the solar system.

Everyone really enjoyed it!

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# Christmas colouring competition

Design your dream  
Christmas home

- We'll choose 1 lucky winner with the best design and you'll receive a £25 gift voucher of your choice!
- 3 runner ups will see their design feature in one of our Andrews branches!

Ages 4 - 11

Competition closes  
20th Dec 2017.

Entry forms are available in the school office or from the branch. T & C's apply. See entry form for further details

## CROSS COUNTRY

Last weekend the Inter Area Primary Schools' Cross Country Challenge took place on a steep course at Ashton Park in Bristol. As a result of earlier qualification, Newbridge had several runners representing BANES schools.

They were up against tough competition, with the best runners who had qualified from North and South Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

Congratulations go to Ember, Anna, Holly, Grace, George and Toby who all ran brilliantly with commitment and determination.

A special mention goes to Joshy who ran superbly to finish 7th in his age group in a very close finish.

Well done to all of you and thank you parents for your support.

Keep Running!!

Mr Seaborne