

### Message from Mrs Webb

Merry Christmas everyone- what a long and exciting term this has been! As you know we had our Ofsted inspection at the end of October, and have been rated as Good in all areas. I am so proud of everyone for being their absolute best leading up to, and during the inspection. Our rating reflects how hard everyone has worked, so a big thank you to all of you! We have also had some wonderful topic displays, and of course the fabulous Year 3 sing-a-longs and Year 5 Christmas production of 'Big Bad Ben' which definitely got us in to the Christmas spirit! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to welcoming you back on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Anna Webb**  
**Headteacher**



### Attendance Percentages Half Term 1

3F	3J	3N	3P	3S	4S	4R	4JP	4P	5M	5C	5H	5S	6P	6R	6S	6vR	6G
97.3	96.4	95.5	97	95.5	97.7	95.8	<b>97.8</b>	96.6	95.2	96.6	93.1	97	96.5	97	95.1	94.1	96.3

Well done to **4JP** for achieving **97.8%** attendance!

Please note that if your child's attendance drops to **under 96%** you will be receiving a letter home to inform you and offer you support, if it is needed. This is procedure stipulated by the government. Children need to maintain an attendance rate of at least 95% throughout the entire academic year to make the most of learning opportunities.

### Fundraising

Thank you for all of your support and generosity- this term Newbridge raised the following amounts:

- Children in Need £763.34
- Save The Children £387.50
- Upper School Disco £384.00



### Lost Property and Cloakroom Clean out

The lost property bin is overflowing! If you have lost anything, please come and have a look as we will be disposing of anything which has not been collected by the end of term. Please also remind your child/ren to remove all belongings from the cloakroom before the end of every term as they will be deep cleaned during this time and need to be clear.

## What have we been learning?

### Year 3

This half term our topic, in Newbridge, has been Would You Rather and I love it! It is very fun learning about New York and London especially because I don't know a lot either of these. I am elated that this has been our topic because I have learnt lots of new information and facts through our geography learning. My favourite part of the topic has been when we took part in a whole class debate on where we thought the Commander should live and some people even changed sides at the end- I still think the Commander should go to New York!

*Jess 3J*



### Year 4

In Year 4 we have been learning about Wallis and Gromit's cracking contraptions! Year 4 have been working hard on making their characters from clay, also some of the classes made their own machines. The machines (contraptions) were all awesome and very creative. Year 4 was so resilient through this topic.

*Isai 4JP*



### Year 5

Our topic this half term was Space! We started reading 'George and the Blue Moon' by Stephen Hawking which is an adventure story but also has non-fiction inside about Space. We made up our own adventure stories based on the book, mine was called 'The Aliens Invading!' At the start of term, we had a visit from the University of Portsmouth who taught us about the order of the planets, it was really fun! We have also written some narrative poems based on 'Aliens Love Santa Claus' which is Mrs Hale's daughter's favourite book! We worked in groups to write a sequel for her, and Mrs Hale is going to take them home to read them to her!

*Libby 5H*



### Year 6

Our 'Life As We Know It' topic was very interesting. We did a wide range of work and it was fun to learn about and it was extremely exciting. Our favourite lesson was when Year 6 made fossils out of clay and painted them! This was one of our favourite topics and both of us wish to do another topic just as amazing as this one.

*By Hope and John 6P*



## PSHE

We have been lucky enough during PSHE sessions to have had visitors come to teach us. We had a lady from the Dogs Trust who taught us things like; how to approach dogs, when it is safe to stroke them and other useful information. She also gave out free gifts for all participating pupils! Year 6 welcomed a visitor from the British Red Cross who was very knowledgeable about the problems surrounding refugees.



## Christmas Word Search



AN  
 FR  
 Y J W Z  
 K Z I Y  
 T W K P E Y  
 K F U D C V  
 X J O L L Y G J  
 G M Y S J V S L  
 G B U B L M J Z S C  
 D H V S L P X V I G  
 T R Q O P E R H L H B A  
 T F I N T B C W P J N L  
 R S Y Z O K I B M O S O I Z  
 E T Y L P W O A E U R U U T  
 C E J C Y I T T J L U H C L P P  
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 O S N Y L E D M S Q W G Y V B P S A  
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 A Y G S R Z D J L E Q V N T O J G X S B B N  
 P P T B O C X R Z E T N B I M U I E P J D M D Y  
 Y Y P S O H J B S B O M M P O B V C J N N H L H  
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BELLS  
 STOCKINGS  
 WREATH  
 ELVES  
 SLED

CELEBRATE  
 EGGNOG  
 TREE  
 JOLLY  
 SANTA

MERRY  
 MISTLETOE  
 CHIMNEY  
 REINDEER

### Diary Dates

December	
Friday 22nd	Last day of Term
January	
Monday 8th	Back to School
February	
Thursday 8th	Lower School Disco (6.00-7.00pm)
Friday 9th	Last day of half term
Monday 19th	Inset Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School

### Inset Days 2017/18

19 February

16 April

4 June

### Did You Know?

In order for Santa to visit all the homes in the world on Christmas Eve, he would have to visit 822 homes each second!



