

Message from Mrs Webb

Dear Parents

I hope you enjoyed a great summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. I would like to extend a warm welcome to year 3, new staff and any new children who have joined us in other year groups. I have been very impressed with the way in which the children have started the year. They are actively engaged in their learning and looking very smart in their new school uniforms. Please help us continue this wonderful start as we move through the year. In other exciting news, Newbridge has been accredited by the University of Exeter as a Thinking School after a very lengthy process- well done and let's keep Thinking!

A Webb
Headteacher



Congratulations!

A **BIG** congratulations from everyone at Newbridge to Mrs Cole and Mrs Burgess on the safe arrival of baby's Lottie and Anabella- we wish you all the happiness in the world!

Great African Welly Walk

On Thursday 5th October Newbridge will be taking part in the Great African Welly Walk. This is a sponsored walk to raise money for Farm Africa- a charity which supports farming families so they can earn enough money to send their children to school. More details to follow shortly so dust off your wellies...



Scooters and Bikes

Please can you make sure that children do not ride scooters or bikes on the school grounds to ensure we keep everybody as safe as possible. Also, children should not be riding their bikes to school without an adult unless they have passed their cycling Bikeability training. Thank you.

Reminders

- School starts promptly at 8.55am (gates open at 8.40am) and ends at 3.15pm. School gates will be locked at 9am for safety reasons; any children arriving after this time must come through the main school reception and need to sign the late book.
- Breakfast club starts at 8am every morning and costs £2 per day.
- If your child (year 4 and above) is to be collected by another adult, or allowed to walk home alone, please make their class teacher aware.
- Children waiting to be collected from school at the end of the day will be waiting in the upper school hall.

Attendance- every day matters!

Please remember that the Law stipulates that **NO** absence can be authorised during term time and a fine of **£60 per child per parent** will be issued if you do choose to take your child/children out of school.

Please note the following guidelines regarding attendance:

- Phone or email school by 9am on the first day of absence
- Respond quickly to text messages requesting confirmation of absence
- Make medical/dental appointments out of school hours
- Do not book holidays in term time- the school WILL NOT authorise holidays, barring exceptional circumstances



If for any reason you do need to request a leave of absence from school for your child/ren, a leave of absence form can be collected from the office. Please note that this form must be returned to the office 10 days before the planned absence in order to give the school time to process it correctly.

School Uniform, PE Kit and Jewellery

Please make sure that your child's clothing is clearly and indelibly marked with his/her name. We frequently end up with many sweatshirts in lost property, none of which are marked. Shoes should be **all** black in colour.

All children need to have kit for P.E. and Games lessons, as specified in our prospectus. Please make sure that your child has this kit in school for these lessons.

May I also remind you that the wearing of jewellery is discouraged and that nail varnish should not be worn at any time.

School Dinners

Please could you ensure that you pay for school dinners in advance online on ISS. We are unfortunately not able to give your child any dinner unless your account is credited. If you need assistance with the online site, please speak to the office.

School Dinners are £2.05 per meal.

For Year 6 children at The Bridge, please follow the instructions which have been sent to you.

Free School Meals

Please collect an Application Form from the School Office and apply for Free School Meals if you are currently receiving:

- Employment and Support allowance
- Income Support
- Jobseekers Allowance
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (but not entitled to Working Tax Credit)



If you are entitled to school meals and do not currently claim them, please be advised that our school benefits if you register for these meals regardless as to whether they are taken. Additionally, your child can have a meal from time to time if circumstances should make it difficult to provide a packed lunch.

Packed Lunches and Snacks

Please be aware that as we have children with nut allergies in school, sandwiches with peanut butter or nut products of any kind are not allowed.

As a healthy school we encourage children to eat healthy snacks at break. The school tuck shop offers a range of healthy cereal bars at a cost of 30p each.

If you are providing your child with a snack from home please ensure it is healthy e.g. fruit, cereal bars, raisins, yoghurt coated raisins etc. Please do not send in crisps, chocolate, crackers or cake for break.

Lunch Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Music Club (Music Room) Taiko Drumming Y4 12.15-12.45 Y5 12.45-1.30 Sports Club Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5 1.00-1.30 Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5 1.00-1.30	Music Club (Music Room) Choir 12.30 All Welcome Sports Club Y3/4 12.00-12.30 Y5 12.30-1.00 Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5 1.00-1.30 Y6 1.00-1.30 (The Bridge)	Sports Club Y3/4 12.00-12.30 Y5/6 12.30-1.00 Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5 1.00-1.30 Y6 1.00-1.30 (The Bridge)	Sports Club Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30 Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5 1.00-1.30 Y6 1.00-1.30 (The Bridge)	Sports Club Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5/6 1.00-1.30 Games Club (Art Room) Y3/4 12.30-1.00 Y5 1.00-1.30 Y6 1.00-1.30 (The Bridge) Young Interpreters Club 12.45-1.30 All Welcome

*Y6 clubs to be announced

Newbridge Vision and Values

At Newbridge Junior School, we share a common vision of “Be Your Best” and we encourage all children, parents, carers and staff to follow our 6 core values which reflect a passionate commitment to learning and a recognition of the uniqueness of individual learners.

Our six core values are:

- Aspire to be better
- Show respect
- Be independent
- Be healthy and safe
- Be resilient
- Work well with others

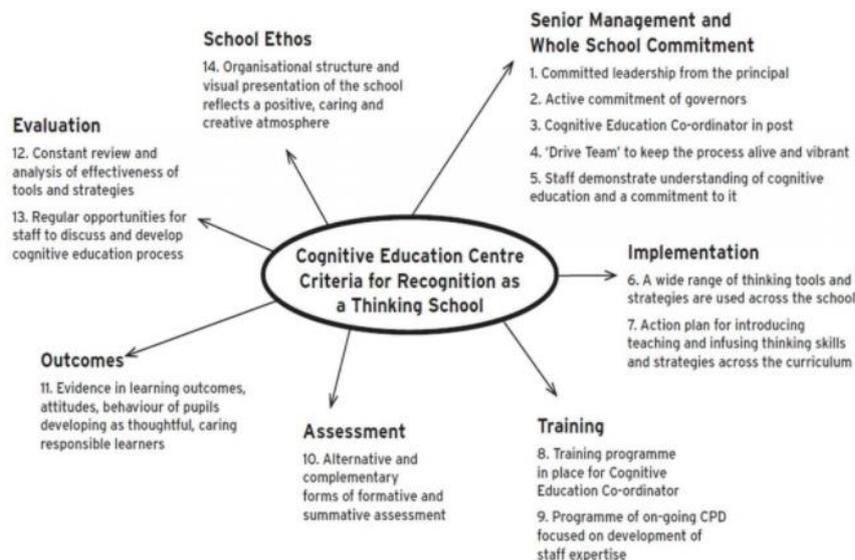


The children develop their understanding about our values during assemblies and in class, and we would love them to have the opportunity to talk to you about how they are following our values both at school and at home. Each week, every teacher chooses a child who has been following our values, and they are awarded a wristband and their name is written on a leaf which is added to our Values Tree in the main halls.

What does it mean to be a Thinking School?

A Thinking School is described as ‘an educational community in which all members share a common commitment to giving regular careful thought to everything that takes place. This will involve both students and staff learning how to think reflectively, critically and creatively, and to employ these skills and techniques in the co-construction of a meaningful curriculum and associated activities. Successful outcomes will be reflected in students across a wide range of abilities demonstrating independent and co-operative learning skills, high levels of achievement and both enjoyment and satisfaction in learning. Benefits will be shown in ways in which all members of the community interact with and show consideration for each other and in the positive psychological well-being of both students and staff.’ (Burden, 2006)

Criteria for University Accreditation as a Thinking School



Diary Dates

September	
Monday 4th	Inset day
Tuesday 5th	Back to School
	Y6 WW2 Day (fancy dress-Y6 only)
October	
Thursday 5th	Great African Welly Walk
Friday 6th	School Photos (Y3,4,and 5)
	Y6 Harvest Festival
Monday 9th	Y6 School Photos (The Bridge)
	Y3 Harvest Festival
Tuesday 17th	Nasal Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 18th	Y5 Scream Machine (Topic outcome)
Friday 20th	Y3 Land of Newbridge (Topic outcome)
Friday 20th	Y6 VE Day Party (Topic outcome)
Monday 23rd-Friday 27th	Half Term

Inset Days 2017/18

30 October

19 February

16 April

4 June

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**