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A THOUGHT FOR STEVE

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our dear colleague and true friend, Steve, who passed away at the start of this half term.

Steve was a much-loved and highly respected member of our school community, known for his warmth, humour, and unwavering dedication to our pupils. His loss has been felt deeply across the whole school – we miss him dearly.

In the face of this sudden and heartbreaking news, our school community came together with compassion, unity, and support. Staff and pupils supported one another through an incredibly difficult time, showing the strength of the relationships and values that make our school so special.

As a tribute to Steve, we held a fundraising event in school to honour his memory and will fund a memorial tribute to Steve in school. The event was a reflection of the love and admiration felt by so many, and we were very proud of our pupils and staff in the way they showed Steve's wife, Shirley and his Mum and dad, Val and Joe how much Steve meant to them. They will forever be part of the Newbridge Family.

Although the last few weeks have been so challenging, the spirit and resilience shown by our staff and pupils has reminded us of what it means to be part of a caring and connected school community. Thank you to all families that sent cards, donations and kind words at this time. Steve's legacy will live on in the many lives he touched, and his ethos of doing our best everyday for the pupils who need us the most will live and breathe through everything we do for your children.



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HEADTEACHER WELCOME

As part of getting our push to get our pupils out into the community, seeing exciting cities and learning about British Values, I am so proud of our group who behaved with so much maturity when seeing the best of London (The Thames, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, The London Eye). The pupils did Newbridge proud and hopefully, they will all have a greater understanding of our history, politics and careers in the city. For our sporting enthusiasts, pupils visited Anfield Stadium (Old Trafford next please!), learning about football history and inspiring their own dreams for the future showing our pupils, 'We are all better than we know' – we just need to try our best every day! I am happy to announce it has been a positive season for the our KS3 and KS4 football teams who are both fighting for the league titles in the FA Mersey League. I am sure, this year, we will have our highest ever finishes in this League with both teams. Well done teams! Our Theme Week of "Living in the Wider World," was successful and helped all our pupils gain confidence, a vision for the future while developing their increasing independence. A special thanks to Bents in Glazebury and our team of gardeners for making our grounds more colourful, welcoming and vivid. Lastly, sending all our love and thoughts to Steve (wherever you are) and his family. We miss him so much always and forever x

THE ONE WHERE NEWBRIDGE GOES TO LONDON!

The first stop was a Thames Cruise, where the pupils enjoyed seeing London's famous landmarks from the river. It was a great way to learn about the city while enjoying the beautiful views.

Next, the group visited the Houses of Parliament. Standing in the shadow of Big Ben, the pupils learned about the British government and its role in shaping the country's laws and policies. It was a great opportunity to connect classroom knowledge with real-world landmarks. The pupils met the local MP for Platt Bridge and asked insightful questions.

The day ended with a ride on the London Eye. From the top, the pupils saw incredible views of London.

Throughout the trip, the pupils were brilliantly behaved. It was a fantastic day and a memory for life for our pupils!



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FUTURE FOOTBALLING DREAMS

Our pupils had a chance to visit the iconic Anfield Stadium, home of Liverpool FC.

During the visit, pupils toured the stadium, stopping by the legendary dressing rooms, the players' tunnel, and the famous Kop stand.

They were amazed by the stories of past heroes like Steven Gerrard and the club's incredible triumphs, including six Champions League titles. The visit didn't just teach them about football history; it also inspired them to chase their own dreams, whether in football or any other field.

The tour guide even explained it was a 0.001% chance of making it pro so discussed other opportunities in football.

Still. Who knows? One of ours could be in that 0.01%!



NEWBRIDGE FC

It's been a strong start for the KS3 and KS4 football teams with both teams currently sat in 3rd place in their leagues. The KS3 team are currently 1 point off 1st place with 6 games remaining! For KS3 to have a chance of lifting the title, pupils need to make sure they are getting their points in class, so the best team can be available to give them the best chance.

KS4 team are currently on track to have their best season to date. The key to their success is players realising that no individual can win a game; it is down to the team's grit, determination and constant encouragement of each other. If KS4 keep up this high level performance they will be on track to finish in the top 2, which qualifies them a place in the semi-final.

Congratulations to Lewie C and Isaac D who have completed their FA playmaker coaching course, a great start into what could be a potential future career in coaching!



"For a player to be good enough to play for Liverpool, he must be prepared to run through a brick wall for me then come out fighting on the other side."

-Bill Shankly



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THEME WEEK

Theme Week, "Living in the Wider World," provided students with hands-on experiences to build essential life skills. Year 11 students participated in mock interviews, preparing them for future career paths. Year 9 explored legal processes through a trip to Moot Court, while Year 7 engaged in team-building activities to strengthen collaboration and communication. These events helped our students gain confidence and develop a vision for their future roles in society.



GARDENING

Our gardening initiative has flourished thanks to the dedicated efforts of Sophie, our staff, and the generous support of Bents Garden Centre in Glazebury. Their contribution of vibrant flowers has truly brightened up our school, creating a welcoming and beautiful environment for all.

FORM DAYS

Our form days gave our staff and pupils the chance to have fun and really bond and build relationships they carry back into the classroom. Some of the places we visited this half term include Cinemas and Pizza Hut, Manchester football Museum and Conway Castle. These days improve communication, social skills and give our pupils a greater understanding of different cultures which will give them a more fulfilling and successful life.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM

As discussed at our Parents Evening, our uniform will be changing next year, along with the school badge. Pupils and staff have all had input into changes that have been made and wanted the uniform and school logo to look more similar to the style in many other Secondary schools. we look forward to seeing the new uniform in September. Below is images of the uniform and supplies that you can purchase uniforms from.



OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS

Slater's Uniform- Swan Meadow Rd, Wigan WN3 5BD

*Please note if purchasing uniform from slater's this will need to be ordered in advance due to high demand

Rainbow Uniform - 87-89 Bradshaw gate, Leigh, WN7 4ND



PARENTS EVENING AND OPTIONS

Thankyou to everyone that managed to attend parents evening and to the Year 9 families that had the chance to discuss options for Years 10 and 11.

It was really good to see so many turn up and hopefully it was useful to see and hear all the wonderful things our pupils do and meet the alternative provisions that pupils have the opportunities to attend.

As always, anyone wishing to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact school.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Football awards evening 12th June
- School Closes 23.05.2025 and re-opens 02.06.25
- Big Bang Science and STEM trip to Birmingham 18.06.25
- June Year 7 Charity Fundraising

- End of June - Y11 leavers and Y12 presentation
- 2nd July - 4th July Camping trip for Y10 DofE
- 16th July - Sports day



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