Newsletter

Thursday 16th April (No.27)

A message from Miss Fisher

Welcome back to term 5 everyone. The sun has been shining and our beautiful grounds are looking fabulous this morning. I always spend some time walking around our site after a half-term break to ensure that it is safe for the children to return. This morning, for the first time ever in 18 years, I have spotted a newt! I am very excited by this because newts are a protected species and to know that we have some residing on our site is very exciting – do keep your eyes peeled!

On the final Friday of term 4, you will remember that school was closed to pupils; this was because teachers spent a day training and learning about some very exciting history projects being planned for term 6. Without giving too much away, we are planning to deliver a history topic to each class that is centred around engaging learning with practical outcomes. This will include a living history day; cooking opportunities; art and design and also drama. Across the school we will be learning about The Tudors, The Mayans, The Egyptians, The Great Fire of London and also The Victorians.

The final week of term also saw Kris Freeman from Tropical Discovery visit us. Many of you will be familiar with Kris from local events and will know that he has some very exciting species living with him. He is an expert in all things arachnid, reptile and general creepy crawlies. The children were awesome and as always, were not afraid to push themselves out of their comfort zone and handle some of the creatures. They were even able to help the teachers remain calm and face their fears! Here are some of my favourite pictures:



Safeguarding



If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend their school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential.

Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- To learn
- To have fun
- To make new friends
- To experience new things in life
- To develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences
- To achieve
- To develop new skills
- To build confidence and self-esteem
- To have the best possible start in life

Key Point

Young peop le who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

Key Point

Do not be afraid to ask for help if a problem arises.

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time – not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness.
- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work. (including homework and reading)
- Attend parent evenings and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to support difficult or challenging behaviour.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school – staff are there to help and will be supportive.

Newtown Science Week





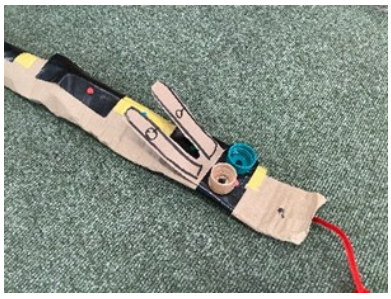


What a fantastic Science Week we had here at Newtown! It was a fantastic opportunity to explore the theme of 'Change and Adaptation'. The children learned about how our world is evolving, with a particular focus of climate change and vulnerable creatures. They also had the chance to work practically with the theme of 'Change' and it was great to see so much enthusiasm across the school. A highlight of the week was an exciting visit from Tropical Discovery, where we had the chance to meet a range of fascinating creatures. It was a memorable, hands-on experience for all!

Competition

Well done to everybody who has entered the Science Week insect model making competition, and thank you for taking the time to construct your models. Your entries have blown us away and they showed such skill and creativity.

The winners are:



Kit - Willow



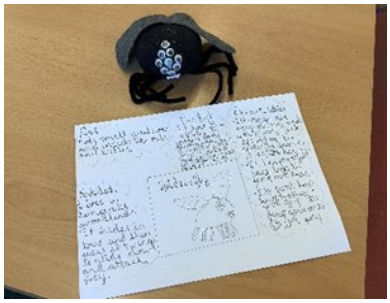
Amias - Sycamore



Wren - Maple



Noah - Beech



Harry - Ash



Doruk - Oak

Mighty Girls
Upcoming Events
SPRING / SUMMER 2026



BOA MIGHTY GIRLS CLUB
THURSDAYS TERM TIMES
8-12 YRS 4.30PM-6PM
MOUNT PLEASANT, BOA

MAY HALF TERM MIGHTY GIRLS CLUB
TUESDAY 26TH MAY
8-12 YRS 10-3PM
SCOUT HUT, BOA





MAY HALF TERM SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP
THURSDAY 28TH MAY
10-15YRS School Years 6 to 10
SCOUT HUT, BOA

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REMINDER

PE KITS

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.

Thank you!

Consent for Processing Personal Data & Parent Pupil Privacy Notice

Please be aware you can withdraw consent at any time. If you have any queries or wish to withdraw, or review your consent you can contact Chris Marshall or the school's Data Protection Officer - iwest@bathnes.gov.uk

The Parent Pupil Privacy Notice can be accessed on the school website -

(home/key information/Data Protection/GDPR).

Dates for Diary

23/04/2026	Year 6 - swimming
24/04/2026	Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting (9am)
11/05 - 14/05/2026	SATs Week
28/04/2026	Class photos
04/05/2026	Bank holiday - school closed
21/05/2026	Last day of term 5
22/05/2026	TD Day - school closed to children
01/06/2026	First day of term 6 - children back to school
22/06 - 24/06/2026	Year 6 - Braeside residential trip