

## Monday 25th April

- Start of Term 5

## Thursday 28th April

- Y5 Residential Meeting in 5G at 3.30pm
- Y6 Residential Meeting in 6B at 4.00pm

## Mon 9th - Thurs 12th May

- Y6 SATs Week

## Mon 16th - Fri 20th May

- Y6 Residential to Kilve Court

## Weds 25th - Fri 27th May

- Y5 Residential to Great Wood

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support in completing another great term – the most usual, by far, for two years. From much fantastic learning, to sports matches, to educational visits, to WOW days, to NPSA events, to extra-curricular activities, to whole school assemblies, to a staff netball match, to parents visiting classrooms, to community fundraising, to Book Week, to lunch in the dining hall, to cake sales, to play leader training, to volunteering, to Maths Week, to swimming lessons...it has all been SO welcomed, by all.

To read more about your child's learning experiences, please remember to read the blog on the Google Classroom Stream and leave a comment, in response.

### Year 1 out and about

Year 1 set off on their first educational visit on Monday. After very excitedly boarding the coach, they travelled to Westonbirt Arboretum for a fun day filled with minibeast hunting and exploring. As always, the children's conduct and their representation of our school was fantastic. The day was a great success – thank you so much to all of the willing parent volunteers who supported the children and enabled the visit to take place. Please read on to find out more...

### Maths Week – what a hit!

This week, there has been a special focus on Maths across the whole school. Penguins has been the inspiration of all of the maths activities, as we have focused on the book '365 penguins'. The range of creative maths activities has been exciting and the children have loved being engaged with these. From tessellating penguins to penguin pictograms, the children have developed their maths skills. We were also fortunate to receive some Beechen Cliff Sixth Form students on Thursday, who further inspired and supported the children's maths learning. You will know that all of the children have painted a 'penguin pebble'. These will be brought home and we ask that you leave them in an open space to be found, perhaps even taking them on holiday – Arlo may take his to California! On the back of each pebble is inscribed MATHSROCKS@NewbridgePri so that you can perhaps Tweet about your find.

### Year 2 celebrate each other

Today, I had the great pleasure of being invited to the Year 2 Awards Ceremony. This was borne out of their recent enquiry 'What makes us special?'. The children chose to dress in clothes that meant something special to them and had each designed an award to present to a class mate, recognising their qualities. With lights, music, glitz and glamour, it was absolutely delightful!

### Year 5 swimming – a great success

Well done to all of the brilliant Year 5 swimmers! After another week of afternoon lessons, the children should all feel incredibly proud of their progress and endurance.

### Last week's NPSA Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to last Friday's Quiz Night. It was brilliant to see the school hall filled with parents for the first time in two years and we hope you enjoyed it. This event could not have happened without Neil Clews, Lucy McIlroy, Tamsin Smith and Nick and Mim Wharf, who kindly gave up so much of their own time. All of the funds raised will contribute towards our playground improvements project.

### Farewell to Mr Hempleman

Today, very sadly, we say goodbye to Mr Hempleman. He has been associated with Newbridge Junior School and Newbridge Primary School for 25 years. Throughout this time he has taught across Key Stage 2 and, for 16 years, has been an influential member of the Senior Leadership Team. His service to our school has been outstanding. The impact of his excellence, his leadership and his brilliant humour will not be forgotten by the many colleagues he has worked alongside. His focused care for every child's needs and academic standards has been at the forefront of his day, week and year, throughout his career. I know there are many young people and adults who still say that Mr Hempleman was the most inspiring teacher and because of him, have gone on to achieve success and even be inspired to train as teachers, themselves. Mr Hempleman did not want any fuss in leaving, but he does need to know the high regard in which he is held, by so many. Mr Hempleman is leaving his career in education, and with his wife, is venturing into a very different field. I know he will relish this and will be equally successful. Good luck, Mr H – we will all miss you, immensely.

## DOODLE SPRING CHALLENGE

Remember the Spring Challenge is live

You need to **REGISTER** to take part using the Parent Dashboard.

For more information use the link below.

<https://help.doodlelearning.com/en/articles/4214420-spring-challenge-2022>

With Mr Hempleman's departure, Miss Mylan will join the Senior Leadership Team for Terms 5 and 6. She will continue to teach in Ladybird Class. We are currently completing a recruitment process for Mr Hempleman's substantive replacement, from September.

### Changes to guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings

Please find the revised guidance, as sent out earlier this week, following the cessation of free access to Covid-19 testing for the majority of the population.

When to come into school:

- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.
- Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result, should continue to attend as normal.

When to stay at home:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can return to the education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.
- Positive COVID-19 test result - if a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Where there is a confirmed or suspected case of an infectious illness, education settings can take the decision to refuse a child if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other children and staff from possible infection.

### Remote Learning no longer required

In line with recent revised guidance, the temporary provisions in the Coronavirus Act 2020 expired on 24th March 2022, and, as a result, schools are no longer required to provide any form of remote learning for pupils who are absent with either a positive COVID-19 test or because they are unwell with respiratory illness symptoms.

For all parent communication, please use the email address [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)

I wish you a happy and restful Easter holiday.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 25th April.

With best wishes,



Gill Kennaugh



**Bee** Hugo S & Rueben L-L  
**1EO** Teddy T & Amelie R  
**2T** Olivia K & Charlie R  
**3OG** Rufus O & Chloe H  
**4B** Elisabeth W & Beau B  
**5G** Gavrie G & Lillie B  
**6B** Felix K & Alfie T

**Ladybird** Zeke S & Ellis J  
**1R** Jos P & Alfie N  
**2A** Grace B & Henry G  
**3C** Isla S & Elsa W  
**4KR** Henry H & Ruben T  
**5HT** Segev H & Mason C  
**6H** Mckenzie C & Cleo B

### Music Stars of the Week

Justice D & Alice H



# MATHS ROCKS!

We have had an extraordinary Penguin filled Maths Week!

We launched it with the fabulous book 365 Penguins by Jean-Luc Fromental.

Since then the school has been filled with penguin problems from stolen eggs to maps to assist the March of the Penguins.

There are lots of 2D shape penguins, tessellating penguins, penguin data handling and much more. The penguin housing was essential as you have to get organised if you want to keep 365 penguins!

Now we have 412 Penguin Rocks coming home. Every child has painted a rock and we would like them to put it somewhere for others to find. We want the finder to tweet our school account and re-hide it. Our penguins could end up anywhere and we can't wait to find out where they go.

Please tweet your hiding or finding place on @NewbridgePri

We will have the maps ready for next term so we can see some of these journeys.

Huge congratulations to all of the children and staff who have risen to every challenge with resilience and enthusiasm.

Wishing you all a EGG-cellent holiday!

Mrs Penguin Dinsdale









# YEAR 1 TRIP

*On Monday we went to Westonbirt. First we went on the coach. Next we went on a walk. Then we had lunch. Finally we went back on the coach. I had an amazing day!*

Teddy T

*On Monday we got ready to go on the big white coach. Then we met the lady and she showed us around the arboretum. Next she took us on a walk to look at the beautiful magnolia on the pretty trees. After that we had our lunch in the education centre. Finally we went back to the big white coach.*

Mackenzie P





**YEAR 2** had a special awards ceremony to conclude their enquiry 'What makes me special?'. Everyone in Year 2 received a special award









**YEAR 4** have had such a brilliant week, making Easter biscuits and boxes to put them as well as having a great time at Forest School. They were also really lucky to work with students from Beechen Cliff School on Thursday.

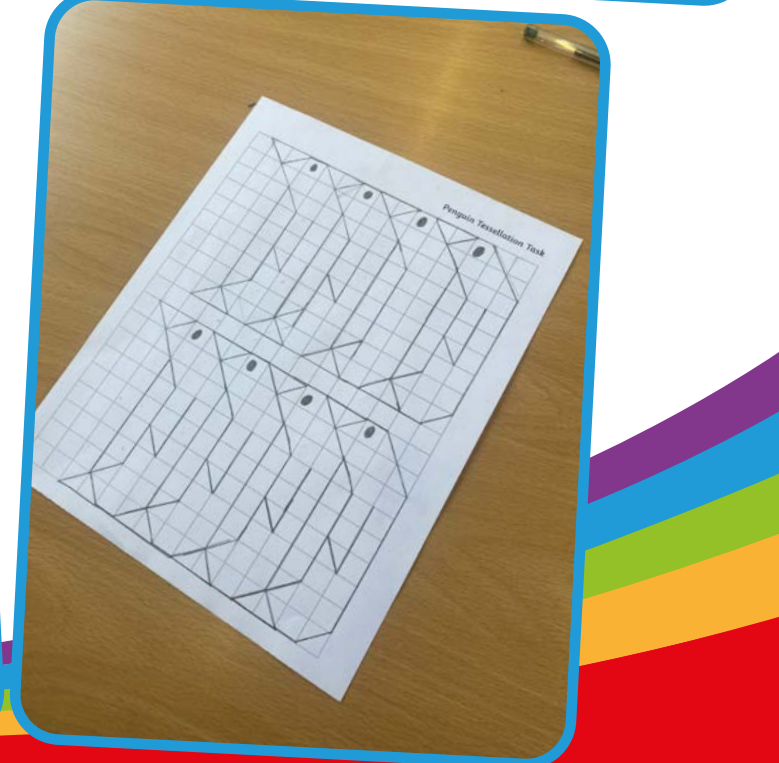
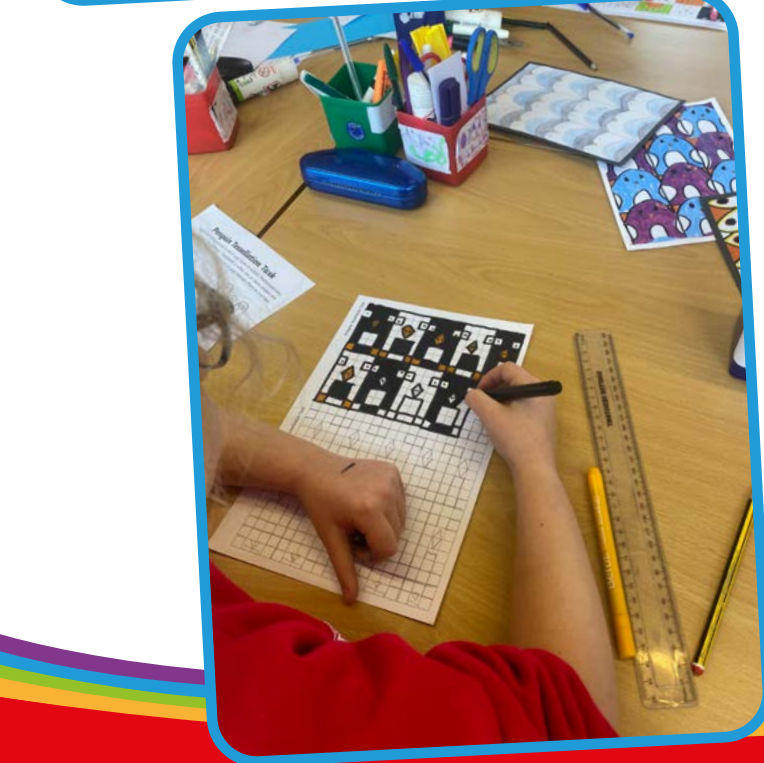








# YEAR 5





# YEAR 6 Tessellations and pebble penguins





# ART ACROSS THE SCHOOL

