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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a busy week at Bridge School which has rounded off an incredibly busy term. It's clear that the children (especially the younger ones) are tired and I'm sure are looking forward to what will hopefully be a relaxing half-term break.

### Author Visit

Our visit from C.S. Clifford went down very well with the children this week and I know that a great many of you purchased books from him either through pre-ordering or after-school. If you did not get the chance, then you can still order books through his website <https://www.csclifford.co.uk/> and we can have them delivered to school (or you can have them delivered directly to you if you wish!)

Whilst he was here, he commented upon how exceptional the children were – their behaviour and their attitudes to learning. I also saw some incredible writing over the course of the three days and I'm sure that we'll be able to welcome C.S. Clifford back before too long.

### Elizabeth Kirkwood

A few weeks ago, I received a letter from Elizabeth Kirkwood that she was having to give up volunteering at the school. Elizabeth has been part of the school community for a great many years, listening to children of all ages read and I'm very sorry that she's leaving us. The children have produced a small gift for her and we will be delivering this with our heartfelt thanks over the half-term break.

### Pam Clubb

Whilst on the subject of leavers, it is with sadness that Pam Clubb has decided that she will be stepping down from the Governing Board.

My first introduction to Bridge School was Pam; I met her in January 2018 when I visited the school in preparation for possibly applying for the job of headteacher. As we walked around the school, Pam was clearly passionate about the opportunities that the school provided particularly in Art and it is part of her legacy that remained as she moved from teacher to governor.

She was an exceptional teacher and a great support to me and the school as a governor and I'm sorry to be losing her but I'm very pleased that she has agreed to stay in touch with the school and will, I'm sure, be a frequent visitor.

### Parent Governor Election

Earlier this week, ballot forms went out, via email, to all parents and I'd just like to remind you all that ballots need to be cast by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Any ballots received after this date cannot be counted.

The ballots will be counted in the presence of the Clerk of Governors, Jonathan Cane on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.



### School Photos

Just a reminder that all orders are now to be done online **directly** with Braiswick. The instructions for ordering your photographs are on the proof. The deadline has been extended to 29th October - if you order after this date there will be a £4.00 service charge to pay.

Next week, we welcome C.S. Clifford to the school and remember that you are able to purchase a copy of one of his books. Order forms came home last week and any orders should be in by Monday.

### School Health Team

I have received an email from the School Health Team regarding their programmes for this academic year. Parents will be receiving letters after the half-term break but essentially:



- Height & Weight checks for Year R children **will** take place this year between Christmas and Summer;
- Height & Weight Checks for Year 6 children **will not** be taking place;
- Vision Screening for last year's Year R (current Year 1) children **will not** take place;
- Vision Screening for this year's Year R children will take place;
- Hearing Screening for this year and last year's Year R children **will not** be taking place.

May I wish you all a restful half-term break and remember that we have staff training on Monday and Tuesday; children are back on the Wednesday.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles

Child Flu vaccinations will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Have you completed the form?

Parent Tours are taking place throughout Term 2 for September 2021 entrants. Call for an appointment.

Ballots for parent governor need to be cast by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

## Celebration

### Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ <b>Oscar H (RAM)</b> for his excellent progress in his phonics and blending skills. <i>Miss Maw</i>   | ☆ <b>Poppy M (4ST)</b> for achievement in subtraction exchanges in maths. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Elodie W R (REC)</b> for always showing care, kindness and compassion to all of her peers. <i>Miss Cowley</i>  | ☆ <b>Georgia D (4ST)</b> for being a compassionate member of our class. Thank you for always being kind, caring and helpful to everyone. <i>Mrs Saunders</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Noah T (1CS)</b> for consistently working hard and setting an excellent example. <i>Miss S Smith</i>   | ☆ <b>Alfie C (4JH)</b> for showing great determination and applying this learning in Maths. <i>Mr Harris</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Leonard M-W (1LA)</b> for his excellent map drawing and labeling of the school. <i>Miss Andrews</i>  | ☆ <b>Foni B (5JP)</b> for developing greater resilience and control over her emotions. We are very proud of your excellent start to Year 5! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ <b>Bruno S (2FP)</b> showed great compassion for all of the wildlife on our planet this week by encouraging others to have a meat free day. <i>Mrs Franks</i>   | ☆ <b>Hazel H (5JS)</b> for demonstrating all the school values every day and for having an extremely positive attitude towards learning. <i>Miss J Smith</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Xander S-A (2GD)</b> for his creative story writing when retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs from the point of view of the wolf. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>Inca C (6NA)</b> for participation and effort in French this term. <i>Mrs Hughes</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Theo Watson (3SA)</b> for great resilience and determination in all of his work this week! <i>Mr Taylor</i>  | ☆ <b>George G (6NA)</b> for displaying excellent focus and determination in Maths. <i>Mrs Allen</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Darius I (3HA)</b> for being an understanding friend. <i>Miss Allison</i>  | ☆ <b>Junia M (6MB)</b> for participation and effort in French this term. <i>Mrs Hughes</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Miller B (4ST)</b> for becoming quicker and more organised in his maths. <i>Mrs Saint</i>  | ☆ <b>Jamie N (6MB)</b> for producing a stunning piece of writing for C.S. Clifford this week. <i>Mr Beard</i>   |

### Times Table Rock Stars

All week the children have been challenging the adults in school to a series of Rock Slams where they have to answer as many questions as possible within 60 seconds. We have taken each participant's highest score and averaged them out to create a mean score for each year group and the adults.

As you can see below, the year groups are doing increasingly well and **the Year 6 children have beaten the adults** in the school! Huge congratulations to them (the Year 6 children that is!)

Keep practising over half-term!

### Top 3 in each Year Group

#### Year 2

1<sup>st</sup>: Maya P  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Leo C  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Scarlett O

#### Year 3

1<sup>st</sup>: Sam H  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Sacha D  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Lillian M

#### Year 4

1<sup>st</sup>: Anesu  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ellie S  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Edie W

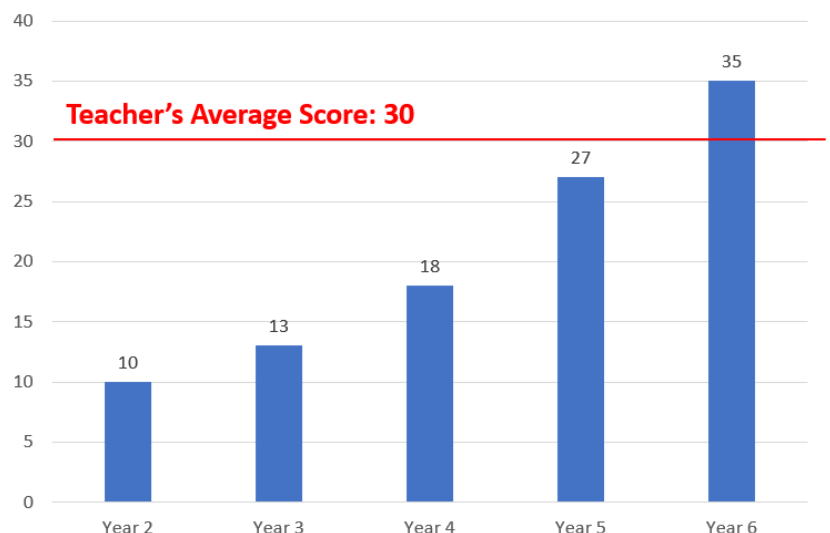
#### Year 5

1<sup>st</sup>: Scarlett S  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Milo D  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Conrad W

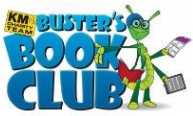
#### Year 6

1<sup>st</sup>: Soheil  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Holly P  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Amina & Eva

### TTRS Rock Slam Results



### Buster Book Club



Well done to 2GD who won the class 'Buster Book Club' award again this week having read a total of 722 minutes between them (an average of 24 minutes each) and to 5JS who read a total of 1131 minutes (an average of 38 minutes each).



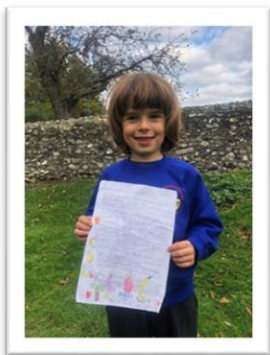
### Cricket Success

I heard on Friday that Holly (6NA) has been selected to play cricket for Kent for the 2021 season. It was a tough 4-week selection process and Holly said that she was up against about 150 other children. Understandably she's very proud of herself and we're all proud of her too. Well done Holly.

### Courageous Advocacy

You may have seen an article in the KentOnline website this week where Bruno (Year 2) had written to a number of organisations encouraging schools in Kent to serve less meat in a bid to help the environment after watching the David Attenborough programme *A Life on our Planet*.

Since this article has been published there have been an incredible number of responses with a great many praising Bruno for his positive and proactive attitude. I would like to add the voice of the school to this and express our pride in his courage and willingness to be an advocate for this issue. It is wonderful to see children being passionate about an issue and this *courageous advocacy* is something we'd certainly encourage at Bridge & Patricbourne School.



It is all too easy to simply dismiss the idea of eating less meat as a dietary one, but this is an environmental issue. As a school, we're developing our curriculum to include more eco-awareness and this is something that I'm sure we'll pick up in classes.

Co-incidentally, Dan in the kitchen has recently reviewed the menu (which will be starting after half-term) and has introduced a couple of meat-free days. Should this prove popular, then we'd be more than happy to look at introducing Meat-Free Mondays in the school.

Well done Bruno – you are an example to us all!

You can view the article by clicking on the link (*below*).

**David Attenborough's A Life on our Planet inspires Canterbury pupil to call for Kent schools to serve less meat**

KENT TRAVEL NEWS    SIGN ME UP FOR NEWS ALERTS

By Lydia Chantler-Hicks |chantlerhicks@thekmgroup.co.uk

Published: 06:00, 21 October 2020 | Updated: 10:04, 22 October 2020

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A six-year-old is calling for schools in Kent to serve less meat in a bid to help the environment.

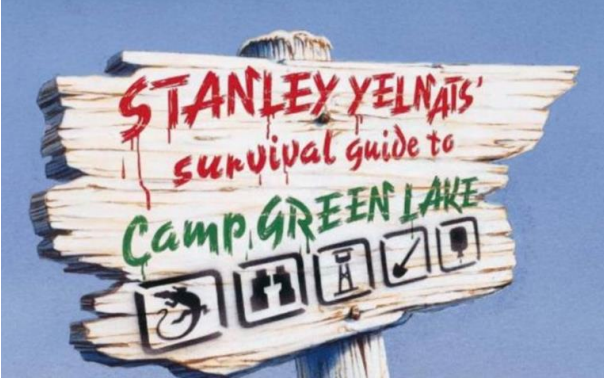
Bruno Serrano, from Canterbury, was inspired by new documentary A Life on Our Planet, in which David Attenborough makes troubling predictions about Earth's future if meat consumption continues at current rates.

## Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from the week's selection of blog posts.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)

20<sup>th</sup> October 2020



### Pen & Ink African Masks

This term, Year 6 are drawing cultural objects from around the world. They have been working on small scale drawings of traditional African masks. They first learnt about the masks and how they are used within African culture.

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### Reception Make Pop-Up Pictures

Reception classes have been practising their fine-motor skills again over the last two weeks. Pupils have been constructing pop-up pictures of animals.

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### Observational Drawing

Year 6 have produced wonderful A2 observational drawings of cultural objects using charcoal and white chalk. Pupils have been taking time to observe the real-life objects closely and adjusting to working on a large scale.

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### Year 1 Drawing

This week we have been learning about habitats. We started by going on a walk around the school grounds to see how many different habitats we could identify.

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## Upcoming Events

[CALENDAR >](#)

All dates and events can be found on our new school calendar.

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	School closed	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	School closed	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Cathedral Schools' Day (Year 6 taking part)	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1)	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1)	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	4ST Trip to Museum of Kent Life	11am: Act of Remembrance
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1)	4JH Trip to Museum of Kent Life
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>		
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Flu Vaccines (Whole School)	
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>		



# TENNIS ACTIVITY DAY !

Tuesday 27th October  
9am - 12pm

Contact [info@sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk) for further information and to reserve your place.

