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Dear Parents/Carers,

In stark contrast to this time a year ago (school closures, water leaks!), it has been a very enjoyable week at Bridge School and a particular highlight was our Zoom call with Professor Robert Winston. Over 60 children from Years 3 to 6 stayed to take part in this and the feedback from them was that they found it incredibly interesting.

Prof. Winston talked about how the profile of science and scientists had greatly increased over the past year and about what inspired him to become a scientist in the first place. The children then had the opportunity to submit questions through the chat function and several of the questions from children at Bridge were selected to be answered:



1. How does the autistic brain work?
2. Of all your discoveries, which was the most memorable?
3. What would you say to inspire children to become scientists?
4. Do our genetics affect our ability to learn?

This was an amazing opportunity for the children and one I hope they found valuable.

Red Nose Day – ‘Share A Smile’

Thank you for all your donations for Canterbury Food Bank – we’ll be delivering these on Tuesday.

I have no doubt that you’re all chomping at the bit to see who won our joke competition this week. Each class chose their favourite joke from their classmates and Mr Taylor has kindly recorded and edited these into a video which is now on the school website. Well done Aiden, Amelie, Callum, Elara, Ellie, Finlay, Gabriel, Ira, Kiyo, Millie, Nico, Sophie, Tanaka and Ted for being selected from each class.

Our top three jokes (as chosen by myself, Mr Taylor and Mrs Long) were submitted by the following children although, if you want to hear the jokes themselves, you’ll have to watch the video by clicking [this link!](#)

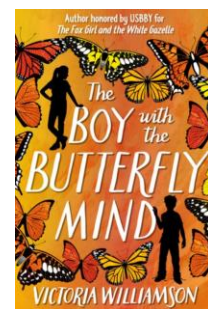
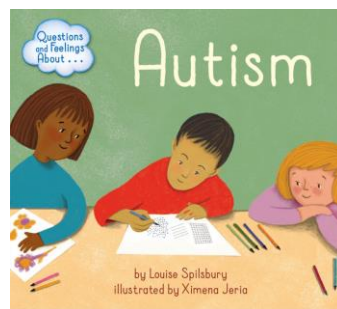
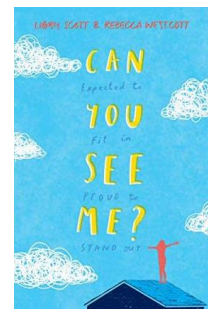
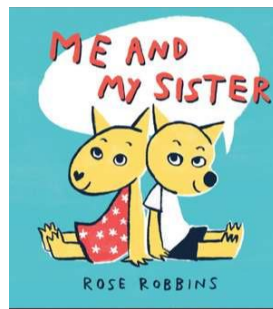
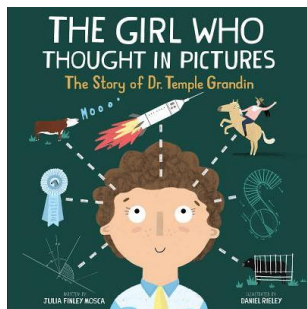
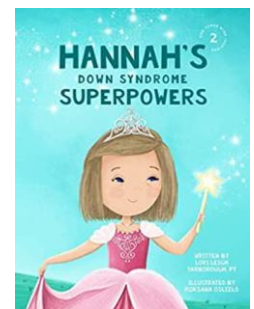
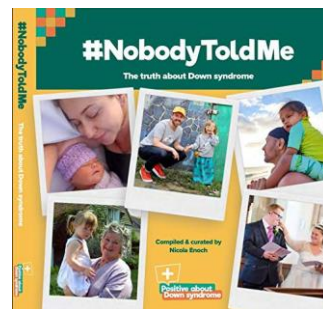
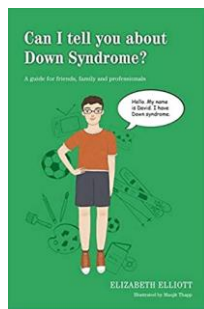
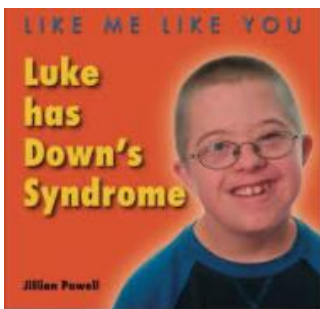


Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Community is a highly significant part of our school ethos and Emma has been researching books for our school library to better reflect society. Over the past academic year, we've showcased books linked to Black History Month and also books celebrating different family set-ups and challenging gender stereotypes.

Over the next few weeks it is World Down Syndrome Day (21st March) and World Autism Awareness Day (2nd April) and we will be showcasing books on these themes in the library over the next few weeks.

Future showcases will be linked to Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Month, World Refugee Day and Windrush Day. If there are any other themes that you feel we should showcase, then we'd love to hear your suggestions.



School Uniform and PE Kit

The children have been back in school for a couple of weeks now and we've been ensuring that familiar routines are in place in order to get the children back into the correct mindset. Something that I feel is really important in establishing this is school uniform. We've always had a good level of adherence to school uniform but one area which seems to be slipping is PE kit – children should be wearing a blue or white t-shirt (with a school jumper in the cold weather) and dark/black jogging bottoms with trainers (for outdoor PE).

Parking

Now that we're getting back towards normality, the regular issues are arising once again around inconsiderate parking and, more worryingly, unsafe driving with parents doing three-point turns at the top of School Road as has been reported this morning.

Can I ask parents the following:

- Please do not drive down School Road unless you have a blue badge and are using one of the allocated spaces on the right-hand side of the road.
- Please do not use the care home car park – we rely on a good relationship with our neighbours
- If you park in Riverside Close, please do not park on pavements.

I have asked Mr Moon to monitor this situation and I believe that we will also be seeing parking enforcement officers over the coming weeks as well.

Reading Volunteers

Given the fact that case numbers are currently low (and contingent on them remaining low), we would very much welcome parental help as Reading Volunteers in school. This would have to be carefully managed to avoid 'bursting of bubbles' but, if this is something that you would be willing to help with, then please drop Morny a call or an email (morny.starling@bridge.kent.sch.uk) and we'll be in touch.

Relationships, Health & Sex Education Policy

A reminder that next week is the last opportunity to comment as part of the consultation on the new RHSE Policy which was emailed out a few weeks ago. If you have any questions or comments then Mr Perfect is the SLT lead on this and he will collate these to discuss with SLT and the Health & Wellbeing Team. All comments need to be in by Friday 26th March.

Easter Holiday Club

Bookings for our Bridge Bees Easter Holiday Club will open today (Friday 19th March) on ParentMail but please note that if you are in debt from the February half-term, the system will not allow you to book. If you have any queries then please contact the school office.



A Time to Reflect

This week, in their Collective Worship, the children have continued to look at the life of Jesus as a man and this experiences ahead of the events of Easter. The children have explored stories from the Gospels of Luke and John where Jesus has shown amazement, compassion and anger. Today we discussed that these are emotions that we all feel sometimes and that, no matter what, we can bring these emotions to God and those who love us as they will understand these too.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Romans, 12:15

It is important to talk about these emotions with someone that you trust who can help you deal with how you are feeling in ways that are safe and support us – a message that is all the more important at this time.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

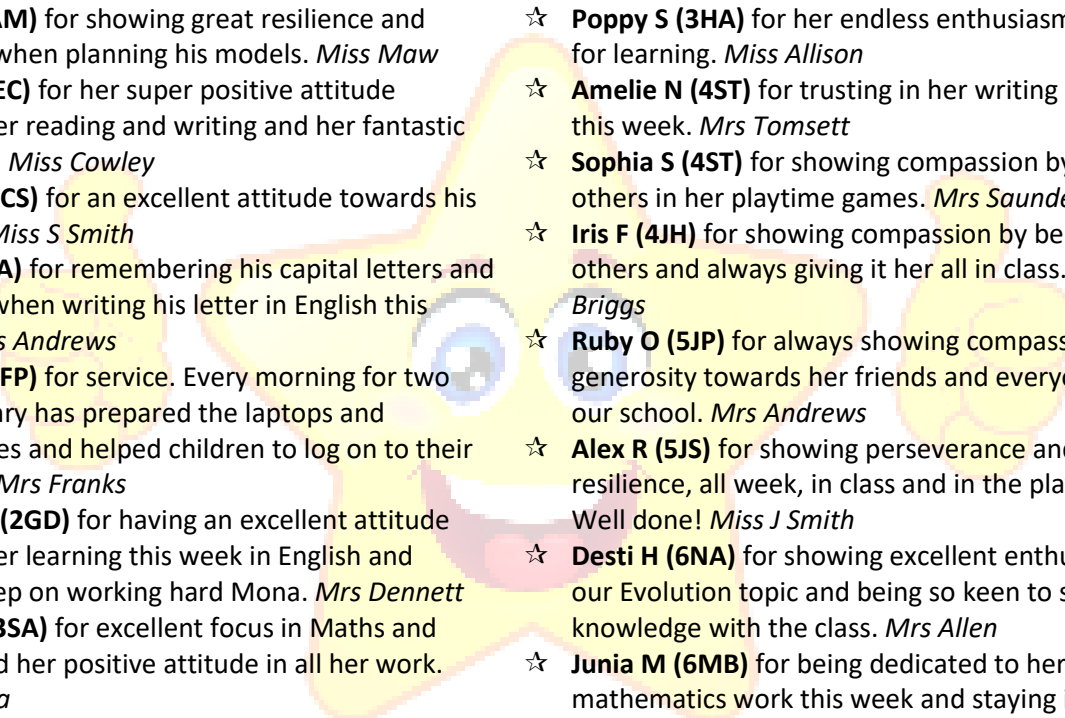
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles
Headteacher

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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- ☆ **Alex H (RAM)** for showing great resilience and creativity when planning his models. *Miss Maw*
 - ☆ **Holly B (REC)** for her super positive attitude towards her reading and writing and her fantastic sentences. *Miss Cowley*
 - ☆ **Aidan A (1CS)** for an excellent attitude towards his learning. *Miss S Smith*
 - ☆ **Jake H (1LA)** for remembering his capital letters and full stops when writing his letter in English this week. *Miss Andrews*
 - ☆ **Henry T (2FP)** for service. Every morning for two weeks Henry has prepared the laptops and headphones and helped children to log on to their accounts. *Mrs Franks*
 - ☆ **Mona H P (2GD)** for having an excellent attitude towards her learning this week in English and maths. Keep on working hard Mona. *Mrs Dennett*
 - ☆ **Chloe W (3SA)** for excellent focus in Maths and English and her positive attitude in all her work. *Mrs Amelia*
 - ☆ **Poppy S (3HA)** for her endless enthusiasm and love for learning. *Miss Allison*
 - ☆ **Amelie N (4ST)** for trusting in her writing abilities this week. *Mrs Tomsett*
 - ☆ **Sophia S (4ST)** for showing compassion by including others in her playtime games. *Mrs Saunders*
 - ☆ **Iris F (4JH)** for showing compassion by being kind to others and always giving it her all in class. *Miss Briggs*
 - ☆ **Ruby O (5JP)** for always showing compassion and generosity towards her friends and everyone else in our school. *Mrs Andrews*
 - ☆ **Alex R (5JS)** for showing perseverance and resilience, all week, in class and in the playground. Well done! *Miss J Smith*
 - ☆ **Desti H (6NA)** for showing excellent enthusiasm for our Evolution topic and being so keen to share her knowledge with the class. *Mrs Allen*
 - ☆ **Junia M (6MB)** for being dedicated to her mathematics work this week and staying in during break time to solve a difficult problem. *Mr Beard*

Upcoming Events

CALENDAR >

All dates and events can be found on our 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!

Monday 22nd March		
Tuesday 23rd March		
Wednesday 24th March		
Thursday 25th March		
Friday 26th March		

Monday 29th March		
Tuesday 30th March	Easter Services in Church	4pm: GB Meeting: Teaching & Learning
Wednesday 31st March	Easter Services in Church	
Thursday 1st April	LAST DAY OF TERM	
Friday 2nd April		

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 19th April	Year 3 Rocks Study Day	
Tuesday 20th April		
Wednesday 21st April	Year 3 Rocks Study Day	
Thursday 22nd April		4pm: FGB Meeting
Friday 23rd April		

Monday 26th April		
Tuesday 27th April		
Wednesday 28th April		
Thursday 29th April		1pm: Gloria Barnett (Author) visiting Year 6
Friday 30th April		