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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that you've had a good week and enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. Normally at this time of year, I ask parents to complete a short survey which helps to inform our plans for the coming year. This is just a heads-up that this will be coming out with next week's newsletter.

### Year 4 Class Mixing?

Following last week's newsletter, I've been contacted by a number of Year 4 parents who have asked me to consider mixing the children in the current Year 4 classes. I am aware that when this was initially proposed last year, there were some objections raised and I did agree with some of them but, given the number of comments I've received, I feel it's only appropriate that I ask for the views of the current Year 4 parents.

Later next week, Year 4 parents will be sent a link to an online form you can complete to give your opinions and thoughts.

### Eco News

Last year, the current Year 6 and Year 3 worked hard to begin an eco-project within school to work towards a Green Flag award. The school achieved the Bronze award at the start of 2021. However, due to lockdown, things then came to a halt.

The current Year 5 have recently restarted the project and are hoping to achieve the Green Flag award by the end of this academic year. We have a dedicated team of 6 children who are going to lead the way (supported by their peers) and they have already begun organising their next steps. Mrs Brooks and the children have been busy revamping our ECO display board in school where other children can follow our progress. Year groups around the school are also getting involved by studying Biodiversity, the importance of recycling, reducing waste and other key ECO areas. These classes are sending us photo evidence to show how we are linking our project to the wider curriculum.

Now we need your help...

As a school, we need to come up with an ECO Code. This is similar to a slogan like 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. The ECO Code needs to be unique to our school so we decided we could run a little competition. Can you come up with our own school ECO Code? It needs to be short, snappy and one of those rhymes you can't get out of your head! If you would like to enter the competition, you can either email your entry to [jo.smith@bridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jo.smith@bridge.kent.sch.uk) or write it on a slip of paper and hand it to your class teacher with your name on and they will pass it on to the Year 5 team. Please could we have all entries by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Our Year 5 ECO-Team will judge the entries and the winner will receive a small ECO-related prize.

Miss J Smith



### Holiday Club

I am sorry to have to inform you that we will not be able to run a holiday club this May half-term. In our most recent inspection, asbestos was discovered in the boiler room and we are having remedial work completed to make sure that this is removed and made safe.

Part of this work means interrupting the water supply and so we will not be able to have the building open to staff or children for the duration of the works.

I'm very sorry for the inconvenience but this is unavoidable.

### Bereavement and Grief

Our librarian Emma is continuing to develop the range of books in our school library and has just purchased a range of children's books which deal with bereavement in an age-appropriate way. Please feel free to speak to us if you feel that your child could benefit from reading these books.

### A Time to Reflect

This week, in our Collective Worship, we've been reflecting upon *'hospitality' – the friendly, generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers*. The children have learnt about this through the example of Abraham and Sarah in Genesis and a more recent example from World War 2 in which Mrs Vincken welcomed both American and German soldiers into her home one Christmas Eve.

*'Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.'*

1 Peter 4:9

We talked today about the bravery of this act of hospitality and its impact on the soldiers. We then talked about the phrase 'pay it forward', what this meant and how we can spread acts of kindness in our lives.



James Tibbles  
Headteacher

## Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from blog posts over the past week.

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### Year 3 Art & Music

Our Art and Music project continues. Mr Miles worked with 3SA this week; they explored the interpretation of shapes and lines into music using percussion instruments.

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### Year R Paint Watermelon

Year R were practising their observational drawing and painting skills today. Working in small groups, the children painted slices of watermelon. They carefully looked at the melon before sketching its shape with pencil.

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### Poppy's Hair - The Little Princess Trust

Poppy in Year 6 has been supporting The Little Princess Trust by cutting off over 30cm of her hair and raising money for the charity.

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## 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>James S (RAM)</b> for always showing kindness and compassion towards his friends. <i>Miss Maw</i>   | ☆ <b>Iris G (3SA)</b> for consistently showing resilience in all her learning and showing compassion to her classmates! <i>Mrs Amelia</i>                           |
| ☆ <b>Akira (REC)</b> for her fantastic creative ideas when writing about our pebble pictures this week. <i>Miss Cowley</i>   | ☆ <b>Alex L (4ST)</b> for service to the classroom environment and selflessly tidying up after guided reading. <i>Mrs Saint</i>                                     |
| ☆ <b>Fraser B (1CS)</b> for excellence in his non-fiction writing about the life cycle of a butterfly. We love seeing your independent writing Fraser! <i>Miss Smith</i>                 | ☆ <b>Salma H (4ST)</b> for service to learning for finding new words to add to our reading wall and for using them beautifully in her work. <i>Mrs Saunders</i>     |
| ☆ <b>Elizabeth H (1LA)</b> for always showing resilience in her learning. <i>Miss Andrews</i>  | ☆ <b>Benji C (4JH)</b> for having a great week and engaging in his learning. <i>Mrs Moon</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Lyla T (1LA)</b> for always having a positive attitude and showing kindness to others. <i>Miss Morris</i>   | ☆ <b>Sienna D (4JH)</b> for working tremendously hard in maths and showing excellent workings. <i>Mr Harris</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Ayra T (2FP)</b> for creativity when putting together and performing her own Bhangra dance! <i>Mrs Franks</i>   | ☆ <b>Seb C (5JP)</b> for his excellent understanding and contribution during our English topic Hidden Figures! <i>Mr Perfect</i>                                    |
| ☆ <b>Kaitlyn F-M (2GD)</b> for having trust in her own abilities when completing activities in class and for having a fantastic attitude towards all of her learning. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>Conrad W (5JS)</b> for trying extremely hard in all lessons, being kind to peers and teachers and having a positive attitude all week. <i>Mrs Prescott</i>     |
| ☆ <b>Lilly S (3HA)</b> for her positive attitude to accomplish her best in whatever she does! <i>Miss Allison</i>  | ☆ <b>Poppy R (6NA)</b> for her excellent descriptive writing and showing amazing generosity through her fundraising for The Little Princess Trust. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ <b>Andrew D (3HA)</b> for his creative, expressive, and brave interpretation of music within his art lesson. <i>Mrs Langson</i>  | ☆ <b>Max C (6MB)</b> for displaying a positive mental attitude towards all of his learning and for always having a smile on his face. <i>Mr Beard</i>               |

### Buster Book Club



Well done to **2GD** who won the class 'Buster Book Club' award again this week having read a total of 932 minutes between them (an average of 31 minutes each) and to **6MB** who read a total of 1350 minutes (an average of 45 minutes each).

### Sporting Success

A number of children in Year 6 and Year 5 have been enjoying success in their chosen sports:

- Holly P - District & Kent Cricket
- Phoebe F - Football - Gillingham Academy
- Poppy R - Competitive Dance
- Alicja M - Gymnastics
- Hari D, Milo D, Seb C, Oscar B & Louis G - District Cricket
- Desti - Equestrian
- Christina C - Golf

All of the above have been competing/training regularly and have been rewarded accordingly either by being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a competition or by achieving a place in the coveted District & County squads.

Well done to all of you and thank you for sharing your good news with us - we are always very proud of you.

*Mrs Pearson*

### 9U Mixed LTA County Cup Event 2021

Congratulations to Iris who has been selected to represent Kent in the forthcoming county cup tennis competition taking place on 15th May in Aldershot. This is a fantastic achievement as only 4 girls and 4 boys are chosen in each age group; Iris is in the 9u category. Playing against other counties in a group format; progressing to the knock out stages if topping the group. Iris has played tennis for 2yrs and started with the schools' programmes provided by Sadie Bristow Foundation. Iris currently trains and plays on a daily basis and has a passion for tennis.

*Stewart Bristow*

### Kaitlyn and Cohen's Fundraising Achievement

I received the below email from the parents of Kaitlyn and Cohen and I was very impressed with the dedication and commitment that both Kaitlyn and Cohen have demonstrated. I know that everyone who knew Ethan from his time at Bridge is behind the family 100%.

Hello Mr Tibbles,

We just wanted to share with you what Kaitlyn Fanneran-Mullins (2GD) and Cohen Fanneran-Mullins (REC) have been up to for the past few weeks. We are incredibly proud of them and felt their teachers and peers would like to know about and commend them on their actions.

May 15th, Wear Blue Day is approaching, the day on which we raise awareness of MPS, the condition their older brother Ethan suffers from, a day on which during Ethan's wonderful time with you guys, the school went above and beyond in solidarity with and support of him. A series of annual gestures and memories for which we are eternally grateful.

This year, to mark the occasion and to build momentum for the day itself, Ethan decided to take on a challenge of completing 100 kilometres in a month and in doing so raise funds of £2000 to be shared between two charities very close to his heart, Great Ormond Street Hospital and The MPS Society.

As with everything he does, his two indispensable sidekicks, Kaitlyn and Cohen, have got his back and are completing the challenge with him.

To date, they have completed 72 kilometres and raised over £1,800 with 11 days still to go.

As you'll know Ethan's condition comes with a host of mobility and health issues making the task of completing 100k all the more difficult.

Added to that Kaitlyn has just turned 7 and Cohen is only 5, both juggling the physical challenges (many as soon as they get home from school) with a return to full-time education after an extended lockdown.

The tiredness is real, limbs are sore, and taking the first step or climbing on the bike can be a struggle but once they've set off, fuelled by the support they've been receiving and the knowledge they're raising money for two incredible causes, they take it in their stride and push on with real determination.

We couldn't be more proud of them and would be so grateful if you could share this with their teaching staff.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Kevin and Katrina.

## Upcoming Events

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

**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 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9am: Governor Meeting (Finance & Personnel Team)

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Year R: Ugly Bug Ball

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Group 1 – Level 1)		
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Group 2 – Level 1)		
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Group 3 – Level 1)	Year 6 First Aid Training	4pm: Governor Meeting (Full Governing Body)
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 1)		

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>INSET Day</b>	School closed to children
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>INSET Day</b>	School closed to children
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Kent Challenger Games