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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our last week of term has been a busy one with Year 5 children undertaking their Level 1 Bikeability training, Year 6 children receiving emergency first aid training and some of the Year 6 children have also been taking part in a multi-school competition in which they came 2nd against schools all around the county; this was only Round 1 and there will be more rounds over the next few weeks but I'm positive that our children will do us proud.

A New Addition to the Family

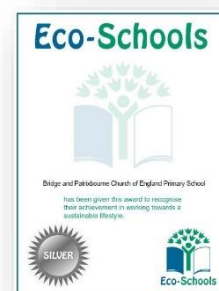
It has been a particularly busy week for Mr Beard and his wife. I'm pleased to share the news with you that, on Wednesday, Baby Beard (no name yet!) was born happy and healthy – everyone is doing well and I'm sure that you'll all join me in offering congratulations to mother and father.

Mr Beard will be taking parental leave until Monday 21st June and his class will be taught by a returning Mrs Evans.

Eco-News

Well done to Miss Smith and her eco-team. Since returning from lockdown, they have continued in their quest to make Bridge School eco-friendlier and have been monitoring the recycling bins and use of electricity around the school. They have also been looking at where eco-issues are being taught around the school through Geography, Science, English, RE and even Music!

Their commitment and efforts have been recognised that Bridge School has been awarded the Silver Eco-Schools Award. Next step – gold!



Year 6 Parents' Meeting about PGL

Assuming that all continues to go to plan (and I'm choosing to be optimistic!), the Year 6 children will be going on their PGL residential trip in 6 weeks' time. On Thursday 10th June, we will be holding a parents' meeting on Zoom to go through some of the arrangements and answer any questions that you may have – it would be useful for us if you sent in any questions you would like answered so we have these ready for you but, of course, you can still ask questions during the meeting itself.

If you cannot attend this meeting, it will be recorded and placed on the school website.

Term 6 Events

The summer term is usually one where we have a great many events that parents are invited to and we would like to remain cautiously hopeful in planning for most of these to still go ahead in some fashion. Currently we don't know what restrictions will still be in place next term but we will be making every effort to make sure that these events take place with the understanding that (worse case scenario) they may need to be cancelled.



For each of these events we will be able to offer two tickets per child and we will be asking parents to maintain appropriate social distancing i.e. seats will be spaced 1m apart. We will also ask that all attendees take an LFT test on the morning of the event and wear face coverings for the indoor performances. Please note that this may change in line with government guidance at the time.

Also, in lieu of the music event we had planned to hold, each year group will be presenting a short musical performance at the end of a particular day across the summer term. These will be held at 3pm and will be just one or two performances; I know that Mrs Brooks is particularly looking forward to sharing the songs that Year 1 have written. Dates will be confirmed in the first week back after half-term.

Sports Afternoons	
Monday 28 th June, 1.30pm	Phase 3 (Year 5 and 6)
Tuesday 29 th June, 1.30pm	Phase 1 (Year R and 1)
Wednesday 30 th June, 1.30pm	Phase 2 (Year 2, 3 and 4)
Year 1 Performances (moved from Term 2)	
Wednesday 7 th July, 9am	Year 1 Performance (1LA)
Wednesday 7 th July, 2.30pm	Year 1 Performance (1CS)
Thursday 8 th July, 9am	Year 1 Performance (1CS)
Thursday 8 th July, 2.30pm	Year 1 Performance (1LA)
Year 6 Production (School of Rock)	
TBC	Year 6 Production (Cast A)
TBC	Year 6 Production (Cast B)
Wednesday 21 st July (2pm)	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

COVID Update

I'm sure that many of you, as I will be, will be spending half-term visiting friends and family now that the restrictions are starting to ease and we can now socialise indoors and outdoors in greater numbers. Due to the spread of this new variant, we must continue to remain vigilant if anyone is displaying symptoms so can I ask that any positive results of PCR tests are reported to me directly over the half-term break just in case we need to inform staff and families in the same 'bubble.'

Whilst wider society is seeing their restrictions removed, the guidance for schools remains unchanged and, whilst we are able to make minor changes to our procedures within school, we must still adhere to our system of bubbles and the other controls that we have in place.

Outdoor Learning Improvements

Whilst you've been walking through the school premises this week, you may have noticed that the Year R outdoor learning area is currently being cleared – this is in preparation for a big piece of work which will take place over the half-term break. For the past few months, the Year R team have been busy planning a brand-new outdoor learning area and the first step of this process will be the removal of the large mound of earth. Whilst I have no doubt that children will have many fond memories of running up and down the mound, it isn't very conducive to learning and its removal will allow for a great deal more space. We will also be removing the play equipment to better differentiate between 'playtime' and 'outdoor learning'.

It's not just Year R that will soon be benefitting from more outdoor learning. Mr Taylor has been working with the Kent Wildlife Trust in turning a portion of the field into an 'outdoor learning environment' which will incorporate our Forest School and eventually include a pond and planters. There is a plan to develop this area over the next three years and work will start this summer! Watch this space for more updates!

Seeking Staff

Deana Coe, who has been working in kitchen for approximately three years now, is leaving us today and I, for one, am sad to see her go. I'd like to express my thanks to her for all her hard work and commitment as well as wish her well in her new job.

This does mean that we are looking for a new assistant cook to join our team. Details can be found on Kent-Teach or by clicking the job advert (right).

Assistant Cook - Fixed Term

Bridge & Patribourne CEP School, Canterbury



Ref: KCC886-3122-84S Posted: 27/05/2021

Pay: Kent Range 3 (£9.35 an hour) Start Date: ASAP

App Close Date: 07/06/2021 at 12:00 Interviews: w/c 7th June 2021

Advert

We are looking for someone to join and support our kitchen team in the preparation of school lunches. The hours are 9am to 2pm, Monday to Friday (25 hours a week). Term-time only + 5 additional days. This position is to assist the cook in daily tasks and to be on hand to help with any preparation, serving, cleaning, tidying, clearing up that is needed for the smooth running of the school kitchen.

Annual Parent Survey

As part of our regular practice, I am inviting all parents to complete our annual parent survey which is on the linked Google Form below. I have removed the COVID-related questions from last year as there was a specific survey about this a couple of months ago. There is also a section about the mixing of classes at the end of Year 4.

Parental Survey (Summer 2021): <https://forms.gle/ufFskdAWh97J1GLeA>

Thank you in advance for sharing your views. The form will close on the 11th June.

Charitable Fundraising

I am always pleased to hear about the charitable work that our families undertake – especially in these difficult times. Earlier this week, I was contact by a parent who wanted to share their children's achievement. Iris and Elliot (along with their parents) have been raising money for the Alzheimer's Society. They planned a route to Dundee which was 1,018km long and they achieved their goal at the weekend. Well done to the whole family and if you would like to donate the link to their JustGiving page:



[David Rowbotham is fundraising for Alzheimer's Society \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/David-Rowbotham)

A Time to Reflect

This week in our Collective Worship we've been thinking about 'creativity' which is, of course, one of the key educational principles linked to our school's vision. The children have been considering how Christians use creativity and art as their worship to God by creating beautiful things for others to enjoy.

We also asked the children to consider their own creativity and asked the question what skills and talents they had and how these could be used to express their own creativity (it's not all about art and music!) Finally, we reflected upon how we could encourage each other to be creative.

"Art has a unique capacity to take one or other facet of the message and translate it into colours, shapes and sounds which nourish the intuition of those who look and listen."

Pope John Paul II, Letter to Artist

Have a good half-term break.



James Tibbles
Headteacher

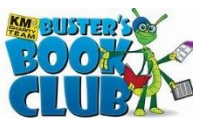
Celebration

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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| ☆ Harriet B (RAM) for bringing her writing to life with her creative thinking. <i>Miss Maw</i> | ☆ Livinya C (4ST) for trusting in her learning and coming up with some original ideas for her poem 'When I heard the music'. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Leo B (REC) for sharing his creative ideas through his amazing models and stories. <i>Miss Cowley</i> | ☆ James M (4JH) for being an enthusiastic learner, kind friend and talented writer. <i>Mr Harris</i> |
| ☆ Tillie J (1CS) for her enthusiasm for learning and wanting to become more independent in her learning. <i>Miss Smith</i> | ☆ Reuben D-S (5JP) for applying his creativity when designing and making a World War 2 inspired game on Purple Mash during our Coding topic this term in Computing. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Dylan L (1LA) for his fantastic non-fiction writing in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Conrad W (5JS) for creating an amazing self-portrait using recycled cardboard. You are a talented artist. Well done! <i>Miss Smith</i> |
| ☆ Eleanor (2FP) for showing service and compassion through her fundraising for the NHS! <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Ellie L (6NA) for including excellent, imaginative details in her World War II diary entry. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Rene (2FP) for showing service and compassion through her fundraising for the NHS! <i>Mrs Munday</i> | ☆ Andrew D (6NA) for his creativity in art and his excellent (perfect) relief print. <i>Mrs C Smith</i> |
| ☆ William O (2GD) for his imaginative and creative writing in English this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Junia M (6MB) for planning and creating a detailed, accurate Anderson shelter this week. <i>Mrs Corral</i> |
| ☆ Annis S (3HA) for responding creatively to the class text and creating an amazing comic strip! <i>Miss Allison</i> | |
| ☆ Rio B (3SA) for his creative response to Omar - Accidental Trouble Magnet and producing a superb 18-page comic book. Brilliant work. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | |

Buster Book Club



Well done to **3SA** who won the class 'Buster Book Club' award again this week having read a total of 883 minutes between them (an average of 29 minutes each) and to **4JH** who read a total of 1320 minutes (an average of 44 minutes each).

Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from blog posts over the past week.

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26th May 2021



Year 6 Relief Printing

This term in art, Year 6 pupils have been exploring relief printing. Using inspiration from female artist Georgia O'Keefe, pupils began the project practising their observational skills and drawing real skulls in class.

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Year 5 Recycled Portraits

Within their art lessons this term, Year 5 have been studying portraiture. At the beginning of the project, pupils drew simple pencil self-portraits from a mirror.

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Year 1 make clay leaves

Within their project about plants, pupils in Year 1 have been creating leaf relief prints in clay. Pupils have learnt how to handle and roll clay.

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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!

Monday 7th June INSET Day	School closed to children	
Tuesday 8th June INSET Day	School closed to children	
Wednesday 9th June		
Thursday 10th June		4pm: Year 6 Parents Meeting re: PGL
Friday 11th June	Kent Challenger Games	

Monday 14th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 1	
Tuesday 15th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 1	4ST trip to Creed Outdoor Centre
Wednesday 16th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 2	4JH trip to Creed Outdoor Centre
Thursday 17th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 2	New Year R children in school
Friday 18th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 3	

Monday 21st June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 3	
Tuesday 22nd June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 4	
Wednesday 23rd June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 4	
Thursday 24th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 5	New Year R children in school
Friday 25th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 5	

School Dinners

Meals should be booked and pre-paid via the ParentMail website or app.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1			Roast Chicken Fillet with Gravy	Wholemeal Spaghetti Carbonara	Cod or Salmon Fish Fingers
			Veggie Toad-in-the-hole with Gravy	Wholemeal Pasta Vegetable Milanaise	Cheese & Tomato Quiche
			Jacket Potato and Cheese	Jacket Potato and Tuna	Jacket Potato and Beans
			Roast Potatoes		Chips
			Spring Greens	Fresh Broccoli Florets	Baked Beans
			Baton Carrots	Sweetcorn	Peas
			Rice Pudding & Jam	Peach & Apple Goodie with Custard	Biscuit Choice