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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at Bridge School with our Year 4 children taking part in Outdoor Adventure Days at the Creed Centre; Year 6 have been completing their Level 2 Bikeability Awards and we've been able to welcome some of our new Year R children into school this week in a small group.

The highlight of my week has to have been the performance from the Year 1 children showcasing their music learning. I trust that all the parents who were able to attend enjoyed the performance and I'd like to, once again, extend my thanks and appreciation to Mrs Brookes and Mr Miles particularly for arranging these.

Wear Yellow Day

Today, we invited staff and children to wear yellow to raise awareness of Cystic Fibrosis.



What is Cystic Fibrosis?

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic condition that controls the movement of salt and water in and out of cells. Those with the condition experience a build-up of mucus in the lungs, digestive system and other organs, affecting the body in various ways. There are more than 10,000 people in the UK with cystic fibrosis, all treated in range of ways including medication, physiotherapy and nutrition.

Why are we supporting this charity?

One of our families includes a young girl with cystic fibrosis and eventually, she will be joining Bridge School in Year R. It is only right that we, as a community, support this family and raise our own awareness of this condition. When she does eventually join the school, we will be teaching her classmates (and staff) more about this condition and we can support her.



As part of this awareness raising, I shared this video with the children this afternoon.

Thank you all for your generosity (of money and of time). All monies raised will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and will go toward funding ground-breaking research, promoting the highest-quality care and accessing life-saving medication.

School Library

Our fantastic librarian, Emma, has set up an Instagram account with the purpose of sharing some of the wonderful and diverse books that we have. Whilst I'm not sure I 'get' Instagram myself, if you are on Instagram then please follow our school library.



Kent Challenger Games

Last week, Mrs Pearson and Mr Corfield accompanied a team of 8 children from Year 5 and Year 6 to the Kent Challenger Games which took place at the Julie Rosie Stadium in Ashford.

A brilliant day was had by all and the children were fantastic ambassadors for the school. There were a variety of events including an obstacle course where they were showered with water from Super Soakers operated by the cadets! The children received an impressive medal each as well as a certificate. Our teams banner was designed by our residential artist Mrs C Smith and this was displayed along with the banners of all the teams in an Olympic Opening Ceremony style parade.

This was the first outing for the minibus for 1½ years, in respect of a sports event, and the children enjoyed the air conditioning which, thankfully, had survived lockdown.

Well done to Molly, Soheil, James, Annabelle (Year 6), Foni, Theo, Florence and Tate (Year 5).



Term 6 Events

I wrote to all parents on Tuesday following the Prime Minister's announcement with details on how this has impacted our planned programme of summer events. With a few tweaks, most can still go ahead but it was with great reluctance that I had to inform you all that we are not able to accommodate parents at the sports afternoons.

Details of all planned events are below.

Summer Holiday Club

On Monday, we will be sending out a ParentMail to all parents if they wish to book the Bridge Bees Summer Club run by Elena Visan and Charley Windsor. Bookings should be made ASAP as spaces are limited – if we know in enough time, we can usually arrange additional staff. Please also note that parents will not be able to book if they are debt from previous holiday clubs.

New Classes

I know that you'll all be keen to learn who your child will be placed with next year and I'm pleased to be able to let you know that this information will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Karen Evans – The Legend

We are obviously looking forward to Mr Beard returning to school on Monday but it will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Evans once again – having her back at the school has reminded me what a fantastic teacher she is and I am genuinely saddened that we didn't get to work together for longer.

Even though it has been almost two years since she left teaching, she remains a part of our Bridge family and I have no doubt that we'll be seeing her again soon before too long!

Wishing you all a good weekend.



James Tibbles
Headteacher

Music Performances (Outdoors)	
Thursday 17 th June, 3pm	Year 1 – Sea Shanties
Monday 21 st June, 3pm	Year 2 – African Drumming
Thursday 24 th June, 3pm	Year R – Traditional Rhymes & Percussion
Monday 28 th June, 3pm	Year 5 – Jazz Percussion
Monday 5 th July, 3pm	Year 3 – Samba Drumming
Thursday 8 th July, 3pm	Year 6 – School of Rock
Monday 12 th July, 3pm	Year 4 - Ukuleles
Sports Afternoons (cancelled)	
Monday 28 th June, 1.30pm	Phase 2 (Year 2, 3 and 4)
Tuesday 29 th June, 1.30pm	Phase 1 (Year R and 1)
Wednesday 30 th June, 1.30pm	Phase 3 (Year 5 and 6)
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)	
Wednesday 14 th July, 1.30pm and 7pm	Year 6 Production (Cast A)
Thursday 15 th July, 1.30pm and 7pm	Year 6 Production (Cast B)
Wednesday 21 st July (2pm)	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from blog posts over the past week.

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Year R - Texture

Today Year R were exploring texture and printing. Pupils first learnt about texture; they felt and described various textured materials and objects before printing from them.

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Year 1 Trees

Year 1 have continued to explore plants and nature this term. Within their art lessons pupils have been painting trees.

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Kent Test

Is your child currently in Year 5?

Are you wanting them to go to a Grammar School starting in September 2022?

If yes then registration for the Kent Test is open now.

Register at www.kent.gov.uk/ola before the closing date of 1st July 2021

Please remember to include your child's full name and their current school as part of the information you provide.

You must submit your registration to us before 1st July for your child to be able to sit the test in September.

The Kent Test covers all Grammar Schools within Kent County Council. If you wish your child to go to a Grammar School in Medway, Bromley, Bexley etc then you need to check with those authorities how you go about registering for that.

Kent Test Dates are as follows:

Children at a Kent Primary = Thursday 9th September 2021 (in their Primary School)

Tests are due to take place in September 2021, and we will continue to monitor whether any adjustments are required to the Kent Test process this year in the light of COVID-19. Please register as usual if you want your child considered for a place at Kent grammar school in September 2022.

For more information regarding the Kent Test please visit www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest

If you have any questions relating to this please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

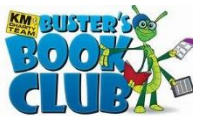
Celebration

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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| ☆ Jax P (RAM) for always being thoughtful and caring towards his friends. <i>Miss Maw</i> | ☆ Poppy M (4ST) for trusting in others and challenging herself, being hugely brave at Creed outdoor activity centre. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Freddie J (REC) for his hard work and fantastic attitude to learning. <i>Miss Cowley</i> | ☆ Amelie P (4ST) for being a generous, kind and supportive learning partner. <i>Mrs Saint</i> |
| ☆ Kristapus J (1CS) for an excellent attitude towards his learning this week. <i>Miss Smith</i> | ☆ Ava S (4JH) for always helping others and being a positive member of the class. <i>Mr Harris</i> |
| ☆ Bella H-B (1LA) for creating an amazing piece of artwork using her observational skills. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Charlie R (4JH) for being a team player and trusting others. <i>Miss Briggs</i> |
| ☆ Ella (2FP) for her excellent maths learning! <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Teddie M (5JP) for showing resilience and determination with his reading. Well done for finishing your book and getting a fantastic score on the AR quiz. <i>Mrs Andrews</i> |
| ☆ Emile (2FP) for her creative and fact filled Puffin diary. <i>Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ Ellen L (5JS) for showing good concentration in Phonics and for challenging herself to improve. <i>Miss Smith</i> |
| ☆ Amaya D (2GD) for trusting in her ability in maths this week especially when solving subtraction problems. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Louis G (5JS) for always being enthusiastic and motivated but, also, for helping others and being an excellent role model for his peers. <i>Mrs Pearson</i> |
| ☆ Gabriel C (2GD) setting an excellent example in our PE lessons through helping others in the class through demonstrating different skills and when working with a partner. <i>Mrs J Smith</i> | ☆ Hanna F (6NA) for contributing some lovely ideas to class discussion this week and being a supportive partner in Maths. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Phoebe B (3HA) for creating an amazing game at home on Purple Mash using her skills of coding. <i>Mrs Langsdon</i> | ☆ Ivy P (6MB) for always 'giving it a go' and having a positive attitude. <i>Mrs Corral</i> |
| ☆ Alisina H (3SA) for showing resilience in all of his learning and his consistent effort. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Jack M (6MB) for producing an excellent piece of work based on 'The Arrival.' <i>Mrs Evans</i> |

Buster Book Club



Well done to **3HA** who won the class 'Buster Book Club' award again this week having read a total of 822 minutes between them and to **6NA** who read a total of 1285 minutes.

Upcoming Events

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 21st June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 3	School Health Checks for Year R pupils	3pm: Year 2 Music Performance
Tuesday 22nd June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 4		
Wednesday 23rd June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 4	Eco Talk for Year 5 and 6 children	
Thursday 24th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 5	New Year R children in school	3pm: Year R Music Performance
Friday 25th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 5		

Monday 28th June		1.30pm: Yr 2, 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon	3pm: Year 5 Music Performance
Tuesday 29th June		1.30pm: Yr R & 1 Sports Afternoon	
Wednesday 30th June		1.30pm: Yr 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon	Parent Session: Supporting children with ASD/ASC
Thursday 1st July	Transition Day: Some Year 6 children to new schools	Moving Up Day: Children in new classes	
Friday 2nd July			

Monday 5th July			3pm: Year 3 Music Performance
Tuesday 6th July			
Wednesday 7th July	9am: 1LA Showcase	2.45pm: 1CS Showcase	
Thursday 8th July	9am: 1CS Showcase	2.45pm: 1LA Showcase	3pm: Year 6 Music Performance
Friday 9th July	Year 6 Residential (weekend trip)		

School Dinners

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

Week 3	Sausages with Gravy	Wholemeal Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Chicken & Tomato Casserole	Fish Fingers
	Vegetarian Sausages	Spanish Omelette with New Potatoes	Vegetarian Wellington & Gravy	Sweet Potato & Bean Burger	Stuffed Moroccan Pitta Bread
	Jacket Potato and Beans	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Jacket Potato and Tuna	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Jacket Potato and Beans
	Mash Potato		Roast Potatoes	Rice	Chips
	Carrot, Pea & Sweetcorn Mix	Fresh Broccoli Florets	Cauliflower	Rainbow Vegetable Sticks	Baked Beans
	St. Clements Shortbread	Baked Beans Jelly & Peaches	Carrots Apple Sponge & Custard	Sweetcorn Cheese & Crackers	Peas Biscuit Choice