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Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the Year 6 children have been on their residential trip to PGL and I've had great feedback on what a good time they are all having. Mrs Allen and I popped down on Tuesday to join in the fun and a particular highlight of mine was watching (and hearing!) Mrs Long on the giant swing.

They'll all be returning later today – hopefully ready for a few good night's sleep.

On Monday, we welcomed Kent Music to the school who put on a music showcase entitled 'Bach to the Future' for years 3 to 5. You can read more about this visit on the [News](#) page of our school website.

We also held our first PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday with the trustees and class reps. The minutes of this meeting will be published on the [PTA](#) section of our school website but the PTA also have [their own dedicated website](#) where you can find much more information about upcoming events and future plans.

I was also pleased to be able to accompany the Year R children to St Peter's Church on Thursday as they were introduced to Revd. Estella. The children sang two beautiful songs and we even had a little adult participation in the song 'God Made My Hands'. Thank you to Revd. Estella and her team for always being so welcoming.

Art in Bridge

I hope that you get the time to visit the Art in Bridge exhibition this weekend. We usually have some entries from staff and/or children in this event and we've created a banner to celebrating some of the excellent art that the children have created in their art lessons over the past year.

School Photographer

Don't forget that the school photographer is in on Tuesday. On this day, children should wear their school uniform and bring in their PE kits as we used to do.

Flu Vaccines

We have had parents asking about the NHS Flu Vaccination programme and just a heads-up that this is currently scheduled for November 24th. More information will be coming out closer to the time.

Rag-Bag Scheme for Bridge Village Playgroup

Bridge Village Playgroup are starting up a 'rag-bag collection' and collecting all unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and belts, which the council will then recycle and make a cash donation back to the preschool. We don't yet have a collection date for this but please bear this in mind and maybe have a clear out of those pre-loved clothes?



Canterbury Mosque Appeal for Refugees

Our local mosque is supporting Afghan refugees and are desperately seeking donations of toiletries and other sanitary items. If you are able to support then I know that these will be warmly welcomed. We will be arranging a collection date in school and will let you know when this is.

Messy Church

Don't forget that we are inviting all our families to Messy Church next Saturday (9th October). This starts from 4pm and lasts until 5.30pm. There will be craft activities, drinks and snacks followed by a short worship led by Revd. Estella.

A Time to Reflect

This week, in Collective Worship, the children have been learning about Elohim, which was the first name of God given in the Old Testament where he is also described as a creator.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

We considered how best we can look after God's creation and ended our Collective Worship today with our school prayer. Any child that did not want to join in the prayer was simply asked to sit quietly and reflect upon what we had spoken about.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

James Tibbles

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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| ☆ Leon (1CS) for excellent maths work. <i>Mrs M Smith</i> | ☆ Darius I (4JH) for his superb effort in class and on the rugby pitch. Well done! <i>Mr Harris</i> |
| ☆ Ruby (1LA) for trying so hard with her reading and comprehension this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Polly P (4ST) for being a responsible, kind and thoughtful class member. I always know that Polly will do a job well and can be relied upon. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Max B (2FP) for his excellent attitude towards his learning and sharing his great ideas on the carpet! <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Cara P (5HA) for her excellent effort across the curriculum. Well Done! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Joel D (2GD) for his creative and imaginative description of Mr Alexander T Wolf. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Beatrice V (5JS) for being a supportive learning partner, always checking through her work and for being a kind and caring member of the class. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Samuel T (3JA) for being a proactive learner and for offering to help others in art without the need to be asked. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | |
| ☆ Maya P (3SA) for her excellent diary entry full of historical facts. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | |

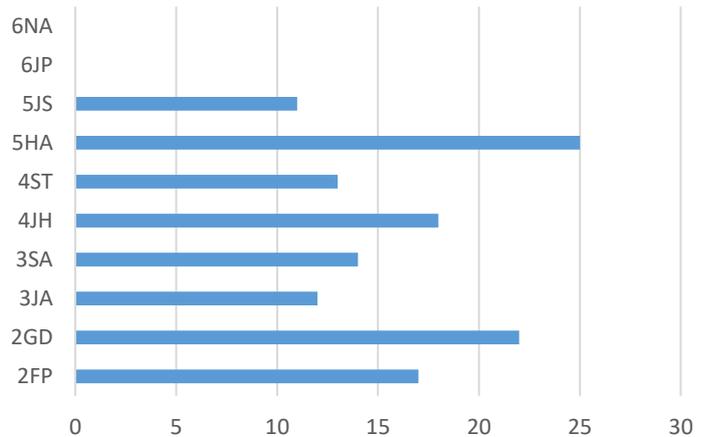


Buster Book Club

This week, as part of our Buster Book Club, we are celebrating not just the total number of minutes read but also the number of children who have read in each class.

Well done once again to class 5HA who are the winners once again this week. Miss Allison was keen for me to emphasise that there have been no threats and that her children just love reading!

Adults in class are monitoring how often children read and it would be great to see classes where every child is regularly reading.



Reminders (these have already been mentioned in previous newsletters)

Harvest Services

On Wednesday 20th October, we will be taking the children to celebrate Harvest at St. Peter's Church in Bridge and parents are welcome to join us.

- Year 2 and 3: 9.30am to 10.15am
- Year R and 1: 10.30am to 11am
- Year 4 to 6: 11.15am to 12pm

Please could we have any Harvest donations in school on the last week of term please. Children can take these directly to their classroom and we'll be hoping to deliver these to the Canterbury Food Bank on the Wednesday or Thursday.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Year R Phonics Talk

In a few weeks' time, Miss Cowley and Mrs Harvey-Maw will be leading a presentation on Zoom for parents of Year R children which will give you more information about how phonics (letters and sounds) is taught in the school and what parents can do at home to support this. This is planned for 5pm on Tuesday 19th October but this will be recorded and placed on the school website for any parents unable to attend.

Applying for Secondary Schools (Year 6 parents)

Applications for secondary schools are open and close on Monday 1st November (the link is below). If you would like any advice about this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

If you are considering naming St. Anselm's as an option, they ask that parents get a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) completed including information about faith status and/or baptism with a minister confirming regular religious practice.

Revd. Estella has offered to meet parents who wish to discuss this with her and will be holding two 'drop-in' sessions in the school on Friday 8th October at 2.30pm and Tuesday 12th October at 9am. You are, of course, also welcome to speak to her on Sundays following her church services.

From Revd. Estella

Bridge Toddler Group

For those of you with little ones, Little Lambs Toddler Group meet in Bridge Pavilion each Thursday during term time and are looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments. For more information email bridgeoffice23@gmail.com.

Friday Prayer Group

'Every Friday from 8.45 join us in Bridge Church for coffee, chat and prayers. Members of the ministry team will be there to listen and lead us in prayer'



HARVEST

This Harvest we would appreciate:

- instant mash
- canned potatoes
- cup soup
- long life juice
- long life whole milk
- canned ham
- rice pudding
- jam
- instant coffee
- dog food
- large nappies (sizes 5, 5+, 6, 6+)
- cleaning sprays
- washing up liquid
- toiletries (all)

Donations can be left in our supermarket collection bins. See our website for a full list of locations.

We have good stocks of pasta, rice, beans, soup, tinned tomatoes and tea at the moment, thank you

If you need support, please call 01227 936450 or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org
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Bach to the Future

We were very pleased to welcome Kent Music to Bridge & Patixbourne CEP School on Monday 26th September. Richard (Area Manager) was accompanied by three musicians Colin, Lori and Graeme.

They talked the children through the 4 families of instruments that make up an orchestra (can your child remember what they are?) and how all instruments make sound through vibration.

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Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from the week's selection of blog posts.

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30th September 2021

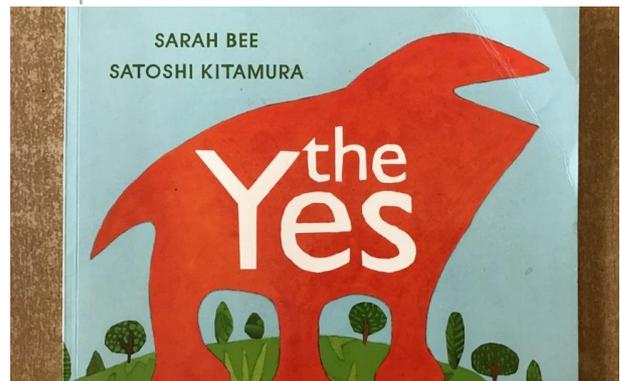


Billy and the Beast

Inspired by the class reading book, 'Billy and the Beast', Year 1 have been creating their own scary beasts. Pupils have continued to explore mark making, this time using bamboo reed pens and Indian ink.

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29th September 2021



Book Club

It was lovely to meet our book club children this lunchtime. We talked about what we would like to do in the club and listened to the story "Yes" by Sarah Bee.

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Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar (it's working now!)



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 4th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 6)		
Tuesday 5th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 5)	School Photographer in (individual photos)	11.30am: Year 5 and 6 Handball @ Cant. Academy
Wednesday 6th October	Year 1 walk around Bridge Village		4pm to 7pm: Parental Consultations (Whole School)
Thursday 7th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 1)		6pm: PTA Social for New Year R parents
Friday 8th October			4pm: Messy Church on Saturday

Monday 11th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 3)		
Tuesday 12th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 2)	Year 5 Trip to Bore Place	Year 6 Tag Rugby
Wednesday 13th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 4)	Year 5 Trip to Bore Place	
Thursday 14th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year R)	Year 5 Trip to Bore Place	
Friday 15th October			

Monday 18th October	Fire Safety Talk		
Tuesday 19th October			5pm: Phonics Talk for Year R parents
Wednesday 20th October	Harvest Services in Church		
Thursday 21st October	Staff Training Day School closed to pupils	Kent Test Results to parents	
Friday 22nd October	Staff Training Day School closed to pupils		

Monday 1st November			
Tuesday 2nd November			
Wednesday 3rd November			
Thursday 4th November			
Friday 5th November			