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Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Young Voices 2022

Yesterday, 28 of our children travelled to the O2 arena in London to take part in the 25th anniversary celebration concert as part of Young Voices. They joined over 100 schools with over 7000 children to sing alongside recording artists, beat-boxers and street dancers and everyone had an amazing time.

I am always so proud of our children when they take opportunities such as these as they are always a credit to the school and judging from the emails and comments I've received from parents this morning (as well as sugary goodies!) that sentiment is shared by all.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mr Miles and Mrs H Brookes for teaching the children the songs, Mrs Hurley for her incredible organisational skills (which were certainly put to the test this time!) and Mrs A Brooks and Mrs Pearson for accompanying the children on the day along with Mr Miles and myself.

I'd also like to thank the parents for their support both in rehearsing and those that were able to come up to the O2 yesterday and be part of the concert (hope you enjoyed the beat-boxing!)

I've already registered the school for Young Voices 2023 and I can't wait!



Charitable Action

Earlier this week, I was visited by Joe in Year 4 who came to tell me about how he is raising money for a charity close to his family's heart. I say 'tell' but it was more of a 'show!' Joe told me that his aunty is undergoing chemotherapy as a result of a recent cancer diagnosis – this treatment has meant that she has lost her hair and, in solidarity, Joe and his cousin and both decided to shave off their long blonde hair to raise money for [Maggie's Centres](#) who support people with cancer and their families – they have been an invaluable support for Joe's aunt and her family. So far the boys have raised an incredible £3600 and if any parents feel inspired enough to donate, I'm sure that any [donations](#) would be gratefully received.

District League Football Success

The Canterbury Academy Trust Sports Partnership organises the district football league and, earlier this week, we received the final standings. Our girls' football team came a very respectable third in their league with Aylesham and Wincheap coming 1st and 2nd respectively and our boys team came 2nd in both their competitions with St Stephen's and Chartham Schools taking the top spots.

All of our football players deserve the recognition and respect due as they have played excellent games and shown sportsmanship throughout the whole season. Well done to them all.

Year 6 SATS

After two years of (blissful) absence, the Year 6 SATs are back on the agenda and will be taken by the Year 6 children next week. We obviously want the children to do their best but it is important to us that they do not feel as if they are under any undue pressure. It would be very helpful if parents could ensure that they are rested and ready for the days ahead when they arrive at school.

Holiday Club

Over the May half-term break there will, once again, be a holiday club. Due to the bank holidays, this will be on Monday 30th May, Tuesday 31st May, Wednesday 1st June and then Monday 6th June and Tuesday 7th June which are both INSET days.

Bridge Proms

Please keep the afternoon of Thursday 26th May free in your diaries as we will be hosting a Bridge Proms event at school between 1pm and 3pm. Families are invited onto the school field to listen to singing, music and other entertainment.

Further details closer to the time but mark the date in your diary. It promises to be a very enjoyable event.

Messy Church

This Saturday (7th May) is Messy Church. All are invited in the school hall for craft, worship and a meal from 4pm.



Time to Reflect

We have continued to look at our Christian value of generosity this week and considered the examples set by noted scientist Michael Faraday and Anne Frank. We've discussed what examples people can set in being generous and how this makes others feel generous in spirit, in words and in actions.

'Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.'

John Wesley

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

James Tibbles
Headteacher



The Bridge Group Parish Baby and Toddler Group
Thursdays during term time
9am-11am
in Bridge Sports Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.
Suggested donation £1.50
For more information email estellalast@gmail.com



Messy Church
Saturday 7th May
4-6pm
Bridge and Patrixbourne School Hall
Crafts, worship, stories and a hot dinner!
All welcome.

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 9th May	Year 5 CATS Tests Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Tuesday 10th May	Mini Tennis Event (Year 3 & 4 pupils)
Wednesday 11th May	
Thursday 12th May	
Friday 13th May	

Monday 16th May	
Tuesday 17th May	Tri-Golf Competition (Year 3 & 4 pupils)
Wednesday 18th May	
Thursday 19th May	Trip to Turner Gallery (selected KS1 pupils)
Friday 20th May	Pilgrim's Hospice Charity Book Sale (playground)

Monday 23rd May	Year 5 St Anselm's Taster Day	Year 6 Netball Match at Sheldwich
Tuesday 24th May	Year 5 & 6 Netball Competition	
Wednesday 25th May	Year 6 First Aid Training (one class)	
Thursday 26th May		1pm Bridge Proms 4pm: FGB Meeting
Friday 27th May <i>Last Day of Term</i>		

May Half-Term Break

Monday 6th June	STAFF INSET DAY (School closed)
Tuesday 7th June	STAFF INSET DAY (School closed)
Wednesday 8th June	
Thursday 9th June	Tennis Tournament at Polo Farm
Friday 10th June	Year 6 First Aid Training (one class)

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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| <p>☆ Thea S (RAM) for her fantastic participation in phonics and for trying really hard with her writing. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i></p> <p>☆ Joss K (REC) for her fantastic reading and wonderful attitude to learning. <i>Miss Cowley</i></p> <p>☆ Lily H (1CS) for fantastic reading and great use of suffixes in English this week. <i>Mrs Smith</i></p> <p>☆ Umaiza K (1LA) for her excellent work in maths this week- learning to group using arrays. <i>Miss Andrews</i></p> <p>☆ Ella W (2FP) for generously helping a friend by looking after her and making her smile again. <i>Mrs Franks</i></p> <p>☆ Joel D (2GD) for the support and encouragement he gave to others in cricket who were finding it hard when batting and bowling. <i>Mrs Dennett</i></p> <p>☆ Samuel T (3JA) for showing resilience when learning his spellings and offering insightful contributions to class discussions. <i>Mr Ablett</i></p> | <p>☆ Sulaiman B (3SA) for his excellent description of the flavours of tea following our tea tasting. <i>Mrs Amelia</i></p> <p>☆ Seren T-S (4JH) for always striving for excellence in everything she does. <i>Mrs Corral</i></p> <p>☆ Lily T (4ST) for continuing to work so hard with a broken arm especially in her writing. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i></p> <p>☆ Dominic G (5HA) for your infectious cheery attitude - you brighten up many peoples' days. <i>Miss Allison</i></p> <p>☆ Melita M (5JS) for participating fully in a group Science experiment and using scientific vocabulary to describe what she observed. <i>Miss J Smith</i></p> <p>☆ Isla M (6NA) for always personifying generosity in her actions and words. <i>Mr Wren</i></p> <p>☆ Jack G (6NA) for his enthusiasm and effort in the class Matilda dance. <i>Mr Taylor</i></p> <p>☆ Conrad W (6JP) for his creativity when designing and making a text adventure in Computing this term. <i>Mr Perfect</i></p> |
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Millionaire Readers

Year 4 are certainly leading the pack on reading this week and three more children have become Millionaire Readers and each get a £10 book voucher.



Well to Sacha and Harriet on reaching their next million milestone and Lois is our reading superstar now having reached a total of 4 million words this year!

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Megan B ☆		Seren T-S ☆ Phoebe B ☆ Harriet H ☆ ☆ Sacha D ☆ ☆ ☆ Lois C ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	

Buster Book Club

Well done to **1LA** (KS1) and **6JP** (KS2) who have won this week's Buster Book Club competition.

