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Dear Parents/Carers,

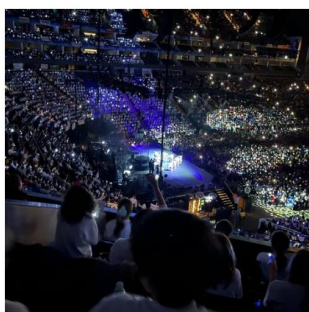
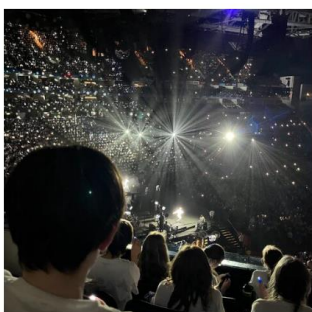
The highlight of this past week has to have been our trip to the O2 Arena yesterday to take part in Young Voices 2023.

Twenty-nine of our Year 5 and 6 children got to sing alongside 8500 other children with Heather Small, Anna Phoebe, Urban Strides and the Beat Box Collective.

The children who went all said that it was a great experience and parents who came along also enjoyed it. Sadly, we did have some parents who got caught up in terrible traffic and ended up missing the concert. I can only imagine how frustrating that must have been.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs H Brookes and Mr Miles for their work in supporting the children learning the songs in clubs and choir and also to Mrs A Brooks for accompanying and driving the school minibuses.

We will be booking next year's concert at the first opportunity!



New School Cook

I'm also pleased to let parents know that we have appointed Sandra Fawke as our new school cook. She has a great deal of experience in managing kitchens and I know she's looking forward to taking on her new role.

This does mean that we will be advertising for a new assistant cook – if any parents are interested, or know someone who may be, then this is being advertised on Kent-Teach.

Strike Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action which will take place on a number of dates across February and March. In the South East, these dates are: Wednesday 1st Feb, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

At this point in time, we are expecting that Bridge School will be open as normal but, if anything changes, I will write to let you know.

The Big Garden Birdwatch

With birds facing greater challenges due to the nature and climate emergency, every Birdwatch matters. So it's time to get your patch ready for Birdwatch. [Big Garden Birdwatch | The RSPB](#)



Snacks

Just a quick reminder that snacks that are brought into school for children at break time or significantly fruit-based, i.e. not fruit cake! It is important that we teach the children good habits in regards to their healthy eating.

Book Sale

With Easter coming up (I know it's not been long since Christmas!), many of our children will no doubt receive an inordinate amount of chocolate eggs. If you're thinking of an alternative gift, Emma Hayes has organised for an independent book shop to come into school to enable children and/or parents to purchase a new book. Classes will be visiting the library throughout the day (where Moon Lane will set up) and parents will be able to purchase books after school.



Canterbury Books for Change

A local parent is raising money to buy and donate books to twenty-one Canterbury primary schools including our school library. The books will have a diverse range of characters of colour, strong female protagonists, boys that are not afraid to be different and voices from the LGBTQI communities. They will also be including books that speak to children with disability and those who are 'neuro-diverse' to help overcome negative perceptions and increase self-acceptance. If you would like to find out more about the project and how you can get involved, they have a Facebook page 'Canterbury Books for Change'.

Sports Reports

Football Match vs Aylesham

This week, we had a local 'derby' with Mr Beard returning to Bridge School with a team from Aylesham. Alex read out the match report in our celebration worship this afternoon:

Yesterday, the Taylor Troopers played a match against Aylesham on our pitch. We had many attempts but the goalie saved most of them. In the first half we played very well and came close to opening the scoring. Unfortunately, from one of their corners, the cross came in and was out in from close range. Nico almost got there in time but couldn't stop the first shot – 1-0. In the second half, an opposing player was running up the pitch with the ball when Fenton sprinted up the pitch and tackled him excellently. They were a great team to play against, we had lots of fun and we hope to win our next game.

Year 6 Dodgeball Report

On Tuesday, fifteen year 6 children went to a dodgeball competition at Canterbury Academy. There were twelve other excellent teams from six different schools, and they all played very well. It was a very tough competition but both Bridge teams did brilliantly.

Bridge A had enthusiastic and outstanding players. The start was tough, and we lost the first two games but we made an immense comeback and won the next four games giving us a winning streak. We found ourselves playing for 5th and 6th place – this last game was extremely intense against a superb team.

Nearly all of us were off and it was Krivi against three of the opposing team - but we won! Krivi caught the final ball and we won 5th place.

Bridge B had fast and strong players. We had an excellent first game giving us a head start. All of our players were amazing at fast dodging and it soon became our strength. Then we were ready for our final game.

We were playing for 14th and 13th place and it was very intense. They had one amazing player left against Kaatya and Charlie B and their player was throwing with good aim. But Kaatya caught the ball, winning the game and granting us 13th place.

All in all this was a fun experience that all of us enjoyed and, no matter the score, we are all proud of ourselves. With our throats sore from cheering and heads held high we had 5th and 13th place.

Have a good weekend.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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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| ☆ Harvey W (RKG) for excellence in all areas of school especially in phonics. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Ines R (3LC) for making good choices and giving her maximum effort in all lessons. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Maddie B (RKG) for excellent teamwork when building with friends and when making number towers. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Alp A (4AH) for your creative approach to our portrait workshop – we really enjoyed watching you work, as well as your final product. <i>Mrs Thompson</i> |
| ☆ Iggy S (RGR) for total focus and attention during literacy, recording tricky words and reading them back. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Ayra N (4ST) for creativity in her writing and enthusiasm in all her learning. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Izzy S (RGR) for total focus and attention during literacy, recording tricky words and reading them back. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Oliver R (5HA) for his creativity and effort in adding more detail to his sentences <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Isla (1CJ) - for consistently making good choices and always working hard. <i>Mrs Cork & Mrs Usher</i> | ☆ Tippi H (5JS) for a fantastic start to Year 5 and settling really well to the routines of school. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ River S-G (1LA) for always showing a positive and enthusiastic attitude to her learning. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Leila B (5JS) for her kindness and compassion shown to a new pupil and her family. <i>Mrs Starling</i> |
| ☆ Ziva U (2SA) for writing a very persuasive letter and consistent effort in all lessons. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Gaija M (6JP) for her comprehensive knowledge of the circulatory system and for demonstrating calm and positive leadership qualities during a practical science activity. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Ernie R (2GD) for his persuasive letter writing with good use of contractions and adjectives. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Iris F (6JW) for showing great determination and resilience in maths this week. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Alfie C-S (3JA) for a brilliant character description of Templeton from Charlotte's Web. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | |

News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)



Year R cleaning windows!

Year R pupils have been practising their gross motor skills again this week and giving the school windows a quick wash at the same time! Inspired by our desire for sparkling windows, the children have been making zigzags, circles, up, down and crossing motions using both sides of their bodies. In the classroom, we practised a short dance to 'when I'm cleaning windows' by George Formby. The routine started with the children drawing zigzag patterns in the air.



5JS Reading Prize

This morning, 5JS set off to the Beany for their reading prize. We were greeted by some ladies who introduced us to the library. The children listened carefully to how the library worked and the different sections that were available to them, including fiction and non-fiction books. The children then split into two groups. One group browsed the books and were able to choose a book they would like to take home if they wanted to, the other group were shown how to use the self-service machine to take out and return books. Then the groups swapped over.

Upcoming Dates

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

CALENDAR >

Monday 23rd Jan	Infant Agility @ Canterbury Academy
Tuesday 24th Jan	Football Match vs Canterbury Primary
Wednesday 25th Jan	
Thursday 26th Jan	Year 6 Trip to Buggy Malone
Friday 27th Jan	Football Match vs Blean School

Monday 30th Jan	Year 2 Parental Consultations
Tuesday 31st Jan	Year 1 Parental Consultations
Wednesday 1st Feb	Whole School Parental Consultations
Thursday 2nd Feb	Year 5 Parental Consultations
Friday 3rd Feb	

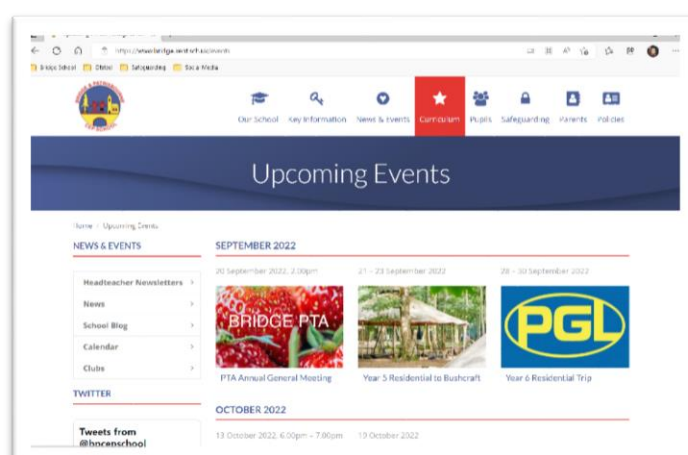
Monday 6 th Feb	Year 3 Parental Consultations		
Tuesday 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	Year R Parental Consultations	Football Match vs St Stephens Juniors
Wednesday 8 th Feb	Year 4 Parental Consultations		
Thursday 9 th Feb	Year 5 Parental Consultations		
Friday 10 th Feb	Book Fair in School		

Events for Parents

I know that parents appreciate a great deal of notice for significant events in the school calendar and therefore we have created an [events](#) page on our school website which has important dates for the whole school year.

We will do our very best to ensure that the dates published on the website are adhered to but there may be circumstances outside our control which means that there are changes.

If there are dates of other events you would like to know then please ask and we will publish these as well.





BUZZERS MULTI-ACTIVITIES CAMP!

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Affordable, reliable & fun children's activities

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

Academy Buzzers Day:

9:30am-4pm

Extended Day:

8:30am– 5:30pm

(RECEPTION-YEAR 6)

PRICE: £25 (Per Child/ Per Day)

Extended Day Early Drop-Off (Extra £5) /Late Pick-up (Extra £5)

Please bring your own lunch

For more information and to book:

Email: **canterbury@teachsport.org**

Mobile: **[07522250007](tel:07522250007)**

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Activities Include:

- Gymnastics
- Football
- Tournaments
- Sport Games
- Percussion
- Arts & Crafts
- Face Painting
- Cricket Masterclass
- Tag Ruby
- Dance



MEDALS & CERTIFICATES TO BE WON!

I'm so excited to welcome the children to our multi-activities camp this February, where my club will be tailored to ensure maximum participation in a fun and safe environment.

Just to keep you all updated, I have an 8-week football club starting next Monday (23rd January for Years 3/4&5s) and a Multi-sport club starting next Tuesday (24th January for Year R/1&2s). If you would like to book, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I look forward to seeing you all!



Elliot Bensted (Owner)

DON'T MISS OUT BOOK NOW!!!!!!