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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week is our half-term break and I almost can't believe that we are half-way through the academic year. I hope that everyone has a good week and will be ready and raring to go from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

This week, the children have been learning about keeping safe online and Miss Smith has written a [news article](#) for our school website summarising the activities and the learning from all children across the school. We've also had some excellent writing from Year 1 and I had several children come and visit me this morning with their own versions of the stories that they have been reading in class.

Several of our children have also visited Covet Woods this week as part of their Forest School. When I was picking the children up in the minibus, they were animatedly telling me what a good time that they had had with the burying of Mr Taylor being a highlight! Mrs Pearman has written a couple of [blog posts](#) about this.

With the half-term, you may wish to utilise these ideas from the [Forestry Commission](#) who have teamed up with the Children's University.

### PTA – Bridge Village Fete

The PTA trustees met last night and we'll be meeting the class reps when we come back from the half-term break. The Bridge Village Fete will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023. If you had already checked the school website, you may have seen that we had originally planned to hold it a week later but we realised that this clashed with the Barham Fete – despite the fact that our fete will obviously be better, we thought it best for community relations that we don't conflict.

We will soon start looking for supporters and stall-holders for the day itself. Last year was a resounding success with over 2000 attendees and we want to make this year just as amazing (if not better!) If you would like to be involved or have a stall of some kind then mark the date in your diary and there'll be more information coming soon.

### Hari Budha Magar

Many of our families will know Hari as he has been a parent at the school for a great number of years now. A few weeks ago, Hari delivered a talk at the Malthouse and I had a couple of parents contact me asking what we could do to support him.

Hari lost both of his legs whilst serving in the Royal Gurkha Rifles and is now challenging himself to be the first double-above-knee amputee to climb Mt. Everest. In aid of his fund-raising, he speaks about inspiring people to fulfil their own dreams and to raise awareness of disability. I know that that the event at the Malthouse was well-received and Hari has offered to come and speak to both our children and adults within school.



This is an opportunity to hear Hari share his incredible story and how he plans to conquer Everest later this year and it is not to be missed.

Normally tickets for events such as this would be sold for approx. £20, however Hari has kindly recognised that some of our families may be struggling with increased costs at the moment and has agreed to sell tickets at a reduced cost of just £10 a head – you are able to purchase tickets via ParentMail and parents are also able to optionally purchase the tickets at their full value of £20. The PTA will also be selling refreshments on the evening and all proceeds (tickets and drinks) will go towards Hari's expedition.

Tickets will be limited as we only have capacity for just over 100 people in the hall and can be purchased on ParentMail.

**An Audience with Hari Budha Magar**

**Where:** Bridge School

**When:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)

Link: [Home - HARI BUDHA MAGAR](#)

**Japanese Cultural Exchange**

Following their absence for the past few years, we're very pleased to re-establish our linked with Chaucer College who are hosting trainee teachers from Japan. In a few weeks' time, they will be visiting Bridge School and observing some teaching, they will then follow this up with some cultural workshops for our Year 4 and 5 children.

**Parents Maths Workshops**

Over the course of the next term, we'll be inviting parents to come into school and learn a little about maths and the strategies that we use to teach children the four operations. The first of these will be at 9am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March and will be for Year 3 and 4 parents.

**Additional dates:**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Year 1 and 2 parents Maths workshop

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Year 5 and 6 parents Maths workshop

**Turkiye/Syria Appeal**

I'd like to end today's newsletter with a thank you. Your generosity today has raised £833.34 for the Türkiye/Syria appeal and this is additional to the donations that you would have made via the links provided earlier this week in my ParentMail to you all.

With very best wishes,



## 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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| ☆ <b>Bea (RKG)</b> for an excellent responsible attitude to tidying and organising our classroom. <i>Miss Goddard</i>           | ☆ <b>Ewan C (3LC)</b> for trying really hard in his maths particularly when using arrays in multiplication. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>                        |
| ☆ <b>Darcy (RKG)</b> for amazing resilience coming to school and settling into the day this week. <i>Miss Goddard</i>           | ☆ <b>Charlie C (4AH)</b> for his brilliant biography of Faith Ringgold. <i>Miss Thompson</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Edie B (RGR)</b> for fantastic progress in reading. <i>Mr Redpath</i>  | ☆ <b>Ella-Grace A (4ST)</b> for writing a super biography of Faith Ringgold using your own ideas and a range of technical vocabulary. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ <b>Alex W (RGR)</b> for fantastic progress in reading. <i>Mr Redpath</i>  | ☆ <b>Sam H (5HA)</b> for an amazing term 3; he is an example of a diligent and polite member of our class. <i>Miss Allison</i>                           |
| ☆ <b>April B (1CJ)</b> - for showing kindness and compassion to all of my friends. <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Mrs Usher</i>              | ☆ <b>Hanna L (5JS)</b> for producing a wonderful story based on the book 'The Explorer' using a variety of writing rainbow lenses. <i>Miss J Smith</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Sadie G (1LA)</b> for her fantastic independent writing of her own version of The Storm Whale. <i>Miss Andrews</i>         | ☆ <b>Mishel B (6JP)</b> for her improved effort with her presentation this week. <i>Mr Perfect</i>   |
| ☆ <b>William T (2SA)</b> for making an extra effort with his writing and producing a great fact-file. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>         | ☆ <b>Melita M (6JW)</b> for using all of the writing lenses to create and perform an amazing poem about refugees. <i>Mr Wren</i>                         |
| ☆ <b>Spiros V (2GD)</b> for his detailed non-chronological report on explaining how to look after a pet dog. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> |  |
| ☆ <b>Noah M (3JA)</b> for demonstrating excellent shooting skills in basketball this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i>                     |  |

## News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)



### Year 3 Magnificent Mountains

To finalise our learning on Mountains and Rivers this term, today we designed and made our own models. To begin with, we chose the materials we wanted to use before getting to work on our masterpieces. Once the models were complete we added the labels, detailing the features of both rivers and mountains, that we had learnt in our Topic lessons. To finish the day, we tested the flow of our rivers by pouring water in at the source.



### Woodland Trip Year 2

Welcome to the woods! The sun was shining and Mr Frost had come out for our trip to the wider woodlands. We looked at where the pine trees and broadleaf trees grow. There was so much room for exploration with natural materials and we returned with many happy and tired faces. Year 2 went on a winter treasure hunt to get them looking up, down and around. They were excited about birds nests, they asked about catkins and had to look carefully to find seeds.

## Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>		
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>		
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>		
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Year 6 Swimming	KS1 and KS2: Cricket Competition (Indoor)
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>		

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9am: Speech & Lang. Parents Group	
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 3 Rocks Day Visits to church (Lent)	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	Year 3 Rocks Day Visits to church (Lent)	9.00am: PTA Rep Meeting
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	Year 6 Swimming	1.45pm: Literacy Difficulties (Parent's Meeting)
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>		

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Japanese students in	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 3 to 6 cross-country	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Rochester Cathedral trip	
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 6 Swimming	9am Year 3/4 parent maths workshops
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>		

## 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.

