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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had lots of visitors to the school this week. On Monday we had twelve visitors from Japan who are trainign to be teachers and are linked with Chaucer College. They spent the morning observing the maths and English lessons in Years 4 and 5 and, in the afternoon, they held cultural workshops for the children.

On Tuesday we had five of our school governors in school who were learning about the excellent provision that we have in our Early Years. As part of this, they watched phonics being taught, donned their wellies for Forest School and also saw continuous provision in the classroom.

On Wednesday, Mr Ablett took one child from each class (Years 1-6) to Rochester Cathedral to see the awe-inspiring 'Peace Doves' installation by Peter Walker. Walking through the door of the cathedral was a proper 'wow!' moment! The children then had an informative workshop with Alf from the cathedral, who explained that there are 15,000 doves and each has a personal message facing upwards to God, written by visitors to the cathedral since August 2022.

After the workshop, we had a tour of the cathedral which involved the children re-enacting a baptism and getting to dress up as various religious figures. The children enjoyed themselves and asked some fantastic questions throughout the visit. It was also lovely to see our own 'Peace Dove' display celebrated amongst other school's inside the cathedral!

We have ended the week with our Book Day and the children have been visited by Tom Delany and this has been an incredibly powerful visit. I know that Miss Allison will be writing a fuller news piece for our school website in the coming days. Many thanks to Miss Allison and Mrs Haynes for their work in getting today ready.



### Messy Church

Messy Church is back at Bridge School this weekend. Revd. Estella and her team of helpers will be running craft activities for children from 4pm and there will be a short service before a shared meal expertly cooked by resident chef Rob Moon. Families are welcome to arrive from 4pm.



### Next Week

#### Red Nose Day (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March)

This year, for Red Nose Day we will be inviting children to come into school wearing red. We'll also be running a competition where children can share their favourite joke. Jokes can be submitted from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March and, on the Wednesday, we'll be asking each class to choose their favourite joke which will be posted on our school website. Mr Taylor, Mrs Long and I will also be choosing our favourite jokes out of these top 14!

### 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 next of these will be at 9am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March and will be for Year 1 and 2 parents. There is no need to book, please come in through the school office. If you are unable to make these the presentations will be shared on the school website.

#### **Additional dates:**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 9am: Year 5 and 6 parents Maths workshop

### Ex-Pupil Achievements

As well as hearing about the successes and celebrations of our pupils, sometimes we get to hear about how our ex-pupils are doing at secondary school (or even beyond!)

Earlier this week, I was very pleased to hear about a group of boys from Simon Langton who qualified for the UK National Finals which took place earlier this week. This team of seven boys (of which six are from Bridge School) did exceptionally well and went on to be awarded the Teamwork 5<sup>th</sup> place award. Well done to all these boys.



With very best wishes,

*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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| ☆ <b>Barnaby (RKG)</b> for excellent effort and resilience this week with reading, composing numbers to 8 and writing about the 'naughty bus'. <i>Miss Goddard</i>       | ☆ <b>Thea G (3LC)</b> working independently and taking a lot of pride in her persuasive writing. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>                             |
| ☆ <b>Alexandre B-C (RGR)</b> for extremely neat cutting, the putting the pictures in the correct order independently. <i>Mr Redpath</i>                                  | ☆ <b>Olivia T (4AH)</b> for always working hard and never giving up even when the work is difficult – especially in Maths. <i>Miss Thompson</i>    |
| ☆ <b>Oliver T (1CJ)</b> - for consistently showing a positive attitude towards his work and for his fantastic persuasive letter writing. <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Mrs Usher</i> | ☆ <b>May B (4ST)</b> for really thoughtful contributions in RE lessons and showing resilience in all of her learning this week. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ <b>Arthur B (1LA)</b> for his fantastic persuasive letter in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i>  | ☆ <b>Scarlett A (5HA)</b> for showing resilience this week and producing fantastic learning. <i>Miss Allison</i>                                   |
| ☆ <b>Ziva U (2SA)</b> for writing a wonderful character description of Wendy from Peter Pan. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>   | ☆ <b>Iris G (5JS)</b> for writing a brilliant kennings poem all about Grendel. <i>Miss J Smith</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Rory B-C (2GD)</b> for an amazing character description on Peter Pan which used interesting adjectives, conjunctions and adverbs. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>                | ☆ <b>Lois H (6JP)</b> for an excellent home-made costume for Book Day. <i>Mr Perfect</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Luke C B (3JA)</b> for developing his independence with his writing when creating a persuasive brochure for Stonehenge. <i>Mr Ablett</i>                            | ☆ <b>Finley T (6JW)</b> for persevering with his arithmetic. <i>Mr Wren</i>  |

## News and Blogs

This week there have been two more blogs posted on the school website. Year 3 have **been visited by an expert in rocks** to support their learning and Year R have had a **wonderful experience being train drivers** (which also included one of our school governors!)

9 March 2023



### Year 3 Rocks Days

We were very lucky in Year 3 to be visited by an expert in rocks from

8 March 2023



### Year R Train Drivers

Within art this week, Year R children had great fun impersonating train

27 February 2023



### Faith Ringgold story quilts - Year 4

Year 4 are delighted to share with



## Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	4ST Trip to Museum of Kent Life		
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	4AH Trip to Museum of Kent Life		
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>			
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 6 Swimming	9am: Year 1/2 Parent Maths Workshop	Art Trip for select children
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Red Nose Day (wear red)		

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Hockey Tournament – Years 5 and 6		
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	9.15am Year 4 Sharing Assembly		
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	2GD Trip to Deal Castle	Quicksticks Hockey Tournament (Yrs 3 to 6)	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	Really Big Bridge Sing	Year 6 Swimming	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	2SA Trip to Deal Castle		

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	School Maths Day	Year 3 Beach Trip	
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	9am: 1LA parent assembly	Year 3 Trip Beach	
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 4 Roman theatre workshop		
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	9am: 1CJ parent assembly	Year 6 swimming	PTA Cake Sale
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<i>Last day of term</i>		

## 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.

