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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a week!

As you will all know, on Monday we received notification of our Ofsted Inspection which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. As I said on Thursday, I can't go into too much detail but I would say that the process and the outcome were fair and reflective of the school.

I will share that I am incredibly proud of the children, the staff and grateful for all the support received by parents.

When the report is published (up to six weeks) then I can go into more detail about the feedback.

#### Parent Consultations (Year R and 1 parents)

Thank you for your understanding earlier this week, we have rearranged these for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct (Year R) and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct (Year 1). Bookings open on Monday morning at 8am.

#### New Chair of Governors

Coincidentally, the our Ofsted inspection coincided with the final two days of Matthew Jones' tenure as Chair of Governors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Matthew for everything that he has done to support the school over the past six years (including appointing me!)

Our new Chair of Governors, Peter Hellman, took office on Thursday and alongside this newsletter is an introductory letter from him.

#### Applying for Secondary Schools (Year 6 parents)

Applications for secondary schools are open and close on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October (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 do 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.

Rev. 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 **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am** and **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm**. You are, of course, also welcome to speak to her on Sundays following her church services or family service at St. Peter's Church in Bridge.



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## National Poetry Competition

Last academic year, Miss Andrews organised a poetry workshop for children who loved writing. It was organised by Canterbury Festival and led by Charlotte Cornell (a local poet). From this, the children were given the opportunity to enter a poetry competition if they felt they wanted to. The theme was Refuge.

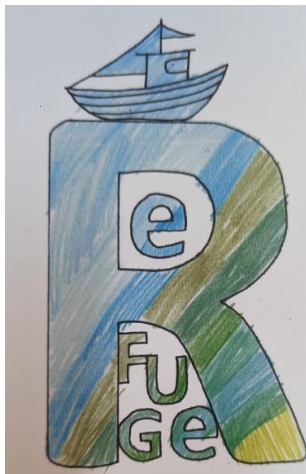
Hanna (Year 6), spent time at home drafting, editing and writing her very own poem and asked me to enter it into the competition.

Now fast forward a few months... I had an exciting email to say that Hanna's poem had been shortlisted. There were 400 poems sent in and Hanna's had been selected as one of the top 5 in her age category! What an achievement! Hanna was invited to another workshop, led by John Hegley (a well-known poet) who worked with all the shortlisted children to give them top tips about reading out poems.

Fast forward again to last night... Hanna and her family, along with myself and Miss Andrews, were invited to a showcase evening at the Gulbenkian Arts Centre. Each shortlisted applicant stood on the stage and had to perform their poem in front of a judge and a huge audience. Hanna did an amazing job showing confidence and emotion. At the end of the evening, the winners were announced. Hanna came 2<sup>nd</sup> and we were all so proud and thrilled for her – not forgetting there were 400 poems sent in! Not only did Hanna come 2<sup>nd</sup> with her poem writing skills – but she also won an extra prize for her colouring of the back page of the anthology. It was a wonderful evening and so lovely to watch Hanna. Miss Smith

## Refuge

Deep in the darkness, there lived lions, with wings that glowed in the night,  
But back in the day, those lions were feared because, apparently all they wanted was to fight.  
One day, after all these rumors, the Royal Army went to see the sight,  
But not even one of them thought to do what was right.  
So then, one of them fired their blunderbuss,  
But then a lion spoke up and said, "Don't hurt us!"



## BASC Information

Now that everyone is getting their heads around booking BASC on Arbor, could I remind parents about cancellations. Once session are booked, then we don't normally refund these as we need to arrange staffing levels and have therefore incurred costs. This means that any bookings within less than two weeks' notice cannot be refunded.

Where children are unable to attend due to hospital or medical appointments then, of course, we will show understanding as these are out of parental control.

### Year 6 Handbook Report

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October two teams went to Canterbury Academy to play a handball tournament. When we got there, we ate our lunch then split into two teams. Bridge Two played first against Pilgrims Way and won 7-2. Then Bridge One played St Peters and drew 1-1. Bridge Two continued with three draws and a win. Unfortunately, they lost their final game. Meanwhile, Bridge One won four other games and drew one. This meant that Bridge One won their group.

Bridge Two played extremely well, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> but sadly did not get into the semi-final stage.

Bridge One however proceeded to the Semi-Final stage, beating Blean One 5-3 to take them to the final. In the final Bridge One was up against St Stephens. It was a very tough but close match with lots of goal scoring chances on both sides, but their goalie was amazing. We lost 1-0 and came second overall.



### Upcoming Events

#### Bridge PTA Welcome Meeting and AGM

Next week, we are inviting all parents of children in Year R to attend a little 'welcome from the PTA' at 6pm in the school hall. This is your chance to meet the PTA committee with some complimentary wine/beer/soft drinks and hear about how the PTA raise money for the children.

Following this, at 6.30pm, all parents are invited to the Annual General Meeting at which point we will confirm parent reps for each year group. We will also be seeking a new chair of the PTA as, after four years, Rebecca Thomas is standing down. If anyone is interested in becoming chair (or perhaps co-chairing with someone else!) then please come along and feel free to speak to me on the playground beforehand if you have any questions.

#### Forest School Drop-In

In our parent survey, we had a few requests from parents to learn more about Forest School and Mrs Pearman has very kindly offered to host a few 'drop-in' sessions. The first of these will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm and is for parents of children in Year 1 and 3. You can learn more about what the children do in Forest School, explore the environment and speak to Mrs Pearman with any questions you may have.

If you cannot make this session, there will be other opportunities.

There is no need to sign-up – just meet Mrs Pearman outside the school office just before 2.45pm. Please note that parents will need to be accompanied for safeguarding reasons therefore any parents who are late will not be able to join the session.

Please dress appropriately for the weather.

#### Harvest Services

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, we will be taking the children to celebrate Harvest at St. Peter's Church in Bridge. Parents are more than welcome to join us and we will be going in our houses so that children from the same family will be at the service together. If you cannot remember which house your children are in, it is on the Arbor app/portal

9.30am: Behn, Fairservice and Lovelace

10.30am: Zborowski, Hadrian and Shirley

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.

#### Fireworks

These are a while off yet but worth keeping in your diary. **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November is the Bridge Village Firework display** and this is our biggest fundraiser. We are seeking support on the day itself and the morning after for clearing up. Historically we have a stalwart group of volunteers but, as their children leave, we need new parents to support. If you can help please email [bridgepta1@gmail.com](mailto:bridgepta1@gmail.com). Tickets will go on sale closer to the time.

Thank you in advance for your generosity

With very best wishes,



James Tibbles  
Headteacher



## 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>Yassin A (Willow)</b> for working hard to sound out his own ideas to label his map of the school. <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Miss Harvey</i> | ☆ <b>Ava W (Beech)</b> for her creative and imaginative character description of George from George's Marvellous Medicine. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>      |
| ☆ <b>Barnaby G (Willow)</b> for super listening at all times and fantastic partner work in rugby. <i>Miss M Smith and Mrs Shirley</i>    | ☆ <b>Ariana S (Hazel)</b> for persevering with column addition in maths this week and challenging herself to keep improving. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ <b>Elias W (Rowan)</b> for his fantastic drawing and labelling of his plan view of the school. <i>Miss Andrews</i>                     | ☆ <b>Ines R (Birch)</b> for being an excellent role model to her peers at all times. <i>Mr Perfect</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Hattie (Oak)</b> for her endless enthusiasm for reading and her brilliant progress on the AR quizzes! <i>Mrs Amelia</i>             | ☆ <b>Henry T (Maple)</b> for having such an amazing week and putting 100% into everything. <i>Miss Allison</i>                                     |
| ☆ <b>Albie H (Pine)</b> for a super attitude to your learning and a great zig zag book of baking vocabulary. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>          | ☆ <b>Kaitlyn F-B (Holly)</b> for finding the courage to read aloud to the class from our reading book. <i>Mr Ablett</i>                            |
| ☆ <b>Charlie P (Chestnut)</b> for showing resilience when adding and subtracting 10s from 3-digit numbers. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>         | ☆ <b>Rio B (Poplar)</b> for his excellent attitude towards learning and enthusiasm for Forest School. <i>Mrs Allen</i>                             |
|  | ☆ <b>Evie D-S (Sycamore)</b> for researching at home the pros and cons of Christopher Columbus' explorations. <i>Mr Wren</i>                       |

## BLOG

3 October 2023



### Year R - All About Me

As part of their 'All About Me' project, Year R have been painting self-

2 October 2023



### Year 6 Mandarin Trip

Mandarin Trip On 29th September, some children from each of the Year

28 September 2023



### Year 3 The Tunnel

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been reading the book The Tunnel.

## Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>Parent Consultations</i>	Year 4 visiting Canterbury
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Tag Rugby Competition (select Y5 and Y6 children)	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>		6pm: PTA Year R Welcome 6.30pm: PTA Annual General Meeting (all parents invited)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>		2.30pm: Forest School Open Session (Year 1 & 3 parents)

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>Parent Consultations</i>	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu Immunisations	Art Creative Trip to Folkestone
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Services in Church	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Staff training day (School closed to children)	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Staff training day (School closed to children)	

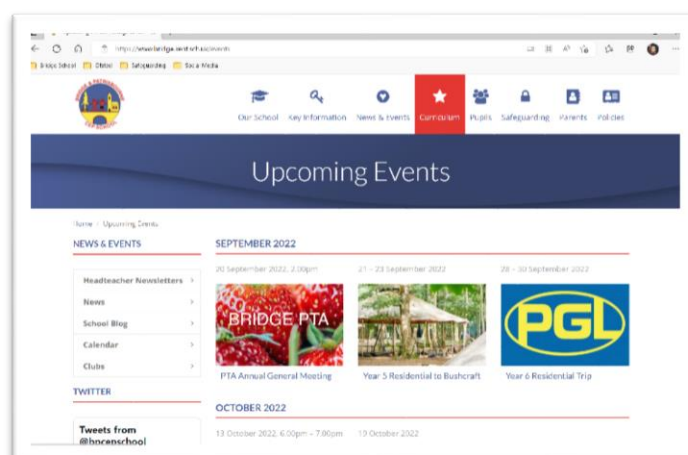
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>		
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>		
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>		
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Beautiful Noise Orchestra – Canterbury Festival	

## 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.



## October Update from Rev'd Estella

### Regular Activities

**Thursdays in Term Time: Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group** 9-11am at The Pavilion on Bridge Recreation Ground.

**Fridays in Term Time: Coffee and Chat** 8.45-9.45 at St Peter's Church Bridge. This is a really informal group. Drop in anytime for coffee and a chat with Revd Estella and Revd Miriam offering a listening ear and opportunity for prayer if this is wanted.

### Services

**Messy Church at Bridge School: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 4-6pm** - Bible themed crafts, story, and a short celebration worship together. – suitable for families to attend together, children must be accompanied by an adult. We usually serve a hot meal at Messy Church.

### Family Service: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 4pm at St Peter's Bridge for Education Sunday

As a new school year begins join us as we give thanks for education and pray for all teachers, pupils and families, thinking about how we can be light for all involved in education.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 4-8pm Halloween Hot Chocolate Drop in** If you're out and about pop into our beautifully lit church for scrummy hot chocolate.

**Communion Services:** The Bridge Group Parish has a regular 10am Sunday Service in each week in one of our 5 churches. Contact [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com) or see our website for details <http://www.bridgechurchgroup.co.uk/>

For church or pastoral matters you can contact me anytime on 01227 206272 or email [estellalast@gmail.com](mailto:estellalast@gmail.com). For matters relating to school or my role as Safeguarding Governor please use [Estella.Last@bridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Estella.Last@bridge.kent.sch.uk)

### Parents of Neurodiverse Children: Coffee and Catch-up

This new group is an informal opportunity for parents of neurodiverse children to meet up and chat about how things are going. We plan to meet once a month in the Pavilion on the Recreation ground. Our first meeting will be on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm, finishing in time for school pick up. For more details please email Rev. Miriam at [bridgecurate@gmail.com](mailto:bridgecurate@gmail.com)



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<b>UNDER 9s</b>	Years 3 and 4 in September
<b>UNDER 10s</b>	Year 5 in September
<b>UNDER 11s</b>	Year 6 in September
<b>UNDER 12s</b>	Year 7 in September

We're also welcoming trialists for our u13 and u16 teams

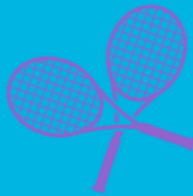
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[www.canterburyeaglesfc.co.uk/contact-us](http://www.canterburyeaglesfc.co.uk/contact-us)

The poster features a girl in a black and white football kit running on a green field. The Canterbury Eagles FC logo is in the top right corner.



# CHARITY TENNIS DAY 2023

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB



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**15TH OCTOBER**

**9AM-2PM**

**ADULT DOUBLES**

**TOURNAMENT**

**GAMES AND FUN FOR THE CHILDREN**

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ENTER AND PLAY OR COME  
ALONG TO WATCH AND  
SUPPORT THE EVENT



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WITH ALLERGIES.