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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I want to say a big thank you to Mrs. Dennett for organising Science Week. It has been a fantastic week filled with hands-on experiments and learning opportunities for our children. On Wednesday, we were lucky to have Pfizer come in and conduct workshops with the children. They had a great time and learned so much. A special thanks to Pfizer for their support and involvement. I'm looking forward to seeing more information about the week on the Science blog next week.

Reminder: Last week of school clubs next week!

Red Nose Day (Friday 15th March)

I also want to take a moment to celebrate Red Nose Day. Our children came into school wearing red today and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and support for such a worthy cause. Thank you to all the parents who donated, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Additionally, we held a joke competition and I must say, our children have some comedic talent! Here are our top three jokes as chosen by myself, Mr Taylor and Mrs Long:

- What do you call a spy in the bath? Bubble O7, *Patrick, Beech Class*
- Why can't motorbikes drive? Because they're two-tyred! *Oliver, Oak Class*
- What did the volcano say to the other volcano? I lava you, *Aidan, Birch Class*



Beany Exhibition

We are really excited to share photographs of the **Living with Art** exhibition, currently displayed at the Beany Museum in Canterbury. Year 5 pupils from Bridge and Patrixbourne worked with Murray from the Beany, Mr Ablett and Miss Allison to interpret artwork from the exhibition and to write labels; a number of which are now displayed.

A smaller group of Year 5 children also joined us after school to create clay sculptures inspired by our own museum objects. These are also displayed alongside the **Living with Art** exhibition.

Please take time to visit the exhibition which runs until the 12th May and thank you to Mrs C Smith for organising this.



<https://canterburymuseums.co.uk/events/living-with-art-an-extraordinary-collection-from-an-ordinary-home/>



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



A big thank you to Murray, Mr Ablett, Mrs Allison and an extra big thank you Mrs Saunders who helped out with the after-school club.

Sporting Success

Virtual Dance Competition

Well done to all the children who took part in the Virtual Dance competition this year. Of the eight categories, children from Bridge came first in three of these! Incredible performances for which all the children should be proud.

Key Stage 1 Novice Girl

Placing	Name/School	Judges comment
1 st	Harper – Bridge	<i>“Harper – What a great song choice! I loved watching this routine. It had a great mix of dancing and tricks and I especially loved the body rolls and drop kick! You had great timing when you put your arms up and went down to the floor and did your wiggles towards the end. Well done”</i>
2 nd	Emersyn – Bridge	<i>“Wow Emersyn! You are very flexible and performed lots of tricks in this routine! I loved the bridge, forward roll and star jumps in particular. It was lovely to see that you had a finishing position too. Well done”</i>

Key Stage 2 Novice Boy

2 nd	Darwin – Bridge	<i>“Wow Darwin, what a great mover you are. Your routine was very energetic and I loved the break dancing floor sections to show different levels – they were fantastic! Well done”</i>
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Key Stage 2 Competitor Boy

1 st	James – Bridge	<i>“James – Wow! What a lovely routine you performed which was full of emotion and great technique. Your turning leaps and actions to the lyrics were executed beautifully and you had lovely pointed feet on both your high kick and leg hold. You showed a great mix of leaps, turns, levels and tricks. Well done”</i>
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Key Stage 2 Novice Girl

1 st	Lily- Bridge	<i>Wow Lily. What a great tap dancer you are! You showed a great variety of moves and performed them with great timing. You used your space well and it was very enjoyable to watch. Well done”</i>
2 nd	Amelia - Bridge	<i>“Amelia – What a nice upbeat song you chose to dance to. You showed a variety of kicks, leaps and turns and had beautifully pointed feet. Well done”</i>
3 rd	Ava - Blean	<i>“Ava – This routine was so lovely to watch. I particularly liked the head roll on ‘out of control’ and the floor section you performed beautifully. Great song choice too! Well done”</i>
4 th	Emile – Bridge	<i>“Emile – What a great song choice. Your routine was very upbeat and you demonstrated a variety of different steps. I particularly liked the part where you shook your hands to the lyrics. Well done”</i>

Rapid Fire Cricket

On Monday 15th, Year 2 went to the Canterbury Academy to play Rapid Cricket. We knew some of the other schools such as Sheldwich and Wincheap. We played cricket with the other schools and had three balls to hit. We had to be quick and run. Cassidy scored 11 runs. Some people hit the ball which then got lost! We had a great time.

Football Report

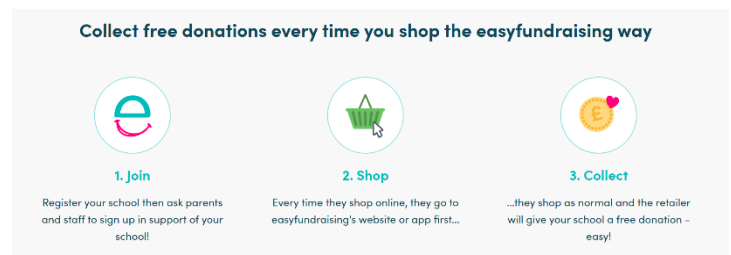
On the 1st of March, Bridge Boys set off to the school field. On the pitch we played against Wincheap. In the opening minutes, our star striker Alfred hit a bumpy ball into the back of the net. We started off the strongest team until a mistake by the defence let in a cheeky goal to make it 1-1. Half-time came and Mr Perfect gave a beautiful team talk to keep us in shape. Sadly Wincheap for two easy goals back and were sadly the better team.

The next Monday we hopped on the minibus to Canterbury Primary. We started off keeping the attack away from our goal until two slip ups left Bridge two-nil down. In the second half, Mr Perfect gave us one of his most inspirational pep talks with Mr Taylor. Then Bridge started playing well again. Oli R kept us in the game and two great saves and with a goal from our great James we sadly lost 2-1. We give thanks to Mr Perfect, Mr Taylor and Oli R to not only keeping us in the game but also being incredible coaches throughout the winter.

Easyfundraising

Given the state of school finances at the moment, our PTFA are looking for more ways to support the offering of the school without costing parents.

Parents can register with [easyfundraising](#) to create a personal account, and then when they shop online retailers will donate some of what they spend to a chosen charitable cause, such as Bridge School PTFA. The donation will be taken out of what is already being spent and won't cost a penny more.



Please do take the time to join and support the school. With over 300 families in the school, we can raise a significant amount of money over the course of the year.

RSE Consultation

Finally, I want to remind you all about the RSHE consultation. The consultation period will be closing next Friday, so we have just one week left to gather your views. We value your input and would love to hear from as many of you as possible.

Our policy can be found on the [PSHE page of our school website](#) and you will also find other documents including a [Guide for Parents](#) and a document showing how we deal with [LGBTQ issues that may arise in primary schools](#).

You may also find the [responses to the parental consultation from three years ago](#) useful.

We are inviting parents to [complete a short survey](#) to gather their feedback and this also invites parents to make any comments about the RSE programme in school – we would welcome positive comments and suggestions on potential changes. All responses will be shared with governors and parents.

With 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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| ☆ Josh (Ash) for a positive attitude in class and excellent effort with independent writing. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Fatiha A (Hazel) for effectively applying her fraction knowledge to support her understanding of decimals. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Teoman (Ash) for resilience and a great attitude when coming to school this week. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ George C (Birch) for his excellent improvement with his handwriting and general presentation. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Chloe B (Elm) for a fantastic improvement in her handwriting. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Mona H (Holly) for always being an excellent role model and helping younger children at BASC. <i>Mrs Huggett</i> |
| ☆ Jesse C (Willow) for an excellent description of the character Dogger. <i>Mrs Cork & Mrs M Smith</i> | ☆ Tamsin K (Holly) for being a helpful and considerate member of Holly class. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Betsy L (Rowan) for her fantastic character description of Dogger in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Henry T (Maple) for being engaged and sharing valuable and interesting thoughts to our history learning. <i>Mrs McInnes</i> |
| ☆ Felix (Oak) for demonstrating our Christian values and being a kind friend. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Jessica B (Poplar) for excellent services at the school through her help as a librarian and in the setup of science week. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Cassidy S (Pine) for working hard in your Maths learning about fractions. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Ivy P (Sycamore) for choosing powerful verbs and adventurous adjectives in her writing. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Keira W (Beech) for her detailed independent write on Skara Brae. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | |
| ☆ Umaiza K (Chestnut) for creating a brilliant persuasive text for Skara Brae as a travel destination. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | |

House Points

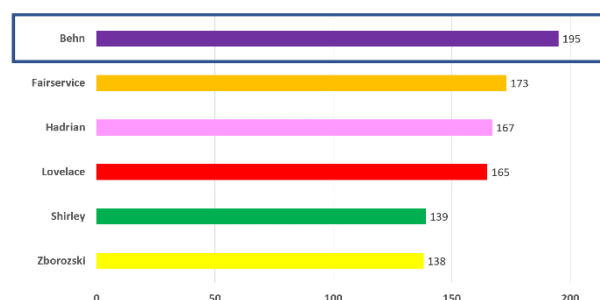
Well done to Behn house who were awarded the greatest number of house points this week – cementing their lead as we approach the end of the term.

Whenever children earn a house point, their name goes into a draw and, each week, six names are drawn and they will be invited to 'Hot Chocolate with Head'.

This week, the following children were chosen and enjoyed a hot chocolate this afternoon.

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| • Harry - Willow | • Raef - Chestnut |
| • Sophie - Maple | • Wren - Willow |
| • Henry - Willow | • Stanley - Maple |

All children are eligible when they earn house points and there'll be another draw next week.



Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 18th March	Hockey Competition at St Ed's
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 Viking Workshop
Wednesday 20th March	Rowan (Y1) Parent Sharing Assembly
Thursday 21st March	Willow (Y1) Parent Sharing Assembly
Friday 22nd March	Willow (Y1) Trip to Dover Museum

Monday 25th March	School exchange to Montpellier	Roman Theatre Workshop (Year 4)
Tuesday 26th March	Easter Services	
Wednesday 27th March		
Thursday 28th March		
Friday 29th March	Good Friday <i>School Closed for Easter</i>	

Monday 11th March	<i>Science Week</i>	Rapid Fire Cricket (Year 2 and 4)
Tuesday 12th March		
Wednesday 13th March	Rowan (Y1) Trip to Dover Museum	
Thursday 14th March		Year 3 Forest School Trip
Friday 15th March		Year 3 Forest School Trip PTFA Quiz Night

News and Blogs

The best way to keep up to date with what is happening at school is via the school [blog](#).



Ancient Roman bread - Birch class

Ancient Roman bread. This week,



Beaney exhibition - Year 5

I am really excited to share



Year 5 Forest School Woodland trip 2024

Welcome back to Covert Woods Year