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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been an uncharacteristically quiet week at Bridge but if experience has taught me anything it is that these times of quiet are usually followed by a deluge of activity!

First and foremost, I must extend my heartfelt congratulations to our remarkable girls' football team. During our Celebration Worship this morning, we finally had the opportunity to present them with their well-deserved trophy for winning the District Football Team Award.

It was a moment of immense pride and joy, witnessing the beaming smiles on their faces as they received their hard-earned accolade.

Let's give them a resounding round of applause for their dedication and sportsmanship!

Moving on to another delightful piece of news, Tamsin, one of our talented pupils, is organising a charity cake sale in Woodpeckers on Monday. Now, who doesn't love a delicious cake while supporting a worthy cause? I encourage you all to stop by, indulge in some sweet treats, and lend your support to this fantastic initiative. Every bite will make a difference, and your participation will undoubtedly bring a smile to Tamsin's face.

Christian Aid Week

I'll end this week's newsletter with a reminder that next week is Christian Aid Week and we have planned an event for the morning of Tuesday 14th May. We will be taking up Christian Aid's challenge to walk **70km** – collectively!

Each child will be asked to walk one lap around the perimeter of the playing field and junior playground combined.

However, the children will start with a full cup of water and aim to finish without having spilt a drop! A whole class, measurement of water retained, will be taken on completion to add a slightly 'inter-class' competitive element to the challenge as well as bringing about an awareness of how precious a commodity water is.

The children will also be learning about the work of Christian Aid in their classrooms to raise their own awareness and how we can 'make a difference'.

We will be collecting donations for Christian Aid on the Tuesday but donations can also be made in the school office any day across Christian Aid Week.

With best wishes,

James Tibbles



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



News and Blogs

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



Year 5 Gulbenkian Trip

Today, Year 5 were invited to the Gulbenkian Theatre to take part in a



Year 5 River Stour Visit

On Monday, Year 5 had a visit from Lauren at Kentish Stour Countryside



Clay modelling - Year R

Over the last two weeks, Year R have been learning how to model animals

Sports Reports

“Earlier this week, year 6 girls and boys went to St Anselm’s to play a netball tournament. When we got there, we were split into two teams, Bridge 1 and Bridge 2. We were Bridge 1 – the first match we won 4-0. Next match, from a few amazing goals, we managed to win 3-0.

The last two matches we both won 2-0 and 3-0 giving us a good chance in the final. We continued into the semi-finals against Wickhambreaux and won 3-0. The final was against Sheldwich and the six minute game went into extra time and penalties. Luckily with all our training Mrs Pearson has taught us we conquered the penalties winning overall”

Lillian & Jess

“In the same netball tournament were Bridge 2. We overall played four matches and had so much fun. Our first match was against Pilgrim’s Way winning 4-0. We were very pleased with this score making us confident for our matches ahead. Unfortunately our next match was against Barham, we lost 1-0.

Although we lost that match we were more determined to keep on going but we sadly were defeated by St Stephens 1-0, bringing us to our fourth game against Sheldwich. We tried our hardest but they were a very strong side. In the end we lost 4-0 but that didn’t stop us from having an amazing time and coming 5th overall. Thank you to all the teachers to made it possible for us to compete.”

Poppy & Polly



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.

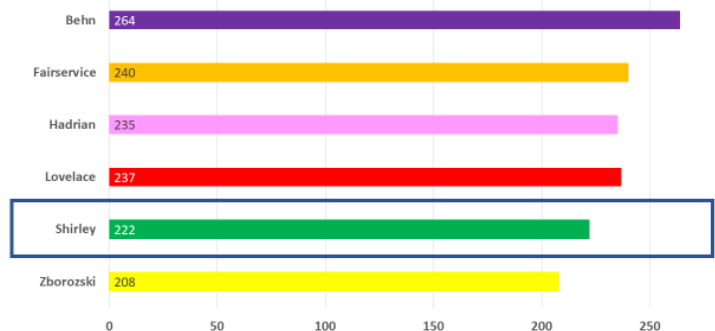
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| ☆ Lenni (Ash) for her wonderful life cycle of a butterfly. <i>Miss M Smith & Miss David</i> | ☆ Oliver K (Hazel) for his fantastic progress and enthusiasm in his swimming lessons. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Felix S (Elm) for being incredibly brave. <i>Mrs Starling</i> | ☆ Mari M (Hazel) for her fantastic progress and enthusiasm in her swimming lessons. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Amelia L (Elm) for demonstrating resilience in tricky tasks this week. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Heidi N (Birch) for showing resilience and creativity when redesigning her bird feeder in DT. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Jacob R (Rowan) for his fantastic independent writing of his own version of Oliver's Vegetables in English. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Xavier F-W (Holly) for excellent modelling of complex ukulele chords in music this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Scarlett M (Willow) for super story-telling in her version of Oliver's Vegetables. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Holly B (Maple) for making huge efforts in all of her learning. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Hubert (Oak) for being a positive and kind member of our class. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Rosa B (Poplar) for always being an upbeat and positive presence in the classroom. <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Livia M (Pine) for always working hard and doing your best. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Pansy F (Sycamore) for attempting all of her challenges in class with a 'can do' attitude. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Vinelysia C (Beech) for helping others in music to learn how to play a tune on the glockenspiel. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | |
| ☆ Leo B (Chestnut) for being a brilliant embalmer for our sharing assembly. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | |

House Points

Despite remaining in first place, Behn's lead continues to narrow.

Well done to Shirley house who earned the greatest number of house points this week.

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 met with Mr Tibbles for a hot chocolate.

- Hugo - Zborowski
- Tippi - Zborowski
- Mary D - Lovelace
- Henry T - Hadrian
- Ella W - Fairservice
- Charlie P - Lovelace

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 13th May	Christian Aid Week KS2 SATS (all week)	
Tuesday 14th May	Golf Competition	2.30pm Year 4 Sharing Assembly
Wednesday 15th May		
Thursday 16th May		
Friday 17th May		

Monday 20th May	Year 6 First Aid Training	
Tuesday 21st May		
Wednesday 22nd May	Class Photos	
Thursday 23rd May	Year 5 Trip to Marlowe Theatre	
Friday 24th May	Year 5 Trip to Marlowe Theatre	Dare to Be Different (PTFA Fundraiser) Rosie Duffield in for Year 5

Monday 3rd June	<i>INSET Day</i> <i>School closed to children</i>	
Tuesday 4th June	Year 6 Bikeability (all week)	
Wednesday 5th June	Year 2 Forest School trip	Year 5 Taster Day at St Anselm's
Thursday 6th June		
Friday 7th June	Year 2 Forest School trip	

Dates for your Diary

Term 5 (Summer)	
Class Photos	Wednesday 22 nd May
Dare to Be Different (Break the Rules)	Friday 24 th May
Term 6 (Summer)	
INSET Day	Monday 3 rd June
Wear Yellow Day for Cystic Fibrosis	Friday 21 st June
Moving Up Day	Thursday 4 th July
KS1 Sports Afternoon	Monday 8 th July, 1.30pm
KS2 Sports Afternoon	Friday 12 th July, 1pm
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 17 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Production	Thursday 18 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
End-of-Year Church Services (parents welcome)	Friday 19 th July, 9.30am and 10.30am
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (parents welcome)	Tuesday 23 rd July, 2pm