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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I had the pleasure this week of attending the Year 5 class assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday morning and would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for attending in such high numbers. Both assemblies focussed on the children's learning from last term – a range of work on The American Civil Rights Movement. The children were brilliant in taking ownership of demonstrating what they had learned and there was a lovely variety in the two performances. I particularly enjoyed how the children reflected on the significant challenges that faced people of colour in America at the time and how there are still improvements that can be made in society today.

Here are some of the 'dreams' comments shared by children and parents about the future:

- *We have a dream that the homeless can get a home and that everybody will have warm clothes during the winter.*
- *We have a dream that the world will be blessed with peace and that everyone has the chance to have political power regardless of their race, age or ability.*
- *We have a dream that genders can intertwine in all aspects of life to ensure equal opportunities for everyone.*
- *Children will get the same chance to reach their potential regardless of their background.*
- *The children of Bridge school will continue being kind, thoughtful and happy!*



A special thank you to Miss Allison, Mr Ablett & the year 5 teams for giving the opportunity to the pupils to become courageous advocates themselves.

### Year 2 – Competition Winners

Emily Sutton, the artist and illustrator, teamed up with The Scottish Gallery to launch a competition over Christmas and the New Year. The aim was to hear children's thoughts on their favourite toy or book and explain why it holds a special place in their heart.

All of year 2 took part and, last week, we were delighted to find out that the year group won the competition!

Below is the letter that Mrs Tomsett received from the Scottish Gallery. Well done to all the children for their brilliant entries.



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



Dear Susan,

A very happy new year to you. We were just sifting through all the competition entries as we have just completed setting up our January programme of exhibitions this week and then your email arrived like a gift from heaven! Emily Sutton and The Scottish Gallery are thrilled with the entry from Bridge and Patricbourne CE Primary School, and we unanimously name you the very deserving winner! There was stiff competition with entries from all over the UK, including several videos but your entry is outstanding. It made us all remember what it is like to be a child again and the drawings are brilliantly expressive. Congratulations to you and your pupils. We are going to create a reel on Instagram with some of the letter entries (keeping all email and any other personal information excluded) which will be shared by Emily. Emily says:

*These are incredible!! So brilliant- I adore them all so much. I'd love to send the school some signed cards for all of the children so they each have a little something to take home, so let me know the address of the school and I'll get that sorted.*

Your entry was exactly what we were looking for, thank you so much to you and the children for taking the time to write and draw about their favourite toy and organising the entry so beautifully.

### Sports Report

On Tuesday afternoon, two teams (Bridge 1 & Bridge 2) went to Canterbury Academy in the big sports hall to play Dodgeball.

We were in Bridge 1 – Our first tough match was against Blean 1 where Zander and Luca were the last ones standing. We unfortunately lost, but that only made us stronger. Our next match was Selling – We Won. Although it was a tough match, our best players managed to guide us through the match. We next went up against Sheldwich – they were a great team but we still won. It was then Wincheap 2, where we were on our winning streak of three. Then it was Blean 2. We played a great game and everyone was out except me. It was a tight score but Blean won. Our last match was against Parkside. They played great but we managed to win.



My team, Bridge 2 started off with a tough game against Canterbury Primary School. At the end, everyone but Erin had been hit, but she stayed strong and lasted to the end. Unfortunately, we lost that game and the next one against Wincheap. After losing two matches the tables turned and we won the next game against Parkside. Our next game was against Wickhambreux. We won but it was tough. There were some great catches that got us to win. Next was Sheldwich, we had gotten everyone out but one girl she was good but I caught her ball and she was out. Our last game we won, we ended the day with a good triumph. We were good sports and always shook the other teams' hand. In the end, both teams out with good scores winning 4 out of 6 matches.

We just want to say thank you to Mrs Brooks and Mrs Langsdon for taking us. We really enjoyed it!!!!

(Report written by Ava, Ella, Isabelle & Sulaiman)

### Year 1 Reading Helpers

As many of you will know, year one is a crucial year for the development of children's reading. We currently have one wonderful reading helper but would love a couple more to support our pupils. If you, or a friend or relative, can spare an afternoon or morning a week then please could you contact Mrs Starling in the office. If you would like to know more about what this may entail then please speak to a member of staff.

**TCS Mini Marathon**

The London Marathon takes place in April every year but you may not know (I didn't until a parent told me earlier this week) that there is also a mini marathon that takes place for children on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. The children can run either a mile or 2.7km depending on their age.



For your child to enter the school needs to apply for places and these are then handed out on a lottery basis amongst all the schools who have applied. Before we complete our application, we would like to get a clear idea of who would be interested. Unfortunately, the school will not be able to provide transport or supervision so you would need to make your own way there on the day.

If you would like us to apply for a place for your child please have a look at the [TCS website](#) and let the school office know which race you would like to enter your child in by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**Uniform**

We have had a couple of parents asking for clarity on the school uniform policy, specifically for children who go to the Bridge Tennis club after school for lessons. The school policy is that children wear school uniform for the school day unless they have PE in school or if they have Forest School. This means that children attending tennis after school should still come in school uniform.

I would also like to highlight that children should be wearing black shoes during non-PE and Forest School days and that jewellery is not permitted. If you are unsure about what your child should be wearing at school information can be found on our [school website](#).

**Messy Church**

A final reminder that tomorrow Saturday (18<sup>th</sup> Jan), we are hosting Messy Church at Bridge School. This wonderful event is a fantastic opportunity for families to come together, engage in creative activities, and explore the teachings of Christianity in a fun and interactive way.



Rev. Estella and her team of helpers will be running craft activities for children from 4pm.

**Parent Consultations**

We have our second set of parent consultations for the year coming up. These consultations are an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and development with their class teacher. The children will be bringing home their books next Friday for the weekend so they can share their learning with you before you meet their class teacher.

If you haven't signed up yet you can do so now on Arbor. All consultations are face-to-face although phone calls are available as an option.

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan
<b>Year 5</b> 8.30am to 11am 2pm to 5pm	<b>Year 4</b> 8.30am to 11am 2pm to 5pm	<b>All year groups</b> 4pm to 7pm	<b>Year 6</b> 8.30am to 11am 1.30pm to 4.30pm	x
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Year 3</b> 8.30am to 11am 2pm to 5pm	<b>Year 2</b> 8.30am to 11am 2pm to 5pm	<b>Year R</b> 8.30am to 11am 2pm to 5pm	<b>Year 1</b> 8.30am to 11am 2pm to 5pm	x

### PTFA Support

As you know, our Parent-Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) plays a vital role in supporting the school and enriching the experiences of our pupils.

Layla, our current PTFA Treasurer, has done a fantastic job in this role, but she is handing over the reins by the end of the academic year. We are therefore looking for a parent who would be interested in becoming the Vice-Treasurer and shadowing Layla for the remainder of this year, before taking on the Treasurer role in September. This treasurer role is a vital role in the workings of the PTA and is needed for it to continue moving forwards.

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the PTFA and contribute to the success of our school. If you are interested in this position, or would like to learn more about it, please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the PTFA. We would be delighted to discuss the role and responsibilities in more detail. D

### Kent Teacher of the Year

It is that time of year again when parents have an opportunity to recognise the exceptional work of our staff and I have been sent the following to share:

*By honouring exemplary teachers and support staff, we celebrate the positive impact they have on students' lives. This recognition not only motivates educators but also fosters a sense of pride and camaraderie within the educational community, ultimately benefiting the young learners they serve.*

*To nominate simply tell us what makes the person/team within your school community stand out from the rest!*

*Nominations are open to parents, students, and peers, if you know someone who deserves recognition, we encourage you to submit a nomination. With a wide range of award categories, including primary, secondary, early careers, non-teaching members of staff, and volunteers, there's an opportunity to recognise everyone who makes a difference in our schools and in our children's lives.*

*Deadline 28th February 2025*

Visit the [Social Enterprise Kent](#) website for further information and to nominate.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mr Perfect, Mrs Brooks, Mrs McInnes and myself have the pleasure of taking 26 Year 4-6 pupils to Artesina Italy for our inaugural ski trip. I am sure there are a few nerves amongst those going (staff included) but I have no doubt that it will be an exciting week where the children get to develop a new skill and make new friendships.

All the best,

Michael Taylor



## Celebration

### Star Pupils

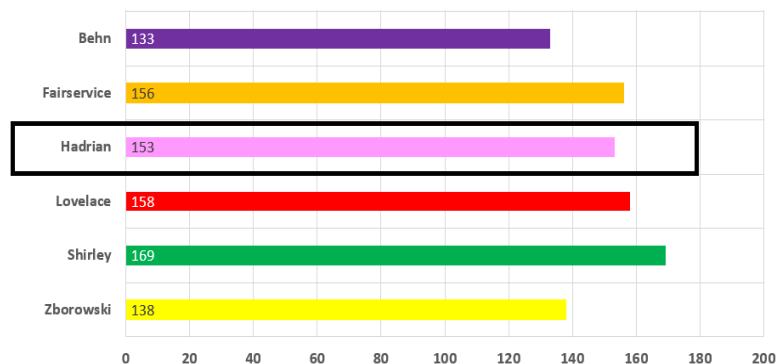
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ <b>Jake H (Elm)</b> for trying really hard to do good listening throughout the school day. <i>Mr Redpath</i>               | ☆ <b>Jack M (Hazel)</b> for his attention to detail when learning new choreography in dance. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Aadyah (Ash)</b> for a huge improvement with her reading. 😊 <i>Miss Ellison</i>   | ☆ <b>Safia F (Birch)</b> for demonstrating her improved understanding with some excellent scores in our end of term maths assessments. Well done! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ <b>Ryan H (Willow)</b> for his fantastic descriptive writing about his pet. Well done! <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Miss M Smith</i>  | ☆ <b>Tillie (Holly)</b> for an excellent attitude towards her learning and wanting to become more independent. <i>Mr Ablett &amp; Team</i>                          |
| ☆ <b>Phileas D (Rowan)</b> for his great use of adjectives when describing his new pet toy in English! <i>Miss Andrews</i>   | ☆ <b>Oscar D (Maple)</b> for his amazing attitude to learning and smashing his maths, particularly fractions. <i>Miss Allison</i>                                   |
| ☆ <b>Jacob R (Pine)</b> for writing interesting animal fact cards with care and enthusiasm. <i>Mrs Perfect &amp; Tomsett</i> | ☆ <b>Dexter B (Sycamore)</b> for working collaboratively and attempting the most difficult challenges in Maths. <i>Mr Wren</i>                                      |
| ☆ <b>Ella C (Oak)</b> for always putting her hand up in class contributing her answers and thoughts. <i>Miss J Smith</i>     | ☆ <b>Laurence S (Poplar)</b> for having an excellent all-round general knowledge – well done! <i>Mrs Allen</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Harry G (Chestnut)</b> for creative ideas in his sentence writing in English. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>                         |   |
| ☆ <b>Elodie R (Beech)</b> for her resilience in solving maths problems this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>                         |   |

### House Points Competition

Children across the school have been working hard and the numbers of house points are starting to ramp up. The results were shared with the children at celebration worship today.


Well done Hadrian house who, this week, earned the greatest number of house points this week although Shirley hold their lead, with Hadrian, Fairservice and Lovelace closing in!



Each week, we select six random children to come and enjoy a hot chocolate with either myself or Mr Taylor. This week's lucky six are:

- Wren (Willow) - Lovelace
- Sadie (Chestnut) - Hadrian
- Cohen (Hazel) - Hadrian
- Lenni (Willow) - Behn
- William (Beech) - Hadrian
- Oliver (Beech) - Hadrian

Upcoming Dates

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<i>Ski Trip (all week)</i> 
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Sensory Workshop for parents
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	11am: Young Voices
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School Nursing in school (Hearing tests)

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Yr 5 Parent Consultations	
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Yr 4 Parent Consultations	
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>		Evening parent consultations
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Yr 6 Parent Consultations	
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>		3.15pm PTFA Bake Sale & Hot Chocolate

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Yr 3 Parent Consultations	Year 5 Trip to The Pig
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Yr 2 Parent Consultations	
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Yr R Parent Consultations	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 5 Forest School Trip	

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

<b>Term 3 (Spring)</b>	
<b>Year 5 Sharing Assemblies</b>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January (Maple)
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January (Holly)
<b>Ski Trip to Italy</b>	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Young Voices</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b>Parental Consultations</b>	w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> January and w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>Term 4 (Spring)</b>	
<b>World Book Day</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>World Down Syndrome Day (charity fundraiser)</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>PTFA Quiz Night</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>French Exchange (hosting)</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Term 5 (Summer)</b>	
<b>Easter Services</b>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April (morning)
<b>Christian Aid Week (charity fundraiser)</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Year 6 SATS</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>French Exchange (to Montpellier)</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>Dare to be Different</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>Term 6 (Summer)</b>	
<b>Staff Training Day</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
<b>Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis (charity fundraiser)</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Sports Afternoon (Year R to 2)</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Sports Afternoon (Year 3 to 6)</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Moving Up Day</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
<b>Bridge Village Fete</b>	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 12pm to 4pm
<b>Year 6 Production</b>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
<b>Year 6 Production</b>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
<b>End-of-Year Church Services</b>	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (morning)
<b>Year 6 Leaver's Assembly</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2pm