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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'd like to say that it's been a quiet week here with 26 children and 4 staff less than normal but it's been as busy as ever!

Bridge School at Young Voices

An whole-hearted well done to all the children (and adults) who performed at the O2 arena last night as part of the Young Voices concert.

This is always a highlight of the school calendar and all the children who went thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they were a credit to the school.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr Miles, Mrs Loughlin and Miss Allison for their support in making this wonderful event possible.



Ski Trip

This week, 26 of our children have been taking part in our first ever ski trip and I think that I can safely say with confidence that they have had an amazing time. The adults who accompanied them have said that the children have behaved impeccably and they have all made great progress with their skiing; no small feat considering very few of them had ever skied before. I know that parents will join me in expressing my gratitude to Mr Taylor, Mr Perfect, Mrs Brooks and Mrs McInnes for taking time away from their families so that the children could have this incredible experience.



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



Parent Consultations

I hope that you are all looking forward to your parental consultation over the next couple of weeks. I strongly believe that one of the best indicators of a child's success in school is the relationship between school and parents; you will have knowledge of behaviours that we may not see at school (and vice versa) and the teachers will have their professional insights into your child's learning and development. Consultations are one of the ways in which we share these and I would urge all parents to make every effort to keep to their appointment, as this does have a knock-on impact.

The children will be bringing home books this weekend. This is an opportunity to look through your child's books with them and ask them what they have been learning about. I would start by asking your child to show you an example of their work that they are particularly proud of and asking them why.

Please could these books be back in school in Monday as we will need these for their lessons.

Snacks

Just a quick reminder that snacks that are brought into school for children at break time should be fruit or significantly fruit-based, i.e. not fruit cake! It is important that we teach the children good habits in regards to their healthy eating.

Inclusive Sports Day Report

"On Tuesday, six children from Year 4 went to Canterbury Academy to play some different sports. First, we did Boccia which is a bit like marbles. The aim of the game is to hit a target ball and the closest ball wins. Next, we went to Football and Kinball. Kinball is a huge ball and you try to keep the ball in the air and get it over the other side. We tried to keep the ball on the other side but we had a disadvantage because the other team was too tall for us. Next, we did self-defence. We got into partners and we got these sorts of punching bags which we had to hit it with our palms.



Next, we did Dodgeball. Both teams were pretty good and I dodged the ball many times and everybody targeted me... so unfair. After that we did sit down Volleyball where we got into two lines and whoever was opposite you was your partner. You had to pass the balloon to your partner which they had to hit it back to you. Finally, we did classic rugby which this time we were in threes and one set of twos. We had to grab the rugby balls out of the middle.

It was a really fun afternoon. We would like to thank Mrs McCoy and Mr Tibbles for taking us."

Written by Alinda and Rory

Observational Drawing Request

On a different note, we have a rather unusual request. Are there any action figures, trolls, or similar plastic toys gathering dust in your homes? If so, we'd be thrilled to give them a new purpose! We're looking for donations of these items to use for observational drawing exercises. It's a fantastic way for our pupils to hone their artistic skills while giving new life to old toys. If you're unsure about what to donate, feel free to send a photo to cally.smith@bridge.kent.sch.uk for confirmation.

Charity Fundraising

You may remember that Ava and Imogen (Year 6) were raising money for charity before Christmas; they have raised £112 for Catching Lives and spent £22 on tinned food and a £90 Asda gift voucher, as requested by the people at Catching Lives:

“Over the course of 3 weeks before Christmas, we have been raising money for the charity Catching Lives in Canterbury. We ran 5 laps around the school field every day (1.5km – nearly 14 miles overall!) and ended up with a grand total of £112.00. We really enjoyed the exercise and doing it for a good cause. We would like to thank everyone who donated and everyone who joined us with the running.”

I'm very proud of the charitable nature of our children at school and this is perfectly exemplified by Ava's and Imogen's example – well done girls.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'T'.

James Tibbles
Executive 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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| ☆ Kavita J (Elm) for excellent creativity when creating a rabbit out of smaller bits of paper. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Sara B (Beech) for her fantastic letter writing in English. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> |
| ☆ Theresa (Ash) for trying so hard with phonics and being an all-round superstar. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Alex H (Hazel) for his positive and resilient attitude when creating his flying character in Art. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Bertie B-M (Willow) for the excellent ideas that she shared in our lessons on rhyme! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Raef W (Birch) for showing great determination and perseverance in math throughout this week! <i>Mrs McCoy & Mrs Corral</i> |
| ☆ Florence M (Rowan) for her excellent rhyming skills when creating an alternative nursery rhyme! <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Oliver H (Holly) for his excellent engagement in Maths this week when subtracting fractions. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Eloise (Pine) for consistently working hard and doing your best. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Gagandeep S (Maple) for being helpful in Forest School and creating an amazing mobile. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Archie L (Pine) for being very polite when requesting help with printing. <i>Mrs Starling</i> | ☆ Mabli W (Sycamore) for pushing herself to complete the most difficult challenges in English and Maths. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Monty W (Oak) for his thoughtful contributions in class this week and completing all his work. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Nell D (Poplar) writing a fantastic biography all about Cynthia Erivo! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ April B (Chestnut) for her fantastic persuasive letter written independently and with great handwriting. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | |



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:

- Emersyn (Willow) – Lovelace
- Hattie (Beech) - Lovelace
- Darwin (Hazel) - Shirley
- Archie (Pine) - Hadrian
- Effie (Beech) - Lovelace
- Teoman (Holly) - Lovelace

BLOG

23 January 2025



Year R colour mixing

Throughout term 2 and within the first two weeks of term 3, Year R

16 January 2025



Year one - observational drawing

Year 1 children are working towards

18 December 2024



Year 5 moon buggy toys

Year 5 have completed their Moon

Upcoming Dates

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

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

Monday 10th February		
Tuesday 11th February	Year 3/4 Football	
Wednesday 12th February		
Thursday 13th February		
Friday 14th February		

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

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