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Dear Parents/Guardians,

OPAL

Thank you so much for all of the OPAL small world donations we have had come in over the last two weeks. We are so grateful for any donations that can be made as all of which will help contribute to the improving the children's play times. This week, we are looking to source items for our Water Area and Mud Kitchen. Please see the list below for specific items and any donations would be greatly appreciated. **No sharp or glass items, please.**

Funnels	Pots and Pans	Buckets
Tubing	Utensils (no sharp items)	Washing up bowls
Guttering	Trays	Hose Pipes
Jugs/containers	Cupcake/Cake tins	Plastic bowls/plates
Bottle	Mixing Bowls	Kettles
Saucepans	Watering Cans	Sieve
Plastic Cups	Colander	

As of Monday 17th March, we will be setting up an OPAL Donations Bin on the infant playground next to the school sign. Any donation can be deposited into the bin which will be checked daily.

Thank you for your continued support.

The OPAL Team

PTFA - Quiz Night

It's the last call for next weeks' quiz night! We still have tables remaining but we need to know numbers by Monday!

Our first quiz night last year was a great success and this year promises to be just good. Our quizmaster extraordinaire, Chad, is looking forward to entertaining you all and challenging the brain cells.



Messy Church

Once again, Messy Church will be open to our families next Saturday. Doors open at 4pm with crafts and activities for children to complete and all are welcome.



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



Red Nose Day & Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Next week there are two very important charities holding fundraising days that we would like to support and these both happen to be on the same day – Friday 21st March.

Over the course of the week, staff and children will be having a competition to see who can identify members of staff from photos of when they were school-aged. To make things slightly trickier, Mrs Cork has added red noses to the photos!



On Thursday, the children will be learning about Down Syndrome in their classes with their class teachers.

On Friday itself, we are inviting staff and children to come into school in non-uniform which should include odd or funky socks for a £1 donation. We are planning on having collection buckets on the playground and all monies raised will be split between Down Syndrome UK and Comic Relief.

Thank you for your support.



Swimming Pool Maintenance

Some disappointing news for our Year 4 children. We have been informed of the temporary closure of the swimming pool at The Duke of York's Royal Military School whilst it undergoes essential maintenance. This means that the Year 4 children will not get their swimming in the summer term as planned but they will get their swimming lessons in Year 5 instead.

This will not impact the current Year 3 children who will get their swimming lessons in Year 4 as normal.

Mini Marathon

Last week, we sent out a letter detailing our first Mini-Marathon which will be on Thursday 27th March. We have two Olympians coming in to speak to the children and lead a PE lesson with each class. The children will also be running their own sponsored mini-marathon during the school day. Each child should have brought home a paper copy of the sponsorship form.

Reception Maths Workshop

On Wednesday 12th March, we held a Maths Workshop for all parents of children in Reception. There was a short introduction in the hall where we provided some of the theory behind how we teach Maths here at Bridge, followed by a session in the class, where the children were able to demonstrate their fantastic mathematical knowledge. The children thoroughly enjoyed having their parents in the class.

Please don't worry if you were not able to attend, as the children enjoyed working alongside some of their peers and a variety of other adults too. We plan to arrange other sessions for you to come into class and share your child's learning with them later in the year. The presentation has been added to the Year R page of our school website.



Arbor Emails

We know that parents get a lot of emails from the school and we're sensitive to the fact that there is a balance to be struck between getting all the information and also being bombarded. I have asked the office to, where possible, ensure that Arbor emails are scheduled to be sent to parents at 4pm rather than at random points during the day.

There will be messages from Arbor that cannot be scheduled such as attendance emails and emails about financial debt – another reason to keep in credit! ;)

Mothering Sunday Service

A reminder that Sunday 30th March is the Mothering Sunday service at St Peter's Church, Bridge. The choir, led by Mrs Brookes, are leading the singing but the rest of the school is also invited to come along as they have been learning some of the songs in our weekly singing worship.



Details for the service are below:

Mothering Sunday Family Service, St Peter's Church, Bridge

30th March 2025 at 10am (with quick rehearsal for anyone wanting to sing at 9:30am)

Wishing you all a good weekend.

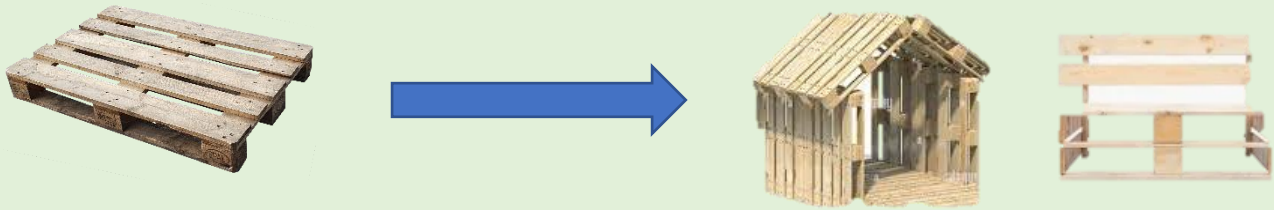


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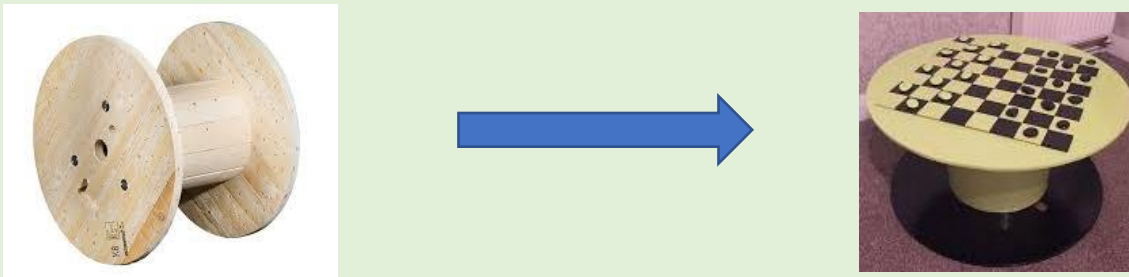
OPAL Update

As you know, we are looking to improve the resources available to the children during playtime and lunchtime. We have lots of materials, but do not have the ability to convert them into accessible equipment.

Can you, or anyone that you know, turn these this into these?



Or this into this?



If you or a friend or family member can help, please contact the school office who will put you in touch with the school Opal team.



Thank you to those who donated some small world donations but we are still in need of lots more. We would very much appreciate any donation of items from list below which can then be put on our 'OPAL Donations Table' found in the main office.

Small World Donations:

- Small plastic figures
- Animals
- Dinosaurs
- Cars/Trains/other vehicles
- Trucks (small and large)
- Wooden Blocks/shapes
- Small wooden 'landscape' items (trees, houses, bushes etc.)
- Lego

We thank you very much in advance for your continued support and look forward to sharing regular updates of our OPAL journey.

The OPAL Team

Celebration

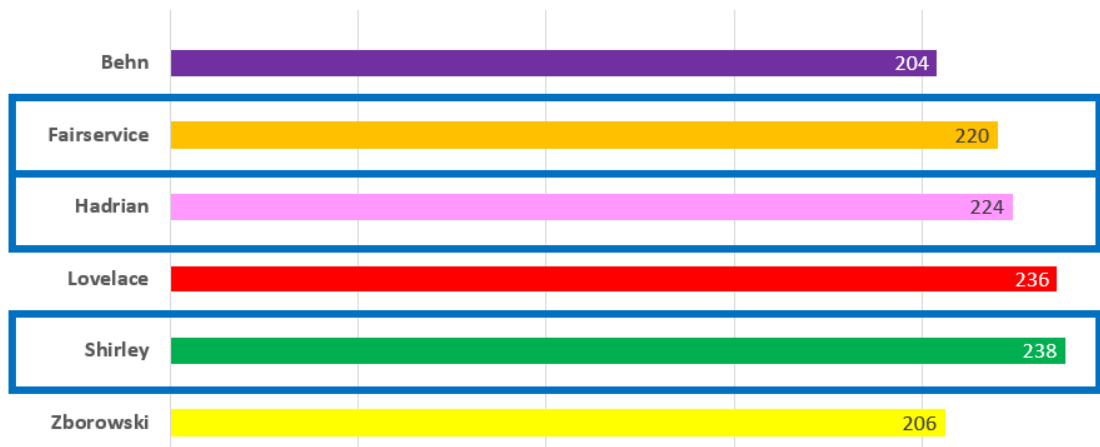
Star Pupils

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

☆ Lucy P-A (Elm) for an amazing effort and incredible resilience in her independent and focused learning. <i>Mr Redpath</i>	☆ Jack T (Chestnut) for his consistent positive attitude and efforts. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>
☆ Harry F (Ash) for the huge progress that he has made in Forest School and his resilience during the school day. <i>Miss Ellison</i>	☆ Kosmas G (Beech) for a detailed recount about our trip to Wildwood. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>
☆ Luci F (Willow) for her excellent balancing skills on the slackline at Forest School! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i>	☆ Taylor S (Hazel) for her consistent dedication to her reading and showing great improvement. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>
☆ Bailey C (Rowan) for showing excellent baking skills during our 'Tiger Who Came To Tea' experience day. <i>Miss Andrews</i>	☆ Bea D (Hazel) for her accurate use of speech punctuation in an interesting dialogue for her Escape from Pompeii narrative. <i>Mr Perfect</i>
☆ Henry R (Pine) for focusing well in your art lesson and having a positive week. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i>	☆ Lily G (Holly) for building her confidence to raise her hand during lessons and contribute to class discussions. <i>Mr Ablett</i>
☆ Reuben T (Oak) for enthusiastically playing the drum in our music lesson with a big smile on his face. <i>Miss J Smith</i>	☆ Lyla T (Maple) for her amazing efforts and fantastic English book. <i>Miss Allison</i>
	☆ Louis E (Sycamore) for deepening the moments of his Viking narrative. <i>Mr Wren</i>
	☆ Maya P (Poplar) for always going above and beyond in her schoolwork! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</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, Shirley and Fairservice houses who earned the greatest number of house points this week.



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:

Elyas (Ash) – Behn	Bea (Birch) – Lovelace	Harvey (Beech) – Hadrian
Aaron (Willow) – Fairservice	Olive (Rowan) – Hadrian	Mason (Elm) – Hadrian

Upcoming Dates

Monday 17th March			
Tuesday 18th March	Year 6 Viking Workshop		
Wednesday 19th March	Yr 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey	Yr 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey	
Thursday 20th March	Year 3 Forest School		
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day & Down Syndrome Awareness Day Year 4 Forest School	PTFA Quiz Night	

Monday 24th March			
Tuesday 25th March			
Wednesday 26th March			
Thursday 27th March	Mini-Marathon Day		
Friday 28th March			

Monday 31st March	<i>French students in school all week (Year 6)</i>		
Tuesday 1st April			
Wednesday 2nd April	9.15am Year 1 Sharing Assembly		
Thursday 3rd April	9.15am Year 1 Sharing Assembly	Easter Craft Afternoon	2.45pm Year 4 Share our Learning
Friday 4th April		2pm PTFA Meeting (Summer Fete)	2.45pm Drama Club Production

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

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