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Dear Parents/Guardians,

There has been a great deal to celebrate this week and I'd like to start with some brief thoughts on how we, as a community, foster an inclusive and supportive environment at our school by celebrating neurodiversity (it is, after all Neurodiversity Week!)

When we talk about neurodiversity, we talk about the idea that neurological differences, such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other conditions, are natural variations of the human brain – these differences should be recognized and respected and, by embracing neurodiversity, we can create a more inclusive and compassionate environment where every student feels valued and understood.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

This passage reminds us of the interconnectedness of all individuals and the importance of nurturing each unique branch to ensure the whole vine thrives. Just as each branch contributes to the overall health and fruitfulness of the vine, each student, with their unique abilities and perspectives, contributes to the strength and vibrancy of our school community.

Celebrating neurodiversity aligns with our school values. It encourages us to see the potential in every child and to support them in reaching this. By doing so, we not only enrich the lives of our neurodiverse students but also teach all our children the values of empathy, understanding, and cooperation.

We are committed to providing resources and support to ensure that every student can thrive. This includes professional development for our staff, individual educational plans, and fostering an environment where differences are celebrated and everyone feels a sense of belonging.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where every child is cherished and encouraged to grow.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles
Executive Headteacher



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



School Uniform

Please could I remind all parents that children should be coming into school wearing the appropriate school uniform or PE kit (with the exception of Forest School days). If there children who are not wearing uniform, we will look in lost property for something for them to change into.

[Uniform and PE Kit | Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School](#)

Charitable Support

Thank you to everyone who supported Down Syndrome Awareness Day and Red Nose Day today – this has been very much appreciated. It was lovely to see the children embrace the challenge of wearing colourful odd socks. We will let you know how much money we've raised for these important causes.

OPAL Update

Another huge thank you for the amazing donations we have received this week towards our Mud kitchen and Water area. If you still have any donations to go towards either of these areas or our small world, then please feel free to bring them into school. Any donations made can now be left in our OPAL Donations Bin located at the entrance to the playground, next to the school sign which is checked daily.



This week, we are beginning to resource our Role-play and dress-up area. If you have any of the following items and are able to donate, please drop them off at our donations bin.

- Character Dress Up
- Uniforms e.g. police, vets, doctors etc...
- Old blazers/shirts (oversized)
- Old dresses
- Formal hats/gloves/Scarves
- Bags/brief cases
- Fabric
- Role-play doctors sets
- Babies/dolls and accessories/clothing
- Doll buggies/crib/highchair
- Shoes
- Old note books
- Tills
- Play food /plates etc
- Office Stationary
- Old phones /keyboards

If you have some items you would like to donate but are unsure whether we would like them or are able to help with constructing items and would like to let us know, please email opal.play@bridge.kent.sch.uk to get in touch.

Once again, thank you for your continued support on our OPAL journey.

Kind Regards

The OPAL Team

Sports Reports

Year 4 Quicksticks Hockey Report

On Wednesday, Lily, Mickey, Ella, Finn, Millie and Nate went to Herne Bay to take part in a hockey tournament. The tournament started with five pool matches. We won all of them by a country mile. Our highest score was 8-0. We were overjoyed to hear that we got into the Quarter Finals. However, as we went on, the games got trickier.

In the Quarter Finals we played Herne Bay. It was a tough match but remembering Mr Perfect's amazing pep-talk we managed to win 3-2 which meant we were in the Semi-Final! 😊

We knew this match would decide if we went into the finals or not, so it was very tense. The other team quickly scored two goals but we were determined not to let it stay like that and we caught up by scoring two goals of our own. This led to a draw and a penalty shoot out which unfortunately we lost. 😞

Our Semi-Final loss meant we didn't get to the finals but we did get to the Bronze medal match. It was a close game because both Bridge and Herne Hill wanted to gain glory for our schools. The end score was 4-2 with Bridge bringing home the Bronze medal.

Thank you, Mr Taylor, Mr Perfect and Mrs Langsdon, for taking us. 😊

Year 5 / 6 Quicksticks Hockey Report

On Wednesday this week, Year 5 and 6 went to Herne Bay to play in a Hockey Tournament. Our first contest was against Herne Juniors. It was a tight match but with goals from Finn and Niklas and great playmaking from the team, the game ended 2-0. The next challenge was against Canterbury Primary. Yet again, two quick goals by Nik making us win again. Our final opponent for the group stage was Hoath. With a dominant performance and everyone getting involved, with Nik scoring a double hat-trick and Henry, Anna and Ellis each scoring their first goal of the tournament and Finn scoring his second goals. Seeing the game of 10-0, up to the quarter finals we went...



Next, we played Hampton. It was tough for the first half, until Finn scored the first goal of the match followed by a banger from Nik and for the cherry on top, Finn scored the final goal to get us into the Semi's.

It was time for the Semi's against Herne Hill. Sadly, we lost 1-0 but we the only goal we conceded. We would either come 3rd or 4th. It was a tight game against Davington and Raph finally announced that he was terrified of the rugby player on the other team. Finally on the last switch, Neivie scored the winning goal to get us to 3rd place.

Thank you Mr Taylor and Mrs Radford for taking us, and a MASSIVE round of applause for Mrs Langsdon for coaching us!!!

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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| ☆ Henry C (Elm) for working so hard to improve his independent writing (I think he is quite enjoying it). <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Arthur B (Chestnut) for his enthusiasm and knowledge about our History topic The Stone Age. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> |
| ☆ Jasmine T(Ash) for broadening her friendship group and building up her self-confidence. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Ruben T (Hazel) for designing, creating and evaluating a fantastic loaf of Roman inspired bread. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Mia P (Willow) for her excellent writing in English this week and her use of adjectives. Well done! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Alinda A (Hazel) for her excellent progress this term in Reading and Writing. Very well done. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Sia H (Rowan) for always having a positive attitude to her learning. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Oliver K (Holly) for his amazing resilience when performing in the Music assembly despite having a chipped reed! <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Mollie M (Pine) for reading every day and growing in confidence also for settling in so well to Pine Class. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ Ines R (Maple) for confident and accomplished flute playing – you were amazing!!! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Thomas D-S (Oak) for scoring 100% in his reading paper this week – what a superstar! <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Ella-Grace A (Sycamore) for improving her narrative by using incredible verbs and phrases <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ William H (Beech) for a creative imaginative story based on the book The Stone Age Boy. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Amaya D (Poplar) for building the confidence to answer questions in Maths – keep it up Amaya! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Orla D (Chestnut) for her bravery presenting knowledge of sign language to Year 3. Well done! <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:

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| Theomel (Oak) – Lovelace | Taylor (Hazel) – Lovelace | Alex (Hazel) – Lovelace |
| Eva (Hazel) – Fairservice | Isla (Chestnut) – Hadrian | Reeva (Elm) – Lovelace |

Upcoming Dates

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

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| 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 |

Easter Holiday

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| Monday 21st April | Easter Monday |
| Tuesday 22nd April | |
| Wednesday 23rd April | |
| Thursday 24th April | Easter Services in church |
| Friday 25th April | |

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

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| Term 4 (Spring) | |
| 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 |