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Dear Parents/Guardians,

What an incredible week we've had at Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School! I'm absolutely buzzing with excitement to share the fantastic news about our Mini-Marathon charity fundraising event that took place on Thursday.

It was a day filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a whole lot of emotion. We were joined by two GB athletes who came in and delivered PE lessons to every single class in the school. Our pupils had the opportunity to learn from the best, getting tips and inspiration from these incredible sportspeople. It's not every day you get to rub shoulders with Olympic-level talent!

But that's not all. Our wonderful pupils then took on the challenge of a mini-marathon around the school grounds. The determination and spirit they showed was truly inspiring. Each step they took wasn't just about completing the course – it was about making a difference. Through sponsorship, our pupils have been raising funds for two very worthy causes: the Bone Cancer Research Trust and our very own Bridge School. While we're still tallying up the final numbers, I'm absolutely thrilled to share that we're looking at approximately £15,000 raised. That's not just good – that's absolutely phenomenal!

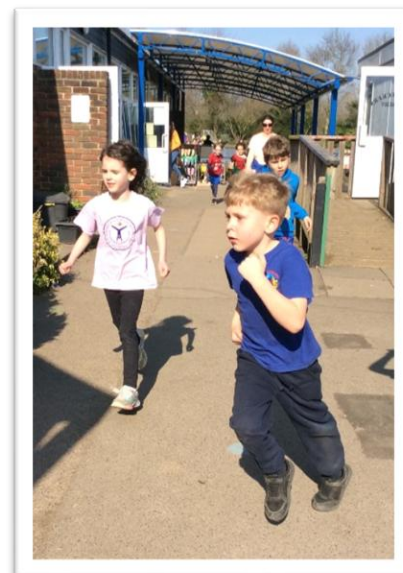
I want to take a moment to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated. Every single pound makes a difference, and we appreciate each and every contribution. Your generosity will have a real impact, both on vital cancer research and on enhancing the experiences we can offer here at Bridge School.

A special shout-out goes to Sycamore class, who managed to raise the greatest amount of money but I'm proud of each and every pupil who took part. Whether they raised £1 or £100, whether they ran, jogged, or walked – they all contributed to this incredible achievement. We have shown what we can do when we come together as a community, and you should all feel very proud of yourselves. It's times like these that remind me why I love being part of Bridge School.

Thank you to Mr Wren for organising this; thank you to the PTFA for supporting; thank you to the children for their participation and enthusiasm and, most importantly, thank you all for your support and your incredible generosity!

Wishing you all a good weekend.

James Tibbles



**Artsmark
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Children's Safety

I am aware of some parent's concerns around the conduct of a couple of teenage boys on the recreation ground on Thursday late afternoon. Please be aware that we have passed these concerns on to the Community Warden.

Parents of older children will know that we have been speaking to them about 'Clever Never Goes' and over the coming week, we will be delivering this message to all children across the school.

For your information, the link to the campaign website is here: [Home - Clever Never Goes](#)

OPAL Update

We are getting closer and closer to the start of our OPAL provision. We have a working group coming in over the Easter Holiday (Monday 14th April) and we will be digging our sandpit out and building some of the equipment that children will start to use after Easter. If you, or anyone you know, is an eager DIYER and has a drill, saw or paintbrush that they think could be put to use on this day please let the office or OPAL team know (see email address below). We have had some incredibly generous donations but still require some more for our initial different areas of play.



If you still have any donations to go towards either of these areas or our small world, they 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 or in the school office.

- Lego!
- Working android mobile phone (used for music)
- Sandpit toys like buckets, spades, trucks, moulds etc.
- Art and craft items: glue, scissors, pens and pencils, wallpaper, paper, cello tape, pom poms, stencils, ribbons etc.
- Card board and card
- Vinyl / wipe clean covers or table cloths
- Astro turf
- Suitcases
- Basketballs
- Netballs
- Tennis balls
- Brooms (big and small)
- Pebbles / stones
- Big log stumps

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.

Mothering Sunday

All of our families are warmly invited to come and take part in the Mothering Sunday Service at 10am at St Peter's Bridge.

The school choir will be leading the singing for the service and it would be lovely to see as many as possible there and that all the children have been learning the songs in singing worship.



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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| ☆ Mason H (Elm) for being such a good helper when tidying up the outdoor area and mud kitchen. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Felix S (Beech) for his fantastic acting and singing in our music lesson this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> |
| ☆ Imogen M (Elm) for showing great determination during our hurdles race. <i>Mrs Shirley</i> | ☆ Thea S (Chestnut) for a well thought-out response to our Big Question in RE this week! <i>Mrs Moon</i> |
| ☆ Jasmine W (Ash) for always trying her best and giving her all in everything she does. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Keira W (Hazel) for being more resilient in her learning and challenging herself in Maths. <i>Mrs Corral</i> |
| ☆ Millie M (Willow) for sharing excellent ideas in lessons and working hard on her handwriting this week! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Ada H (Hazel) for improving her multiplication facts recall and scoring 60/60 for the last two weeks. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Zachary C (Rowan) for having an excellent attitude to his learning and working more independently. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Ruby M (Holly) for her excellent effort towards raising her AR scores! <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Mary D (Pine) for always working hard and doing your best. You are a great role model. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ Alfie C-S (Maple) for reflecting all of our school values constantly and his amazing run for charity yesterday. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Charlie G (Oak) for being one of the politest boys we know and always giving 100% in every lesson – you are a star! <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Imogen M (Sycamore) for being a terrific supporter and guide during the mini-marathon. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| | ☆ Olivia T (Poplar) for always having a positive attitude and being a great friend. <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 Behn and Hadrian houses who earned the greatest number of house points this week. Shirley house have maintained their two point lead over Lovelace.



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:

Niall (Holly) – Lovelace	Effie (Beech) – Lovelace	Reuben (Willow) – Shirley
Lexie (Birch) – Zborowski	Heidi (Beech) – Shirley	Aisling (Beech) – Shirley

Upcoming Dates

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 planning)		

Easter Holiday

Monday 21st April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 22nd April			
Wednesday 23rd April			
Thursday 24th April	Easter Services		
Friday 25th April			

Monday 28th April	Year 5 Bikeability		
Tuesday 29th April	Year 5 Bikeability		
Wednesday 30th April	Year 5 Bikeability	Year 6 Football Tournament – Girls (am)	Year 6 Football Tournament – Boys (pm)
Thursday 1st May			
Friday 2nd May	Dutch Teachers Visiting Bridge School	2pm PTFA Meeting (Summer Fete planning)	

Last week, we raised £195 each for Red Nose Day and Down Syndrome UK. Thank you for your support.

**DON'T FORGET
TO  SET
(LOCKS FORWARD!)**

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

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