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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been yet another incredibly busy week at Bridge School between visits from Japanese trainee teachers, World Book Day and a visit to the offices of the Guardian Newspaper! You can read about all of these on the news pages of our school website.

Our blog has also been updated to include more experiences from last week's Science workshops and we are very excited with the launch of Forest School at Bridge!

Forest School is something that Mr Taylor and I have been discussing for over a year now and with the appointment of a Forest School Practitioner, Jasmin Chiaramello-Hopker, just before Christmas we are now able to offer Forest School as part of our curriculum. In the first instance, this is being offered to our Year 1 children although our longer term aim is for all children to have this experience.

Staffing News

I'm pleased to announce that we have appointed Clare Readman to cover the School Business Manager role whilst Jess Haigh goes on her maternity leave in April; Clare will be starting after the Easter holiday.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, today we say good bye to Lisa Lord who has been working as part of our cleaning team. She goes to a new role at Kings School, Canterbury and we all wish her the very best. From Monday, Michele Anderson will be joining the Bridge staff team.

We're also very pleased to welcome back Ruth Pepper to the school who will be supporting in 5JP a few mornings a week for the remainder of the school year. In her heart, I'm not sure that Ruth ever really left Bridge School and we're very grateful that she's back with us for a time.

Secondary Admissions: National Offer Day (Current Year 6)

On Monday, parents and children learnt which school they had been allocated for September. If there is any parent who wishes to discuss their next steps then please do get in contact with us, we are here to guide you through the process. Please remember to return your acceptance forms by Monday 16th March. All key dates can be found on our school website page, [Transition into Secondary School](#).

Year 5 Residential Parents Meeting

On Wednesday, our Year 5 parents were invited into school to learn more about their children's upcoming trip to Bore Place. For those of you who were unable to attend, the presentation can be downloaded from the [Year 5](#) page of our school website.



Parental Consultations

These take place for Year 4 to 6 next week and your child should have brought home their school books for you to look at over the weekend. Please feel free to comment on the slips that also came home and return the books on Monday ready for more learning!

Music Event

You may have noticed that we've been quite quiet about our Art & Music event this year. This is because we are changing this to later in the year where we can hopefully enjoy some better weather and have an open-air Music Showcase. This is planned to take place in May and we'll have more details after the Easter break.

September and Mixing-Up Classes

It is still a long way off, but our minds already need to start thinking about September when our new Year R children join us.

When the children join the school, they are distributed across the school class as evenly as possible according to age, gender and any known educational needs. Historically, the classes have remained so throughout the school however this has meant that some classes have become unbalanced. We would seek to redress this imbalance through mixing up the classes as they enter Year 2 and Year 5; this would be done using the same principles we use when allocating children into classes into Year R, ensuring an even distribution of gender, ability and any educational need.

We feel that this would ensure consistency of provision between the two classes in each year group and allow greater opportunities for social mixing between the classes. Naturally there would be safeguards in place to ensure that a child did not suddenly find themselves without any of their prime social group.

If you have any questions or comments about this, then please do feel free to let us know through the school office email address.

Don't forget that this newsletter and all previous newsletters can also be found on the [Headteacher Newsletter](#) section of our school website.

With best wishes



James Tibbles

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Reporting for The Guardian

On Thursday 5th March, twenty-nine children from Year 5 and 6 travelled to the Guardian Education Centre in London to take part in an educational workshop on writing a news story for the front page of a newspaper.

The children had this opportunity courtesy of the BookTrust who ran a competition that was brought to our attention by our school librarian, Emma Haynes.

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World Book Day 2020

What an amazing morning we had at school today celebrating World Book Day!

During last week, the children were given the opportunity to choose one book from a total of 16 books which were chosen by adults around the school to go and listen to, from poetry, classics, modern diversity to the Guinness book of records.

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Welcoming Japanese Students

On Monday 2nd March, Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School paid host to fifteen trainee teachers from Japan. This is an annual visit for the school as part of Chaucer College's link with Shumei Univeristy.

At the beginning of the day, they met with Mr Tibbles and Mrs Perfect and then joined the children in the school hall where they were welcomed with song from the whole school and a further performance from our school choir.

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Latest Blog Posts

Below are links to some of our blog posts in the past week

We love to read your comments on them so please keep them coming.

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2nd March 2020



Year 3 Rock Day

Last week, Year 3 had an amazing day learning all about Rocks with Andrew Berry. The day consisted of making models of the Earth to show the different layers; inner core, outer core, mantle and crust.

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Science Week in Year 2

Year 2 had great fun during science week. The children carried out many different investigations with a focus on our bodies. One of our investigations looked at hand hygiene.

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Science Week

During Science week Year 1 investigated their bodies by measuring and comparing different body parts. We explored the questions 'Does the tallest person have the biggest feet?' 'Does the person with the biggest feet have the biggest hands?'

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5th March 2020



Forest School Launch

This week Year One were fortunate enough to be the first year group to experience our new Forest School. Mrs Chiaramello-Hopker has transformed a hidden away part of the school grounds into a Bridge School own Forest School.

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Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our new school calendar.

[CALENDAR >](#)

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

Monday 9th March	<i>Parental Consultations this week</i>		
Tuesday 10th March			
Wednesday 11th March			
Thursday 12th March	Kent School Games Quickstick Competition	Marvellous Maths Parent Workshop (Year 3)	
Friday 13th March			
Monday 16th March	<i>Parental Consultations this week</i>		
Tuesday 17th March			
Wednesday 18th March		Marvellous Maths Parent Workshop (Year 4)	
Thursday 19th March	Eco-Council Village Litter Pick		1.30pm: Relax Kids Parent Workshop
Friday 20th March			
Monday 23rd March	<i>Book Fayre in all week</i>		Girls' Football Match vs Aylesham
Tuesday 24th March	Year 6 Bioblotz Day		
Wednesday 25th March	4ST Trip to Wildwood		PJ & Loveheart Evening
Thursday 26th March	Kent School Games Gymnastic Competition	Year 6 School of Rock Auditions	Marvellous Maths Parent Workshop (Year 2)
Friday 27th March			
Monday 30th March	4JH Trip to Wildwood	School Nursing Service in for Year 6	
Tuesday 31st March	Inclusive Sports Event		
Wednesday 1st April			
Thursday 2nd April	<i>Start of the Easter Holiday</i>		
Friday 3rd April			

School starts again on Thursday 16th April 2020