



Bridge House News

A Regular Newsletter for Parents & Carers

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I really can't believe that I am already writing my "welcome to the Spring Term" message. As I write this, the weather certainly doesn't seem very spring-like! I do hope that you and your families were able to enjoy the Christmas break and are ready for the exciting term ahead of us in school.

As we are all now used to, Covid continues to provide us with numerous challenges at Bridge House; pupil numbers and staff absence are just a part of normal daily life in school at the moment.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support with regular testing at home, which I hope is helping to slow down the spread of Omicron within our community. I sincerely hope that we will soon be back to a more normal way of life.

Despite the challenges, we remain excited about the term ahead and have lots to look forward to, with exciting lessons and experiences planned in school, and trips planned to Nottingham and Boston Stump.

These activities will also support the students in exploring the curriculum this term through our enquiry questions "Why does the world look this way?" and "How has the past shaped the present?". You can support your child at home, by taking opportunities to read and share books as well as discussing the world around them and their experiences of it.

As ever, please do contact me at school if there is anything that I can help or support with. In the meantime, I wish you a slightly belated Happy New Year!

With best wishes,

Armistice Day Service

On Armistice Day, 11th November, two student representatives from each of our campuses attended the annual Remembrance Service at Boston's war memorial. As part of the service, they laid a wreath on behalf of the whole school. The wreath's wooden back and base were created by a Key Stage 4 woodwork enrichment group, while the poppies had hand-written tributes from every student.

After the ceremony, our representatives visited Boston Stump. After exploring its many displays, they finished by each adding a brick to the church's famous Lego model!



Hello and Welcome!

We have been delighted to welcome a number of new staff to the school.

At the Primary School campus, Linda Featherstone and Zoe Harding have joined as teachers; Claire Laing, Lily Schaffarczyk and Kim Powell as Learning Support Assistants; and Sam Riggs as a Pastoral Mentor.

Also, Nick Hughes is teaching Science at both the Middle School and Upper School campuses; and Joana De Jong Daly has joined the Upper School as a Learning Support Assistant. Welcome to Bridge House!

Merry Christmas and a Charitable New Year!

In the run-up to Christmas, we decided to launch a Christmas Shop, to raise money for our charity of the year: Dogs Trust.

Students worked flat out on a number of different products: the Vocational Studies and Enrichment Woodwork groups made hand-painted wooden baubles; sweet treats were baked; and House Times were employed to make cards.

Our Student Voice was then used to work out price points for the items, with volunteers also producing posters and menus.

All we needed then were some customers willing to spend

generously! Students used their Bonuses to buy some items, and the staff took care of the rest.

All in all, along with similar fund-raising efforts at the Primary School and Middle School, we raised over £50 for this excellent cause.

Well done to everyone involved!



In the Kitchen

In the kitchen/Food Tech room, we look at skills to help the students in their future lives after school; for example, in their understanding of food safety, health and hygiene, and nutrition. There is also budgeting, buying foods, food comparisons and understanding recipes. Practically, we are looking into knife skills, weighing, measuring and using the correct equipment for the right job.

We then get the fun side: cooking and showing the children new skills, and how some recipes link together. Finally, what different foods taste like—getting them to evaluate the food they have produced, and to try new things.



Our whole-school Enquiry Question for Term 3 is

Why does the world look this way?

This could be our most exciting one yet!

In the Workshop

Our Wood Workshop is not only a teaching space for our Art & Design curriculum, but a valuable space for students to explore other creative outlets.

In the workshop we run different enrichment activities such as wildlife projects, garden furniture design and construction, and creative interventions.

Students have also built several skate park obstacles for their own use during break and Reward Time.



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