

Bridge House News



A Regular Newsletter for Parents & Carers

Wednesday 7th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term seems to have past us by in an absolute whirlwind. It only seems 5 minutes since we were welcoming students back from their Christmas break. Nevertheless, we have packed an incredible amount of learning into this very short term, with all our Young People looking at the human, physical, social moral, spiritual and cultural influences that have helped to shape our world, through the lens of our Enquiry Question “Why does the world look this way?” The students have enjoyed exciting trips to Gibraltar point, Skegness Aquarium and Wild Pines in order to further look at how our world has been shaped and influenced.

We are sad to be saying farewell to a number of members of the staff team at the end of this term. Mr Roome, our long-standing Art teacher is leaving us after 9 years’ service to the school; Mrs Percival, who has taught our students food and nutrition skills for the last 2 years, and Miss Harris, our science teacher who has been with us since September. We are also saying farewell to Courtney Hunt, as she moves on to begin her exciting new career with the local authority. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to all 4, for the hard work and commitment to supporting our young people, and wish them the best of luck in their new jobs.

Enrichment

Our children have continued to enjoy a range of enrichment opportunities across the campuses over Term 3.

At the primary campus, all children took part in a wonderful Enrichment WOW Day taking in different sessions planned by their teachers.

Children at the middle campus once again had lots of different activities to choose from, giving them lots of opportunities to gain new skills whilst finding new passions. Some of our children’s favourite choices this term were the following:

- Reading Café (academic)
- Printing Design (artistic)
- Table tennis (active)
- Special Effects (abilities)

At our upper school campus, some of our children’s favourite enrichment are listed below:

- Business enterprise (academic)
- Seasonal crafting (artistic)
- Dance (active)
- Woodwork (abilities)

Weekly Rewards

Children have been working hard to earn their weekly rewards. During this term children have had lots of opportunities to enjoy their rewards cross campus and offsite when reaching **GOLD!**

In week 1 children took part in a cross-campus bake off and the end results were delicious. Children also had the opportunity to take part in a cross-campus chess tournament, a trip out to the local Starbucks, a competitive game of football at the local sports arena and on week 5 children had lots of messy fun at the upper school campus making some wonderful art pieces!

Dates for Your Diary

Please note the following dates for the months ahead:

- ❖ 19.02.24— Start of Term 4
- ❖ 22.02.24 – WOW Day (all campuses)
- ❖ 26.02.24 – Primary Parents Evening
- ❖ 27.02.24 – Middle Parents Evening
- ❖ 28.02.24 – Upper Parents Evening
- ❖ 07.03.24 – World Book Day
- ❖ 13.03.24 – 14.03.24 – Y5/6 Residential
- ❖ 18.03.24 - Bikeability
- ❖ 28.03.24 – End of Term 4

Why does the world look this way?

We kicked off term 3 with a spectacular WOW day focussed around our current enquiry question 'Why does the World look this way?'. The children were able to travel around each class exploring famous influential people from different countries such as, Yuri Gagarin, Mary Seacole, Jamie Oliver, Marcus Rashford, Julia Donaldson, JK Rowling and Henri Matisse. Take a look at some of the amazing activities we completed.



Enrichment Day

As part of our academic strand of the enrichment curriculum, pupils have been developing their own Dungeons & Dragons characters to use in future campaigns.

During our artistic activities, pupils have been learning how to sew and weave, as well as creating witch's hats with our nurture class.



Our abilities element, pupils have been coding using Microbits and learning the art of Calligraphy.



Finally for our active provision, pupils have been developing their throwing skills to engage in a number of different sports and games at structured break times.

We love to read!

This term our children have been diving deep into several fictional worlds and developing their love of reading! Stick Man has become a real class favourite in Catchwater and in UKS2 the children are independently exploring a range of narratives such as Diary of a Wimpy Kid and The World Atlas.



Our whole-school
Enquiry Question
for Term 3 is
*Why does the world
look this way?*

During Guided Reading sessions our children are developing their VIPERS skills and discussing the texts they have read, with increasing detail.

Contact Details

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