

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?

The New Year started with an exciting WOW! Day, looking at the work of some of the influential people who have helped to shape the world we live in.

Johan Cruyff was a renowned Dutch Football international who was credited with a new skill the “Cruyff turn”. Students practiced this skill and then looked at the skill challenges set by Johann Cruyff. In English, Students looked at the work of **Benjamin Zephaniah** and his perspective of the world. Pupils also learnt about **Marco Polo’s** journeys along the Silk Road, his time in China and the spices he brought back to Europe and further honed their culinary knowledge creating their own recipes, from biscuits, sweets, and chocolate bars, wrapped in puff pastry and deep fried, in the style of **Heston Blumenthal**. After finding out about **Katherine Johnson’s** life and her career with NASA, students plotted coordinates using square numbers to create a parabolic curve. In Art, Children explored the work of **Andy Goldsworthy** before creating their own art pieces inspired by his work.



Gibraltar Point and Skegness

Aquarium

Year 7, 8 and 9 had an exciting day in Skegness this week, exploring our costal landscape and looking at how human and physical features have shaped our coastline, before visiting Skegness Aquarium to look at the world from the viewpoint of the underwater world. They completed landscape drawings, identified geographical features and identified different species of aquatic animals throughout the day. It was a bracing but enjoyable day for all. The staff were all so proud of the fantastic behaviour and attitudes displayed by all, in upholding our school values.



Reading at Middle School

Our Young People continue to work hard to earn extra bonus point for “getting caught reading” as we continue our whole school drive to improve language and literacy levels for all students. You can support at home, by continuing to encourage your child to explore all sorts of texts, including novels, non-fiction books, newspapers and blogs.



Our whole-school Enquiry Question for Term 3 is

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Contact Details

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