

NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2024



Our Voice Matters!



The green shoots and early flowers are beginning to bloom and we see this reflected in our children as they reach the halfway mark of the school year 2023-2024. Spring term, although shorter than the Autumn, is where we see huge growth and progress from our children and we look forward to sharing this with you at next week's parent consultations.

We are very proud of your children and during the last half term their hard work was showcased publically during school trips, swimming, football, netball, rugby, as well as the unforgettably amazing assemblies that were attended by so many of you. Not to mention the outstanding trip to the O2. So much of this is not possible without the support of our wonderful staff and amazing families - thank you.

The week commencing 5th February saw us celebrating Children's Mental Health week here at Chase Bridge and this year's theme was My Voice Matters. My Voice Matters is about empowering children to use their voice to talk to their trusted adults about their mental health and how they are feeling.

We had a really exciting week with lots of fun and informative activities and even welcomed some guest speakers to help us talk about our mental health, including how to cope with our worries and building resilience. The mental health and wellbeing of our whole community is important to us and please visit our [website here](#) to find out more about what we do.

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors created their own wellbeing activities to share with the rest of the school. Alice in 5W created her very own story book - 'Grace's Big Worry' - and shared this story with Year 2. Edith and Daisy in 6B produced a wellbeing word search and gratitude tree, these activities were used across the school throughout the week.

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Times, dates and places for your diary

Monday 26th February - **No before or after school clubs this week; rescheduled football match vs St Edmund's**

Tuesday 27th February - **4B swimming; Parent Consultations**

Thursday 29th February - **Parent Consultations**

Friday 1st March - **World Book Day**

Monday 4th March - **Reception Heights and Weights**

Tuesday 5th March - **4B swimming**

Wednesday 6th March - **Netball tournament**

Friday 8th March - **'This Is Me' day**

Holiday dates for the academic year 2023-24

Thursday 28th March - **TERM ENDS**

Monday 15th April - **TERM STARTS**

Monday 6th May - **MAY DAY**

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - **HALF TERM**

Monday 22nd July - **END OF TERM**

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are scheduled for next week **Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February**. **PLEASE NOTE** that there will be **NO before or after school clubs next week**. Early morning Squad training and Lions will run as normal.

On both dates, we are pleased to let you know that our second-hand uniform sale will be available for you to make a purchase, as well as members of the Caterlink team who will be supplying some tasters of our school lunch menu options - please pop along and have a sample!

Nursery applications - September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, parents must submit an application to join our Nursery by **Friday 1st March** - please apply [here](#).

Nursery visit 'Little Street'



Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed learning about People Who Help Us. To celebrate the end of our topic, we went on a trip to Little Street in Frimley. The children were particularly excited about travelling on the school minibuses to get there. At Little Street, we had fun role playing in the purpose built play centre.



Reception - Fairy Tales workshop

Reception had a fantastic time during their traditional tales workshop. The children went on an adventure to learn about different stories and the characters in them; it was a lovely way to end our topic, "Once Upon a Time".

Swimming Gala

Before half term, our swimming team took part in the borough gala at Richmond Pools On The Park. **Arjan, Leo, William, Catriona, Francesca, Lyra, Poppy and Florence** performed fantastically well - they swam in a variety of different events and finished well in their heats. Well done to our brilliant swimmers!



Chase Bridge Has Got Talent 2024!

Well done to everyone who auditioned this week to be in our annual Junior talent show. The judges were really impressed by the very high standard of entries and the obvious hard work which has gone into preparing for the auditions. The children will be told today whether they have been successful in getting through this year. The heats will be every Friday afternoon, with the final on the last day of term. Parents are welcome to come and watch their child perform. The children will be able to let you know which Friday they are performing on.

Year 5 Fantasy Football News

As we finish our 12th game week, here is what the Year 5 Fantasy Football League table is looking like. Jai-Han and Ollie keep their places in the top 5, whilst a sudden surge of form from Francesca and our football 'expert' Mr Kelly sees them enter the title race. However, nobody is yet to knock Zach off the top of the table, meaning he is still the team to beat!

Helping Children with Sleep... webinar... final reminder

There are still places available on the above webinar. If you are interested, please book by **Sunday evening, 25th February** via the link below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fQwTZTju5TMAUF_6couYjIZtu20ptb5pqIBhiW_7l70/edit

Thank you!

Our classrooms are now fully kitted with new tables and chairs. The new furniture has made such a difference to the children's learning environment, helping to support active and comfortable learning. A huge thank you to the Friends of Chase Bridge and our school community's support for funding this project.



Toilets by Office area

Just a gentle reminder that we kindly ask you to refrain from using the in-school toilets when dropping off or picking up your children. Children will have the opportunity to use the toilet before they leave and when they arrive in the mornings. We understand that this may be an inconvenience for some, but it is a necessary step to ensure the safety and security of our school. If there is a medical reason, please do let the office team know.