# NEWSLETTER

27th March 2024



# Springtime Spectacular!



Easter Competition Winners

With our Easter break on the horizon, it is a welcomed sign that Spring has well and truly arrived (fingers crossed for a little less rainfall over the holidays!). We have so much happening at Chase Bridge to mark this feeling of seasonal change, and each and every event brings a joy like no other to our children.

Easter bunnies, eggs, feathers and sparkles made a fabulous entrance as Infants paraded their bonnets around the hall for all to enjoy. We were so impressed by the level of care and creativity, not to mention the beaming smiles from the children as they proudly showed off their handiwork. They weren't the only ones showing off their imaginative flair . . . we once again were left EGGstatic by the entrants to our egg box creations competition! We had EGGsplorers, EGGyptian sculptures, EGGsersise classes and even the New York skyline revisioned to include the EGGpire state building. What an amazing display of inventiveness and originality! Not only from our children, but from the ever wonderful Friends of Chase Bridge who put on a tremendous Easter fair for us all to enjoy. The Chase Hall was filled with an array of exciting games, arts and crafts . . . and the Easter bunny even made a special appearance. Thank you to everyone in our community for helping, supporting and attending these magnificent events.

Creativity is just ONE of the many talents we have got to enjoy this week as Thursday sees children, staff and parents alike delighted by the acts of our Chase Bridge's Got Talent finalists!!! We've got singers, dancers, musicians, comedians and more - it truly is one of our most highly-anticipated moments of the year. Good luck to all the contestants, and a big well done for making it to the final.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful Easter break, Ms Chadwick

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#### Times, dates and places for your diary

Monday 15th April - School re-opens for students; Reception class to Whitton High Street
Tuesday 16th April - 4R swimming
Wednesday 17th April - 3K class to Lookout Centre; Reception class to Whitton High Street
Thursday 18th April - Reception class to Whitton High Street
Friday 19th April - 9.15am PSHE workshop for parents in Chase Hall
Monday 22nd April - 3G to Lookout Centre; after school clubs resume
Tuesday 23rd April - 4R swimming
Wednesday 24th April - 3M class to Lookout Centre; Coffee morning 9-11am
Thursday 25th April - No Y3/4 Art club after school
Friday 26th April - FoCB Year 1 uniform and cake sale

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** 

### **Celebrations and Achievements**

Congratulations to Agnes in Year 4. Agnes has been very busy the last 12 months preparing for a musical performance at Hampton Theatre by Valery School of Dance. The show is currently running all week up until Easter Saturday. Well done, Agnes!





# Year 2 visit Orleans Gallery

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Orleans House Gallery this week for a mark making workshop. They explored different ways to mark make using lots of different mediums such as sticks, feathers, paintbrushes, pencils and ink. The children all had a great time and even got to explore the gallery at the end of the trip!

#### **Easter Bonnet Winners**

Monday morning saw a fabulous start to our Easter celebrations as Nursery, Reception, Year I & 2 took part in an Easter bonnet parade, showing off their wonderfully crafted Easter bonnets. We were so impressed with all their efforts.

Well done to our winners! Olive & Ewan (Nursery); Carys (Cherry); Pippa (Fir); Alfie (Maple); Brian (Apple); Jordan (Oak); Olivia (Willow); Erin (Acacia); Archer (Birch) and Ella (Chestnut)



### A cracking start to Easter!

Children in Reception and Nursery have been learning about different types of life cycles. We have been lucky enough to have some eggs arrive and we have been watching them over time waiting for them to hatch. The children were very excited to then hold the chicks and watch them grow.



# **House Competition Winners**

Congratulations to all members of Griffin house! It was announced in assembly that they are the winners of the Spring Term House Competition with a grand total of 4286 points - collecting house points to represent the school's three school values: excel at learning; express your talents and caring for others.

This result means that members of Griffin house have the privilege of coming into school on the last day of term in non-uniform, with elements of their house colour: yellow. Well done!

|               | Dragon | Phoenix | Unicorn | Griffin |
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| TOTAL OVERALL | 4113   | 4264    | 4227    | 4286    |

# **Sports News**

Netball - the netball team have played their final league game in the Richmond Primary Schools League. They've had a fantastic season improving their performance with every game. We are incredibly proud of the dedication to training the squad have shown, as well as the sportsmanship and team spirit displayed on the court. Congratulations to **Will, Sio, Sofia, Abbie, Catriona, Edith, Maya, Francesca, Freya, Ishaan, Finley** and the entire netball squad!

Football - the boys' football team were triumphant in their 3-2 win against Trafalgar. It was a thrilling match of end to end action and a brilliant display of skill. They have now secured their place in the quarter finals! Congratulations to **Ollie, Parker, George, Teddy, Ronnie, Elliot, Theo, Matthew, Aiden and Marko.** 



# **Governing Body News**

The Governing Board met on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March.

During our meeting we considered the draft school budget for 2024/25. Governors are pleased to report that the school finances remain strong and the budget will be formally ratified over the next

few weeks. This is no mean achievement at a time when many Richmond and Kingston schools are struggling to set a balanced budget.

Our School Improvement Partner visited the school on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March and made a point of saying just how much she enjoys spending time at Chase Bridge. As well as commenting on the outstanding quality of teaching, she also mentioned the welcoming and happy atmosphere here. Once her full report has been received we will report back in more detail.

We were also encouraged to see the results of the school surveys this year which showed that our communities across the board are thriving and happy to be a part of Chase Bridge. As well as the Staff and Pupils who participated, we'd also like to thank all Parents/Carers who engaged with the survey for their responses. If you weren't able to complete the survey or would prefer to provide any feedback individually, please do share your thoughts via info@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk and mark your email School Survey or For The Attention of the Governing Board. *Mike Dormer, Chair of Governors* 

# Health & Well-Being Coffee morning

On Wednesday 24th April between 9.00am and 11.00am, we will be hosting our first ever Health and Wellbeing Coffee Morning! This will be a drop-in coffee morning, so you can arrive at any

point between 9am and 11am and stay for as long as you want.

Families these days are facing many challenges, whether it be around wellbeing, mental health or managing finances. It is not easy for parents! However, there are many supportive services that can help. The challenge is: who are they and what do they offer? How can they support my children and my family? This is where our coffee morning comes in.

We are so excited about this event and think it will be extremely beneficial for families. If you would like to attend, all you have to do is sign up below: https://forms.gle/fd2gft1btmSRXNQk6

We look forward to welcoming you and enjoying some tea and cake with us!



### Thank you to Friends of Chase Bridge

A huge thank you to the Friends of Chase Bridge for all their help with our first 'This is Me' day and for all the incredible food provided from our families. It was amazing to see such a plethora of cuisines from all across our community, and the delight all our children, parents and staff had as they enjoyed their dish!

The International Food Tasting raised a fantastic total of  $\pounds$ 525.00 which has been used to purchase a range of books and resources which represents and celebrates our diverse community.



# Summer Clubs

Please don't forget to complete your google form to apply for clubs starting after Easter. The google form will close on **Tuesday 9th April at noon.** Click <u>here</u> for google form.

### Absence from school before/after holidays

Just a reminder that any absence directly before or after school holidays will be unauthorised unless you are able to provide medical evidence of absence.

# **School lunches**

Please click here for our new Summer menu.

### **PSHE/RSE** workshop invitation

We would like to invite all parents to our workshop on **Friday 19th April at 9.15am.** The aim of the meeting is to provide parents and carers with information about our PSHE curriculum focusing on how R.S.E.(Relationships and Sex Education) is integrated across the year. Please look out for our letter going home tomorrow.



PSHE / RSE information morning arents and carers are invited to attend an information meeting about the PSHE/RSE curriculum that we provide at Chase Bridge Primary School.

> Friday 19th April 9:15am

The aim of the meeting is to provide parents and carers with information about our PSHE curriculum focusing on how R.S.E.(Relationships and Sex Education) is integrated across the year.

here will be opportunities to ask questions, find out more about our R.S.E. curriculum as well as a chance to look at some of the resources that we use.

> Kind regards, Mr Bishop and Mrs Dight - RSE Subject lead