

NEWSLETTER

2nd February 2024



Sing For The Moment!



On Tuesday the 30th January, our spectacular Year 5 & 6 Chase Bridge choir went all the way to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices concert. This annual event is always an unforgettable moment and this year proved no different! Opportunities for our children to express their talents and passions happen in abundance here at Chase Bridge, and that is in no small part thanks to Mrs O'Hara and the dedication she brings to her role. Thank you!

Before the event took place, the children eagerly arrived early to take part in the preparatory rehearsals. The buzz amongst the children was palpable, and it was an incredible feeling to be in a crowd of over 8000 children all singing their hearts out!

The children got to enjoy a performance first from some stars of stage and screen, including an inspirational 13-year-old drummer - Nandi Bushell - who even played at the Queen's jubilee.

When their time came to shine, they sang a Walking Medley, the Moment, a pop medley, and the always crowd-pleasing Moana medley!

All together, it was a 7 hour day, with rehearsals at school and even right before the show. They have left us in awe with their dedicated spirit, enthusiastic passion and, of course, their phenomenal performance.

All the children said it was a standout memory for them that will stay with them for years to come, - what an incredible way to welcome in 2024!

A big thank you to all the children who took part, the parents who lovingly watched from the crowd, and all the members of staff who made this a moment to remember!

Ms Chadwick

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Times, dates and places for your diary

Monday 5th February - **Dental screening; 5W to Mosque**

Tuesday 6th February - **NO swimming for 4B; Girls football vs Heathfield; Train driver visiting Reception & Nursery**

Wednesday 7th February - **AM Nursery to Little Street; Year 1 Toy assembly**

Thursday 8th February - **Swimming gala**

Friday 9th February - **PM Nursery to Little Street; Reception Fairytales workshop; Y3 Class Assemblies**

Monday 19th February - **Y6 Heights and Weights**

Tuesday 20th February - **4B swimming**

Wednesday 21st February - **Netball tournament; 5pm Y6 virtual SATs meeting**

Thursday 22nd February - **Y5 Dance workshop; Football match vs St Edmund's**

Friday 23rd February - **Y5 Cake and Uniform sale; FoCB Quiz night - don't forget to book your tickets**

Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February - Parent Consultations (no extra-curricular clubs week commencing 26th February). **Deadline to book is Monday 19th February at 6pm**

Holiday dates for the academic year 2023-24

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - **HALF TERM BREAK**

Thursday 28th March - **TERM ENDS**

Monday 15th April - **TERM STARTS**

Monday 6th May - **MAY DAY**

Celebrations and Achievements



Congratulations to **Daniel (4R)** who recently won his go-karting competition. Daniel dreams of one day racing in Formula One. Well done, Daniel!

Molly (4R) attended an open audition for The British Theatre Academy's production of Annie. During the audition, she had to learn a dance and then do it for the judges, as well as perform a song. Hundreds of children attended the auditions so

competition was fierce, but Molly was successful at securing a part in the show! Rehearsals begin in February when she will find out which role she will play. Congratulations, Molly!

Year 1 Toys workshop

Year 1 enjoyed a 'Toys from the Past' workshop from the Chertsey Museum last week. The children sorted toys based on their materials, they played with a range of old and new toys and they made a thaumatrope.



BFCCST Robert Rowan Performance Centre - team training

Chase Bridge was given an opportunity for a number of its boys and girls football teams to use the Robert Rowan Performance Centre for a team training session. The opportunity was provided through our community links with Brentford Football Club. Everyone involved really enjoyed their time there and it has given the children a lasting memory. They even got to meet and watch some of the Brentford B team.



Year 5 visit the Mosque

We visited the Mosque in Hounslow and Year 5 had a fantastic time and found it extremely informative. We learnt about the roles of an Imam, the different prayer times and that everyone who comes to prayer faces the Kaaba in Mecca. The children asked some brilliant questions, as well as shared what they had already learnt in school. Towards the end of our visit, the Imam showed us the library as well as the washroom and explained that Muslims who come to prayer in the Mosque need to cleanse themselves before entering. Visiting the Mosque was a great way to consolidate everything we had been learning in RE in the prior weeks.



Sporting News

Football - The Chase Bridge football teams have had a fantastic start to their season with both teams winning their first league matches in a strong display of skill and determination. We are delighted with the team spirit and support within the squad and wish all the players luck for their future matches. Well done to **Ollie, Parker, George, Teddy, Ronnie, Elliot, Theo, Matthew, Aiden, Marko, Sio, Bareen, Ammarise, Julia, Minnie, Edith, Jessica, Sofia, Ronia and Karissa!**

Netball - Congratulations to the Hi-5 netball squad who are gaining in strength and skill from week to week. They have played three league fixtures and have progressed from a loss, to a draw to their first exciting win! The team remained composed throughout this thrilling end-to-end match. Congratulations to **Will, Sio, Sofia, Abbie, Edith, Maya, Catriona, Freya, Francesca, Ishaan and Finley!**



Primary Panathlon - Chase Bridge competed in the Primary Panathlon. This event is designed to encourage enjoyment in sport and physical activity and it succeeded! All the children had a wonderful time competing in a range of activities collecting points for their team. We are so proud of the enthusiasm and effort shown by everyone as well as their support for each other. We were also proud of Marcus' words of encouragement for his team and Mia's leadership as team captain. Congratulations to **Marcus, Mia, Eshan, Omer, Shiv, Stanley, Layan and Yusuf!**



Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show 2024



We have signed up to this initiative at the Royal Academy. For anyone who would like to enter a work of art please see the RA website or Mr Mantle for some ideas. We have registered as a school and the artwork will need to be in school for us to enter it by the **25th of March**.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

Children's Mental Health Week 2024 will take place from 5–11 February 2024. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – “My Voice Matters”.

Here at Chase Bridge we are asking for you to kick start CMHW by talking (and listening) to your child about their own mental health. Attached to this Newsletter is some information and guidance to help you with these conversations.

In addition to the above, children are invited to wear a **'purple accessory'** to their uniform on **Wednesday 7th February** in aid of raising money for 'The Purple Elephant Project' located at the house. Money raised will go directly to Therapeutic support to children who may not be able to

access the support they need. The Well-Being Ambassadors will be at the front of the school ready to collect your donations. We will also have a small amount of hair accessories and wristbands at the school entrance in exchange for a small donation. Purple Elephant staff will also be selling cakes at the top of the drive.

Join us for Breakfast at Lions



Our before school care opens at 7.50am for the children to enjoy a healthy breakfast followed by some time to play before they head to class - a great way to start the school day! If you are interested in your child joining Breakfast Club, or would like to book an ad hoc space, please get in touch with Mrs Hayward in the school office.

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](#) and go to the 'Nursery Admissions' section.

Poppy Appeal 2023

Thank you to everyone who donated to last year's Poppy Appeal. We raised a total of £156.22.



Parking

Parking issue: a polite reminder to our parents and carers to respectfully adhere to the signs and please refrain from parking in the Duke of Cambridge Close as this is private resident parking. Many thanks in advance.

School success starts with attendance

Excel at Learning, Express their Talents and Care of Others

How can you help:

- Aim for 10 hours sleep a night for your child. This will make the following day at school easier for them to cope with.
- Make sure your child eats breakfast, it helps them stay alert at school.
- Help your child develop routines.
- Get their school bag ready the night before.
- Develop a night time routine that involves checking their homework, reading and bed
- Try and make sure that all medical/dental appointments are made for after school.
- Never take holidays during term time.
- If you know your child will be absent from school, write a note before the day of absence.
- If your child is ill, ring the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence.

Please note that time off before or after half term will not be authorised without medical evidence or leave of absence authorisation by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

If you need any help or support please contact the school office.

