

# NEWSLETTER

7th March 2025



We are excited to share some fantastic updates about our playground development! Our new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) has been a huge success, with both playleaders and children thoroughly enjoying the space. Another exciting addition is our Craze of the Week area, which introduces new resources and games on a six-week cycle—keeping playtime fresh, fun, and engaging for everyone.

We are also incredibly grateful for the continued support from the Friends of Chase Bridge, who are helping us further develop our outdoor areas. In the coming weeks, children can look forward to the introduction of a Lego area, scooters and trikes, outdoor games and much more!

A big thank you to all who attended our Parents Evening this week; your involvement is invaluable in strengthening the link between home and school. Working together, we can continue to support every aspect of our children's learning and development.

Finally, a reminder about our annual 'This Is Me' Day on April 25th —a celebration of individuality and self-expression. Please refer back to our letter sent out for further details, and if you would like to support the event, do not hesitate to contact the school via the usual channels. We really do appreciate your help in making the day the best it can be for the children.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support!

Chase Bridge Senior Leadership Team

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

- Tuesday 11th March 4B swimming
- Friday 14th March Year 5 African workshop
- Monday 17th March Y5&6 Choir taking part in the Richmond Arts Festival Competition
- Tuesday 18th March 4B swimming; Yr 6 Brentford Online Safety session
- Wednesday 19th March Netball vs St Mary's & St Peter's (home)
- Friday 21st March FoCB Year 4 cake sale

Holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25

Friday 4th April - **TERM ENDS** Tuesday 22nd April - **TERM STARTS** Monday 5th May - **BANK HOLIDAY** Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - **HALF TERM** 

## **Chase Bridge Has Talent!**



This week over 150 children from Years 3 - 6 auditioned to be in our annual competition, Chase Bridge's Got Talent. The judges were so impressed by how much preparation the children had put into their acts and were delighted with the variety of performances. The children will be told who has got through to the heats this week. The heats will run every Friday **at 2.25pm**. If your child is in one of the heats, then you are welcome to come and watch. They will bring home a letter with the date they are performing on. The grand final will take place on **Friday 4th April at 9.15am**.

#### Year 4 Roman Assembly



Year 4 celebrated their learning with 'Roman' assemblies before half term. The children performed beautifully by getting into character as news reporters, Romans, Icenis, Boudicca and the Emperor Nero. Everyone had a fantastic time performing to an audience.

#### Year 2 go back to 1666.....

Year 2 had an exciting end to their Time Detectives topic re-enacting the Great Fire of London with the burning of Tudor Houses! For the last half term, children have been learning about significant events from 1666 including why and how the fire started, what the reaction was to the fire from significant



people at the time, and the lasting impact of the fire on London today. Another highlight of the topic was their workshop in school where they were able to dress up!

### Swimming Gala



A huge congratulations to our swimming team who performed brilliantly at the Richmond school's swimming gala just before half term.

As a team, we won five 6th place ribbons, one bronze medal, one silver medal and an amazing ten gold medals!

The Tag Rugby Team also

took part in a mini-tournament at Heathfield school recently. They played exceptionally well, winning two of the three games and only narrowly losing the third. Well done to **Julia, Matthew, Francesca, Arjun, Luca, Daniel, Henri, Hayley, Elsa and Jess.** 

## World Book Day



For World Book Day, the whole school was filled with excitement as children dressed up as adjectives—there were sparkly, brave and mischievous characters everywhere! We explored the meaning of adjectives and discovered exciting synonyms to describe ourselves in even more creative ways. We were also thrilled to welcome author Clara Vulliamy, who inspired us with her wonderful stories and illustrations. Throughout the day, mystery readers surprised different classes, sharing their favourite books and bringing stories to life. Each class opened a mystery book and enjoyed reading it. It was a fantastic celebration of reading, and everyone had a brilliant time!

### Year 3 Art Club

For this term Art Club have been celebrating Books - the children told me about their favourite books and we picked some classics. They all drew freehand using their observational skills to copy the illustrations. We talked about lots of different books and it was very encouraging to see their love of stories. The children also had some images to colour in to add to the display.



### Visit to Brentford Stadium

On Monday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children were invited to Brentford Football Club for an exciting stadium tour. It was a fantastic morning where the children explored the changing rooms, walked through the players tunnel, and stood pitch side, taking in the incredible atmosphere. The

experience ended with a fun quiz and an inspiring well-being talk from former footballer Marcus Gayle. It was a truly memorable trip.



### **Absences from School**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the school before 8.30am on each day they are absent by one of the following methods:

- Email: info@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk
- Call: 0208 892 1242 and leave a message on the absence line, Option 1

If we do not hear from you, your child's absence may automatically be unauthorised. We greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

#### **Appointments During School Hours:**

Chase Bridge encourages parents to make appointments outside of school hours. However, if an appointment during school hours is unavoidable, pupils are expected (where possible) to attend school before or after the appointment. Please notify the school before the appointment.

For us to authorise the absence, please kindly email the appointment letter, card, or text for our records.

Thank you for your cooperation. Attendance and Welfare Officer

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#### **Online Safety Workshop for Parents**

For parents of children 0-18, these sessions are also suitable for AfC and School professionals, who are parents, or in their role, are supporting other parents/families.

#### Workshop topics:

**Internet Addiction** - Understanding the signs of online addiction and discussing early intervention from a therapist's perspective.

**Online Spaces, AI & Deepfakes** - Guidance on identifying harmful online behaviours, including risks in gaming, social media, and AI-generated content, along with approaches to support young people vulnerable to online risks in building healthier habits and lifestyles.

**Radicalisation Awareness** - Covering pathways and indicators of radicalisation and grooming, lessons from case studies, ways to support at-risk young people as parents, and an understanding of how the government process around radicalisation works.

## Transition Workshops for Current Year 5/6 Parents of Young People on SEN Support

Richmond and Kingston SENDIASS are hosting THREE identical online workshops for families of current Year 5/6 students on SEN Support (This session is for those without an EHCP):

#### **Workshop Dates:**

Wednesday 19th March 12:00-13:00 Friday 21st March 12:00-13:00 Thursday 27th March 13:30-:14:30

#### What We'll Discuss:

What does a good transition process look like How to effectively share information with the new school What can you do if you are concerned with the placement offer Where can you go for more information and guidance during the transition period

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams No booking required - Join here.

Choose the date that works best for you! Our Support Worker will be available to answer your questions and provide guidance.