

# Bridge House News



A Regular Newsletter for Parents & Carers

Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The students have been incredibly busy this term, working hard and enjoying the various trips to rivers across Lincolnshire to celebrate our new house names which have also helped them to answer this term's enquiry question "What makes me unique?". The staff and students were very proud to have the opportunity to share their hard work with so many of you at our recent Open Evening - we hope the evening also provided you with a helpful insight into what, and how, we teach at Bridge House. We are looking forward to holding more events in school in the forthcoming months; in particular we are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our "Christmas Cracker" on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

We are pleased to welcome new staff to our amazing team, Sarah Halls-Dally who is our new primary school SENCO and is currently covering the secondary school SENCO role. We are also pleased to welcome Nicky Jones as our new family support lead, both of them will be introducing themselves to you shortly. On our teaching team we have welcomed Rebecca Edwards (primary), Jim Parker (middle – maths) and Jenny Harris (upper – science).

We would also like to congratulate Glenis King, Kieran Rodgers and Christina Coffey on their new roles as pastoral team leads!

## Student Voice

Student voice is at the heart of everything we do at Bridge House. Every term a student council meeting is held so students can share their thoughts and ideas on the development of the school. We are pleased to announce the following pupils as our new captains for 2023-24:

**Primary School Captain – Alfie C**

**Primary Vice Captain – Alfie M**

**Middle School Captain – Abi**

**Middle School Vice Captain – Kasey**

Gwash House Captain – Jack

Glen House Captain – Memphis

Haltham House Captain – Debbie

Hemingby House Captain – Ruby

Lymn House Captain – Abi

Long House Captain – Kasey

**Upper School Captain – Jasmin**

**Upper School Vice Captain – Harvey**

Slea House Captain – Ella

Stainfield House Captain – Harley

Rase House Captain – Keaton

Torne House Captain – Harvey

Trent House Captain – Jasmin

## Absence

It is important that children attend school every day. Except for in exceptional circumstances, we aim for our students to have an annual attendance of above 96%, to ensure that they access the education they are entitled to. We appreciate your support in getting them in school every day, on time and ready for learning. We do appreciate that there are occasions when a child is too unwell to attend school. Please ensure that you have informed us, before the start of the school day, if your child will be absent. If we haven't received notification, we will do all we can to contact you – this may involve a home-visit or, in some circumstances requesting a police Safe and Well check.

## Dates for Your Diary

Please note the following dates for the months ahead:

- ❖ 30.10.23 – Start of Term 2
- ❖ 02.11.23 – WOW Day – all campuses
- ❖ 14.11.23 – School Photographs
- ❖ 15.12.23 – Christmas Cracker
- ❖ 19.12.23 – Christmas Cinema Trip
- ❖ 19.12.23 – Christmas Dinner Day
- ❖ 19.12.23 – End of Term 2

## What makes me unique?

Students have been answering the enquiry question “What makes me Unique?” in ICT through the design creation and evaluation of unique 3D models. These models have included Buildings, Name badges, food and drink and their own choice for a final 3D Model. Through our ICT enrichment our students have also answered the enquiry question by creating their own unique coding text and style to solve coding problems and through the design and creation of 3D graphics and models.

Students in Glen and Gwash have been learning about bones and muscles within the human body in Science. During these lessons they have had opportunities to play interactive quizzes and gameshows as well as using practical skills to work out which muscles are strongest in their bodies. They have role played being doctors by observing several x-rays and attempted to provide the correct diagnostic in terms of injuries sustained.

In Geography and History, using Boston and the surrounding area to support learning, Year 9 have been learning about votes for women focusing on the last century and the advancement in women’s rights amongst ethnic groups.

### WOW Day

For our WOW Day, happening on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, students will have the opportunity to spend their day having six exciting sessions where they will engage in activities that incorporate the Rivers and Waterways in our areas. This is a lovely way to introduce our new House names. Some of the sessions that students will be involved in include River Monsters, Origami Boats and Riverside Poetry. In the afternoon, students will take part in a whole school Origami Boat Race and a whole school student presentation.



Our whole-school  
Enquiry Question for  
Term 1 is

*What makes me  
unique?*

### Creativity at Middle

We have been directly looking at the enquiry question this term in STEM with the year 9s exploring their own fingerprints and how they are unique to them.

Years 7 and 8 have been investigating their own culture and the local cultures that make us all unique. We have been exploring our history to and producing a range of sculptures.



### Contact Details

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, using one of the following methods:

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