

# 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?

In English, we have been using our learning on An Inspector Calls (Year 10) and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (Year 11) to answer the termly enquiry question. Year 10 have been looking at social class and different political views and Year 11 have been learning about personalities and reputation. We have written about our own opinions, how we see the world and different topics, as well as what makes us different to everyone else. In maths we have learnt that Penrose tiling is a pattern of regular tiles which can cover a plane (tessellate) but does so in a non-repeating or unique pattern. During our geography lessons children have been comparing our local human and natural environments to those found around the world. They have further been identifying unique factors in their own environments. Over the term in Biology, pupils have been exploring the world of DNA and the fact that unless you are an identical twin no one in the world has the same DNA sequence. In BTEC Home Cooking children have continued to make their own dishes whilst independently following a recipe and making their own adjustments to meet their own unique tastes.



### River Slea Trip

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October the upper school campus went on a school trip to Sleaford, all children took part in a geography fieldwork trip in the morning along the River Slea. The River Slea is unique to our school because after our logo redesign our house names were changed to rivers and waterways around Lincolnshire due to our Grantham Road campus being situated on a river and the strong local links. During the fieldwork, children had the opportunity to learn about different characteristics of the river; upper course, middle course and lower course.

In the afternoon, our children split off into two groups based on their option choices. Our Art students went the local art gallery (The Hub) and explored the art within the gallery before creating their own art pieces and displaying them in the gallery.

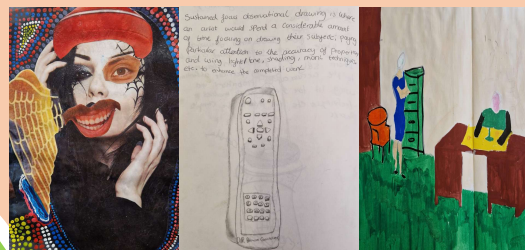
Our BTEC Sport students took part in a tennis coaching sessions held by our very own Mr Green. All students learnt new skills and were able to take part in both single and pairs matches. The only thing they didn't manage to do was return Mr Green's serves – who knew a ball could fly so fast!?!

Our whole-school  
Enquiry Question for  
Term 1 is

*What makes me  
unique?*

### Art @ Upper

Each week our students continue to impress us across the school, our Art teacher Mr Roome has introduced an "Artist of the week". Below are the winners from this term!



### 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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