



Bridge House News

A Regular Newsletter for Parents & Carers

Thursday 20th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, the adage "time flies when you are having fun" seems appropriate. The year certainly seems to have flown by, as we have embraced the many positive changes that have come with our acquisition by Aspris Children's Services and had fun enjoying the exciting and engaging learning and reward opportunities on offer throughout the year.

As ever, we are incredibly proud of all the many achievements of our fantastic students – from our 5-year-olds learning to correctly form their first letters, to our 16-year-olds completing GCSEs, and everyone in between, we all feel incredibly privileged to have played a part in their learning journey. We look forward to continuing to support them in September.

We are saying some sad farewells to staff this week – we wish Miss Skinner, Miss Murass and Mr Foxlow all the very best as they head north to Yorkshire on exciting new adventures; Mrs Welch as she joins a school closer to home; Mr Randalls as he begins a new career; also Mr Dillamore who has been an integral part of the pastoral team. They will all be sadly missed by the whole school community – THANK YOU all for all the commitment, hard work and dedication you have given to your roles during your time at the school.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer – we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Wednesday 6th September.

Lincolnshire Show

This term saw the culmination of our year long Lincolnshire Show project for their school's competition. We entered the competition in the category "Growing Resilience" and over the year, all of the children have been actively engaged with many different aspects of our competition entry.

We have been growing lots of different vegetables in our school gardens and some of these were showcased on our stand at the Lincolnshire show. Our children at the primary school campus worked hard on creating scarecrows to keep different animals from eating our plants and created a giant fingerprint Lincolnshire flag to showcase on our stand. Children at the upper school campus worked on hard in the workshop to create sunshine boxes to carry and display all of our wonderful produce.

After a really enjoyable two days at the Lincolnshire show, our presentation to the judging panel and lots of informative and positive interactions with the general public the results were in for the competition... we finished 4th out of the 8 schools in our category. Even more impressive than that was that we finished 12th out of the 47 different schools in the public vote!

For our very first attempt at entering the competition and starting the growing and gardening at school from scratch, all of the children can be incredibly proud of all of their effort and hard work.



Introducing our new logo



We recently ran a school project asking our students to share designs and relevant objects associated with Bridge House School for our new school logo.

Rivers, houses and bridges were featured throughout many of the fantastic drawings and object ideas we received. Our students and colleagues also helped select the final logo design and really enjoyed participating in this project.

Our new school logo will be launched for the new academic year and we would like to thank everyone who took part in this project – we hope you like our new logo!

Dates for Your Diary

Please note the following dates for Term 1:

- ❖ 06.09.23 – Start of Term 1
- ❖ 02.10.23 – Primary Campus Open Evening
- ❖ 03.10.23 – Middle Campus Open Evening
- ❖ 04.10.23 – Upper Campus Open Evening
- ❖ 20.10.23 – End of Term 1

Outdoor Learning Provision

This Term we have had an exceptionally exciting time with our Outdoor Learning Provision. We have been placed 4th in our category 'growing resilience' for the Lincolnshire show and 12th overall for the whole of the schools that entered. The students participated across all three campuses and we were able to share our learning for this with residents at a local care home. We were exceptionally proud of the students who were able to attend the show and represented the school to both the judges and the general public.

In addition to this, on Middle Campus, 6 of our students have worked incredibly hard for the last three terms and they have all achieved a Discovery Level John Muir Award. This is awarded to show dedication to Wild Spaces and in this time they have developed the outdoor area at Middle School, which now includes a wildlife area, a greenhouse, a large bug house and a Coronation Garden. They have had to show learning in 4 different areas, Discovery, Exploring, Sharing and Conservation and complete over 20 hours of individual work to achieve this award. This is the first time this award has been offered at Bridge House and means that as a newly recognised 'Provider' we are able to offer this again and to other groups of students.

Sports Day

Friday 30th June saw Bridge House host our second 'Summer Sports Spectacular' at the Princess Royal Arena. Throughout the day, our children participated in multiple races including sprints, hurdles, obstacles, sack, egg and spoon as well as a team relay race. Pupils displayed great concentration, athleticism, and resilience to complete the races and score points for their teams. It was great to see all campuses come together and support and cheer each other on.

Each team also took part in 5 different challenges for 10 minutes each to try and score as many points as possible for their team. Challenges included skittles and long jump, which allowed great displays of team spirit to encourage and discuss tactics to achieve optimum success, to score the maximum number of points. Some children displayed excellent levels of accuracy during the football and throwing challenges. The final challenge of tennis rallies saw children working together to break the previous record for the highest score (56).

The winning team once again and retaining their title as 'Best Team in School' were the yellow team. With superb efforts by Theo, LJ, Charlie, Swayley and Mikey!

Our whole-school
Enquiry Question for
Term 6 is

*Will good always
prevail over evil?*

Careers Week

During our annual careers week our children had the opportunity to explore and try out a range of different careers. Careers included sports coaching, Uniform Services, catering and upcycling furniture.

Our children also had the opportunity to spend some time with Lincolnshire Fire Service – they kindly showcased the inner workings of the fire engine for all our children to look at the emergency equipment – all the children found this very exciting, afterwards at break time – there was a friendly football match with the fire crew taking on our students, much fun was had!



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