



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> out of the 8 schools in our category. Even more impressive than that was that we finished 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## Will good always prevail over evil?

During PE this term the focus was on Tennis, Rounders, Badminton and Cricket. As groups we discussed famous rivalries in the sports - McEnroe and Borg, The Ashes and Nick Kyrios. Furthermore, learning surrounding rules, morals, sportsmanship, and cheating were identified as key elements of the debates. Additionally, during the practical aspects of the lesson, pupils learnt about contact points, shoulder turns, swing paths and effective footwork.

In ICT this term we have been answering the EQ through coding good characters in Star Wars and Minecraft to prevail over the evil characters. In addition to this, students have been thinking about the good and evil in formulas, calculations and spreadsheets whilst completing their BTEC coursework.

In science this term students have been looking at inheritance and genetics. Students have had to debate and answer some of the following questions, "Is it right to be able use medical research to eradicate disease and prolong human life?" and "Should humans have the right to play God and decide who should continue living?".

### 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!



### 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, performing arts, cycle maintenance, animal care and catering. Our children also had the opportunity to attend a local careers fair to explore not only their future careers but their Post 16 options.

In sports coaching, children participated in industry standard coaching and fitness lessons, delivered at off-site locations using professional equipment.

In animal care, children had the opportunity to learn about different careers with animals with a great talk by the Blue Cross. Throughout the week children also cared for both dogs and snakes.



Our whole-school  
Enquiry Question for  
Term 6 is

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### Contact Details

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