

CHASE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER



8th February 2019



Singing, Stories, Sport and Sums

At Chase Bridge we are **very proud of the breadth of curriculum opportunities** we offer our children. The last week has been a wonderful example of this: 56 children from our **year 5 and 6 choir sang their hearts out at the O2** to admiring mums and dads – it was quite an experience and one that all who took part will not forget. Well done to everyone involved and thank you so much to the staff that organised rehearsal and participation in the concert; Mrs O'Hara, Miss Klever, Mrs Dilley, Miss Brown, Miss Garside and Mrs Wood. We also took part in the local schools **story-telling festival** walking away with two, well-earned first prizes. Congratulations to **Josh (year 4)** who re-told 'Chocolate Cake' and **Ava, Zara and Aiza (year 2)** who recounted a splendid version of 'SuperTato' **And there is also sport!** Special congratulations to our football and netball teams who have won most of their recent matches. The boys football team won this week and the girls just missed out losing 4-3, whilst the netball team won by an almost embarrassing margin of 23-0. But I must also mention **our maths successes!** Eight of our year 6 children who qualified for the next round of the tough Primary Maths Challenge completed their tests this week and we are hoping that some might even go on to win a medal or qualify for the national finals – good luck! And don't forget, **on Monday we have our school's Maths Morning**. There will be lots of special maths activities to help all our children get even more excited about number and patterns.

Updates, Notices and ...

Nursery applications—Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016—parents must submit an application to join Nursery by **Friday 8th March**.

Year 6 Academic Review days—thank you for attending the recent meetings with your child and their teacher. We hope you found the meeting helpful and informative. There are lots of resources on the year 6 section of the website to help you understand the curriculum and what you can do to help your child.
<http://chasebridgeprimary.fluencycms.co.uk/Year-6>



Have you seen the Big Bad Wolf? - Year One have been busy designing and constructing wolf proof houses. Their houses were extremely sturdy - when tested, they did not blow down! The children have written their own story endings - we are amazed with their creativity. We've also been busy learning about place value in two digit numbers - tens and ones. We've used a variety of resources to show our knowledge, such as cubes, counters, and place-value cards.

Vehicle gate—we are aware that there is an increasing problem with pedestrians walking through the vehicle gate, particularly when the gate is attempting to close. Whilst the gate has a sensor mechanism relating to vehicles it will not necessarily work for people walking through.

News in Brief

February half-term at Orleans House Gallery—Get creative this half-term with a selection of exciting artistic workshops at Orleans House. Become inspired by the Gallery, its surroundings and the Richmond Borough Art Collection, and experiment with print, collage, plaster and more while working with experienced artists! Workshop ages vary from 4-12 years. All abilities welcome. For more information, please visit <https://www.orleanshousegallery.org/>

SMSA Vacancy at St Stephen's Primary School—St Stephen's is currently recruiting for a Lunchtime Play Worker. This post is for 7.5 hours per week, term time from 12.00pm - 1.30pm. The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 19th February**. Full details are available on the E-Teach Website Reference **1023596**.

Train to Teach with Richmond Teaching School Alliance (RTSA)

Would you like to train to teach with Richmond Teaching Schools Alliance (RTSA)? RTSA is a group of local secondary schools led by Waldegrave School. The Alliance offers an outstanding place to work and learn and provides a supportive and tailored learning opportunity in partnership with our partner universities, Roehampton, St Mary's and King's College London.

We are currently recruiting for the following School Direct (unsalaried) courses for 2019/20 in our local Richmond schools:

English, Computing, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography,
History, Religious Education, Design & Technology, Art & Design,
Modern Languages (French, Spanish, German), Drama and Physical Education

Successful completion of the course leads to qualified teacher status (QTS) and a postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE) with Masters credits. For further details of courses and how to apply please visit UCAS teacher training course search* and enter 'RTSA' in the 'school, university or other training provider' box.

Further information can also be found on the School Direct page of our website (www.waldegrave.richmond.sch.uk) or by emailing rtsa@waldegrave.org.uk.

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Governing Body News

All members of the **senior leadership team** recently met with the governing body. Jointly, they gave a lucid presentation on how the school is moving forward with priorities in the school development plan. They spoke about how the **deployment of staff** had helped to reduce incidents in the playground and was better organised to supporting the needs of pupils with additional needs. They went on to describe how the school is further developing its own **system for tracking pupils' progress** that will enable staff to tailor the curriculum more closely to the needs of individual children.

Governors also learnt how well the proposed **Ofsted inspection framework** fits in with the Chase Bridge philosophy of children achieving well across the breadth of the curriculum. One governor commented that he now has a clearer idea of the school's role in relation to the whole child.

Iyas AlQasem, who has served the governing body well during his time as a governor, completes his four year term later this month. There will be an election for a parent governor in place of Iyas after half term. The governing body is hoping that the new appointee will take on the role of Link Governor for English. The governing body has also received the resignation of **Tom Flynn**, who has taken the difficult decision to resign due to other commitments. We wish him well.

Minutes of meetings can be viewed on the school website once a draft has been agreed by the headteacher and chair of governors.

The children's School Council—news!

The School Council members (**Danyial, Anna, Patrick, Lauren, Jake, Kaysan, Nico, Carolyn, Tariq, Zacharia, Brooke and Amelia**) have been busy this term. Having taken a survey of their classes to find out what we would like to improve in school, they met with Mr Murray and Mr Parkes to discuss school toilets, water fountains and keeping the playground tidy. New ideas for promoting litter picking and maintaining our inside areas will be put in place after half term. The next focus is on our charity project. Classes are thinking hard about which charity to support and what fundraising ideas will work best. An announcement will be coming soon!

Zones of Regulation Workshop for Parents

Looking for some guidance on how to help your child manage their angry outbursts or anxiety attacks? Our Educational Psychologists, Dr Sam Caswell and Dr Sophie Casson, are running a parent workshop on **Thursday 28th February 7-8pm** in the Chase Hall on Zones of Regulation. This is a behaviour approach that we are rolling out in school and which is equally useful in the home. Through using different colours to represent different emotions, the children can learn to recognise, identify and manage their feelings. The Friends of Chase Bridge will be running a childcare facility if you need to bring your children – spaces available on a first come-first served basis so book early! Look out for more information on ParentMail or pick up a leaflet at the office.



Times, dates and places

Monday 11th February

Little Chasers

Maths morning

Year 3/4 Basketball tournament

Nursery Family Reading 11.15 & 2.45pm

Year 5/6 Netball match vs Bishop

Perrin

Tuesday 12th February

5B to the Mosque

Year 5/6 Boys football match at St Mary's

Year 5/6 Basketball tournament

NO SWIMMING

Wednesday 13th February

5W to Mosque

3.15pm Book Look for Year 5 & Fir class

Thursday 14th February

5D to Mosque

3.15pm Book for Rec—Year 6

Swimming Gala

2.30pm Year 2 Family Reading

Y5/6 football match against Nelson

18th—22nd February HALF TERM

Monday 25th February

Little Chasers

Tuesday 26th February

Year 5 Maths workshops

4D swimming

Wednesday 27th February

Y5/6 High 5 Netball tournament at Old Deer Park

2.40pm Reception Family Reading

Monday 4th March

Reception Heights & Weights

2.30pm Year 1 Family Reading

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