

Bridge School Malvern

Newsletter - Autumn 1 - 2022



This is the first of our newsletters for 2022/23. It was so lovely to see all the pupils again in September, and to welcome our newbies. Thank you to our established pupils for making them all so welcome and setting such a good example. We look forward to getting to know each other better as the term progresses.



Work placements and careers

We had a visit from Karl Johnson who talked with our construction pupils about careers in the construction industry. Karl often works with young people, helping them get their first job. We also had a visit from Colin Watkins, Recruitment Manager from Prezzo, about careers in hospitality and has offered work experience placements for our pupils.



Clothing

Whilst we don't have a uniform at the Bridge, we do ask that clothing is appropriate for school, ie flat comfortable footwear and modest clothing that covers the body. Bridge hoodies are a good way to keep warm over the coming months. Heating is on in the building, but there are lots of sessions outdoors. Bridge hoodies are £10 (for the first two, £20 for extra ones). Contact Sally on reception to order.

New pupils

A very warm welcome to our newbies. It has been great getting to know each other this half term. In particular, it has been great to see them get to grips with the Bridge rules. We only have three of them...

Respect yourself, respect other people and respect property. When we follow those three rules we create a happy and safe environment for everyone. And as we all know, happy and safe environments are good for learning in.



Birthdays

We have a long standing tradition of celebrating pupil and staff birthdays. We have had 10 birthdays this half term and so lots and lots of cake.

Sports Day

We had a lot of competitive fun during our Sports Day at the end of the summer term. There were lots of events which including group and individual skipping, standing long jump, sprint, basketball throwing and, being countryside after all, welly wanging! As you can see, a brilliant day was had by all.



Score a buzzer beater!

This term PE sessions have had a basketball focus and we have been lucky enough to work with the Worcester Wolves Basketball Development Officer to deliver high quality basketball coaching to the pupils. We have been working on our ball control and shooting as well as our tactical and positional play.



New additions

Animal care have been busy acquiring a few new animals. We have a new pedigree British saddleback sow and boar called Lullaby and Sam who will hopefully give us a litter of piglets. In addition, we have two new guinea pigs called Florence and Mable, who are young and very quick and a royal ball python who was very kindly donated to the school.



Veg bonanza

We have had another bumper crop of interesting veg this year including 'turks turban' squashes grown by our pupils. Other crops include sweetcorn, pumpkins, luffas, gourds, courgettes to name a few. Also we have had a bulb planting week and are looking forward to a host of golden daffodils in the spring.



What's a pumpkin's favourite sport?
Squash!



Virtual author

Pupils enjoyed a virtual 'meet the author' session where they listened to stories and poems read by the writers themselves. Another way to enjoy the written word.

School absence

As always, we can't stress the importance of good attendance, but if your child is not well enough to come in, please call the school office and let Sally know before registration at 9.00am, and call each day they are absent. If your child is worried about school, please let us know so that we can work with you to help make school a really safe experience for them.

A warm welcome to...

Margaret, who joined the Functional Skills team this half term. Margaret's long and varied teaching experience will be invaluable and we welcome her to the Bridge family.



Afternoon, officer!

PCSO Becky Bullock drops in for lunch on Wednesdays for a catch up. It's a great opportunity for pupils to engage with Becky and ask any questions they might have about what she does in the community.



Important dates for your diary:

Saturday Cookery Club	26th November
Bonfire and hotdogs	8 December
Hills walk	15 December
Christmas dinner and last day of term	16 December
Teacher training days (school closed to pupils)	3 & 4 January
Pupils back to school	5 January

