



# **Bridgelea Newsletter**

Summer 2025

# Message from Kelly

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic year we've had at Bridgelea Primary School! As we wrap up another brilliant term, I wanted to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening.

We've welcomed some lovely new children to our school family this year, and it's been amazing to see how quickly they've settled in. Our team has been working hard to make sure every child feels at home here, especially our youngest ones who've made such a smooth start to their school journey.

It's been quite emotional saying goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 children – they've grown so much during their time with us and we're incredibly proud of everything they've achieved. We know they'll do brilliantly at secondary school!

The children have had some wonderful experiences this term with various trips and celebrations – it's been lovely seeing their excitement and enthusiasm for learning beyond the classroom.

I'm absolutely thrilled to tell you that our children have done amazingly well in their SATs this year! Their results really show what fantastic learners they are and how hard everyone has been working. The end-of-year reports also highlight the brilliant progress each child has made – it's been wonderful to see them all flourish.

One of my favourite developments this year has been our new Bridgelea football team, which the children themselves asked for. It's been great watching them develop their teamwork and leadership skills while having lots of fun together.

We're also celebrating some fantastic recognition this year – we've achieved our Silver Healthy School status and our Silver Skills Builder award. These really reflect how we're helping our children develop important life skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Looking ahead to September, our staff will be back for training on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd September, with the children returning on Thursday 4th September.

We'll be sad to say goodbye to Class Teacher Hayley Mobsby and Teaching Assistants Oliver Dancza and Imogen David, but we're excited to welcome our new teachers Nikki Ojo and Simon Trinh to the team.

If you need anything over the summer holidays, our office will be open from time to time, and our Designated Safeguarding Lead Lisa Shaw is available on 07712330424 if you need any support.




I hope you have a wonderful, relaxing summer break and that it is full of fun and making memories. Thank you for your continuing support and for being an important partner in your child's education.

Best wishes,

Kelly Eyre  
Head Teacher

# School Calendar Dates 2025-2026

## Academic calendar 2025/26 UK

**Blue**      **Inset Days**        
**Red**      **Bank Holidays**        
**Yellow**      **School Holidays**      

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## Bank holidays 2025/26 UK

25 December '25	Christmas Day	1 January '26	New Year's Day	6 April '26	Easter Monday	25 May '26	Spring Bank Holiday
26 December '25	Boxing Day	3 April '26	Good Friday	4 May '26	Early May Bank Holiday	31 August '26	August Bank Holiday



# Withington

As we reach the end of the year, we would like to share some of our highlights from this past term. We have been working tremendously hard to use teamwork and leadership skills throughout our Skills Builder project and within our day to day work. On Monday we invited parents in to our 'Café'. They got to sample the delights that the children had made from sandwiches and wraps to iced cakes. The children were keen to share their food with their parents but this came at a 'cost'! Parents had to pay 'Bridgelea Dollars', some were even lucky enough to get change!

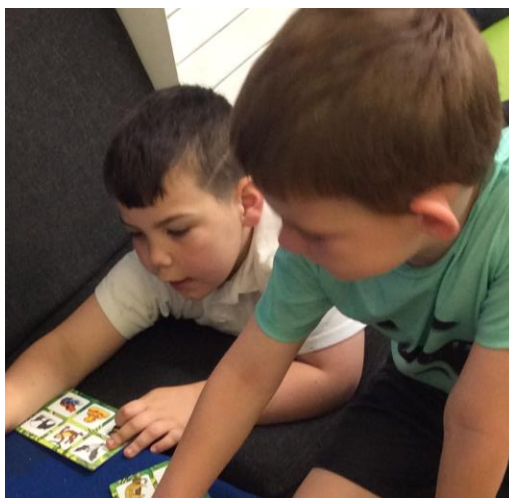
Whilst the weather has been considerably warmer, Birch class have spent lots of time outside. The children have been learning new skills such as skipping, juggling and bouncing a ball. They have also undertaken lots of bug hunts and we regularly hear squeals of delight when another worm or caterpillar are found. It has been great to see the children working collaboratively in sharing resources, giving advice and tips and in seeing them caring for these creatures before returning them to their natural habitats.

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about meerkats, their habitats, personality traits and diet (scorpions!). The children worked together to come up with great research questions and produced some great writing based on this. They then used their knowledge of meerkats when answering questions and making predictions for our class text of Meerkat Mail.

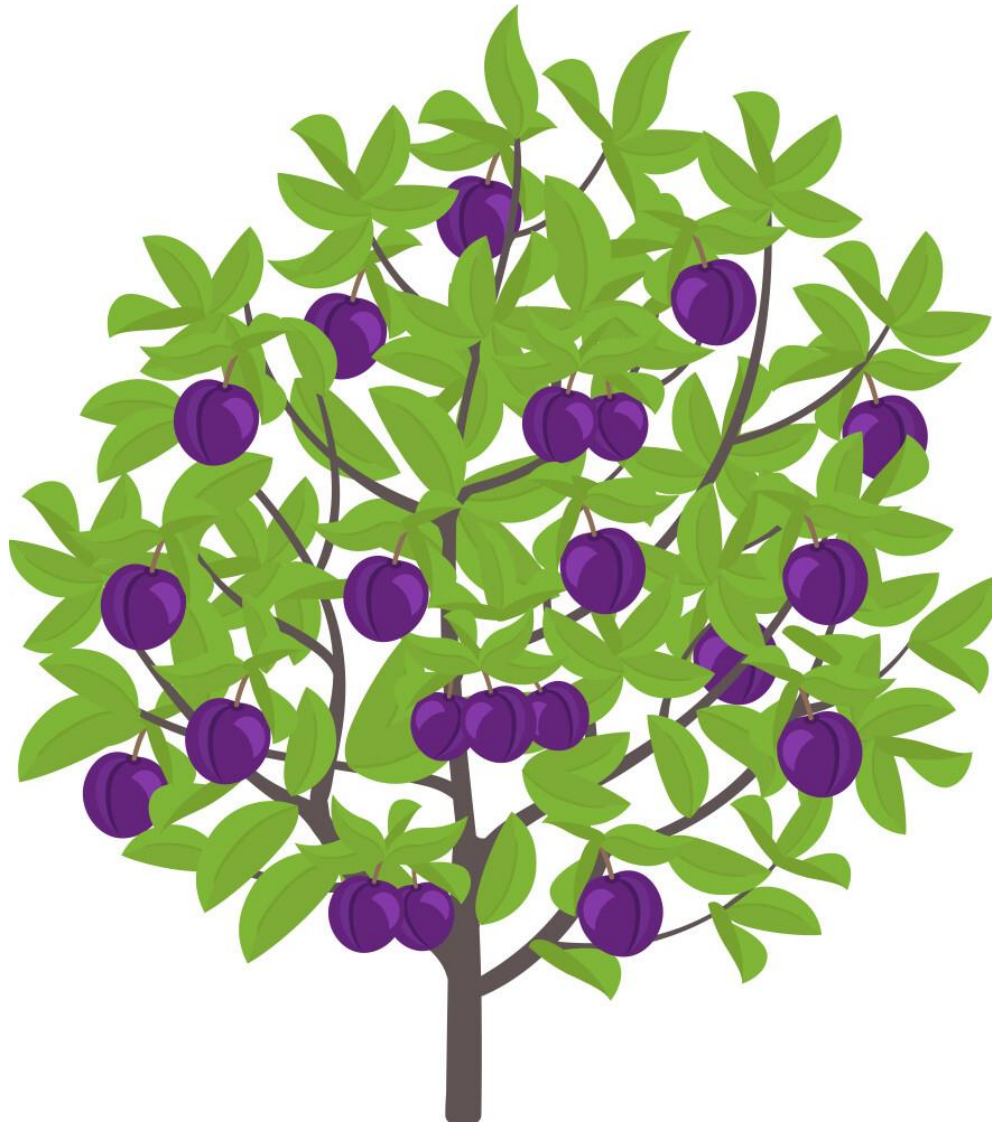
Thank you all for all of your support these last few months. It has been our privilege to work with you and your child. We wish you a lovely summer and all the best for the next academic year.

Claire and the Team



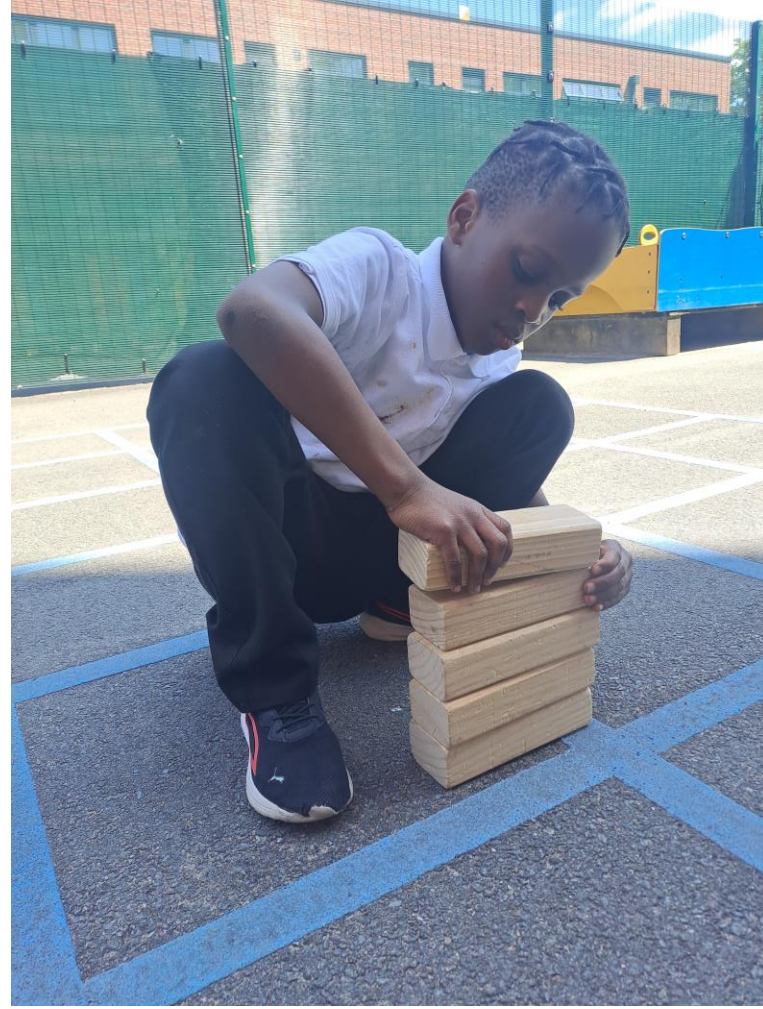






# Damson Class

- Damson have been busy inside and out. As the weather has got better the children have been learning outside. They have loved building and using the grid outside to chalk during maths. We are so proud of the children.



# Fir Class



As we come to the end of the school year, the class team want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible journey that Fir class have taken. It's been a year filled with growth — academic, emotional, and social — and we're so proud of each and every child for how far they've come. We have been on a few trips to the park this term, and we had a water fight with water balloons! It was a good job the weather was nice, as we dried off before we got back to school. We have also had lots of fun splashing about in the swimming pool during our weekly swimming lessons!



# Lime Class

This term in Lime, we have been learning all about astronauts through the story *The Man on the Moon* in English. In Geography, we explored rivers and enjoyed getting creative with crafts to make our own river models. In Science, we discovered how things work by investigating electricity and circuits. In Art, we explored modelling clay to create some fantastic sculptures. In PSHE, we've been preparing ourselves for change and transition as we look ahead to the next stage in our journey.





# Maple Class

💖 Books, Beasts, and Beating Hearts! 💖

This half term has been full of excitement and discovery! We explored the amazing human heart, learning how it keeps us alive and pumping. In English, we dived into the weird and wonderful world of *Krindlekrax* by Philip Ridley — with crocodiles in the sewers and unforgettable characters, it kept us on the edge of our seats! Over in maths, we've tackled shapes, fractions, multiplication and division like true problem-solvers. In geography, we explored an exciting enquiry about graffiti in our local area — asking big questions and thinking like true geographers! In PSHE, we've been learning all about transitions, sharing our feelings, and getting ready for the move to our new classes. The children have shown great maturity and curiosity throughout!

We've also explored sculptures in art, getting creative and inspired by different materials and forms. We're especially proud of the incredible progress all the children have made in their reading — their hard work is really paying off. Well done, everyone!

A brilliant half term of curiosity, creativity, and heart-thumping learning!









# Oak Class

Oak had a fantastic time during their latest Forest School session, where they got to enjoy a mix of outdoor adventure and campfire fun. The session took place in our Forest School area, where children took part in a range of exciting activities. One of the highlights was trying their hand at archery, learning how to safely use a bow and arrow to aim at targets. After all that action, it was time to gather around the campfire for a classic treat – toasting marshmallows. The children listened carefully to fire safety instructions before roasting their marshmallows to golden perfection and enjoying a warm, gooey snack. The session was a wonderful opportunity for the children to build confidence, develop new skills, and connect with nature – all while having fun with their friends.

Two enthusiastic pupils took part in an exciting **Mini Triathlon** event, designed especially for primary school children. The event included a short **run**, a **bike ride**, and a **fun water activity** – giving everyone the chance to challenge themselves while having lots of fun! Well done Harley and Georgie!

Pupils from Oak had the exciting opportunity to take part in a canoeing session at Debdale. For many children, it was their first time on the water – and they absolutely loved it! After a safety briefing and getting kitted out with life jackets and paddles, the children climbed into their canoes in groups and set off on the water. They learned how to steer, paddle in rhythm, and work as a team to navigate the course. There were lots of laughs, a few wobbles, and some impressive paddling skills on display! As well as having fun, the children showed great resilience, confidence, and teamwork – all key learning goals for the day.

Pine and Oak enjoyed an action-packed trip to **Flip Out**, and it was a day full of energy, fun, and fantastic memories! As soon as the children arrived, they were eager to get bouncing. After a short safety briefing, they explored the huge trampoline areas, foam pits, climbing walls, obstacle courses, and more. Laughter echoed through the building as everyone jumped, flipped, raced, and challenged themselves in new and exciting ways. A brilliant way to end a fantastic year!







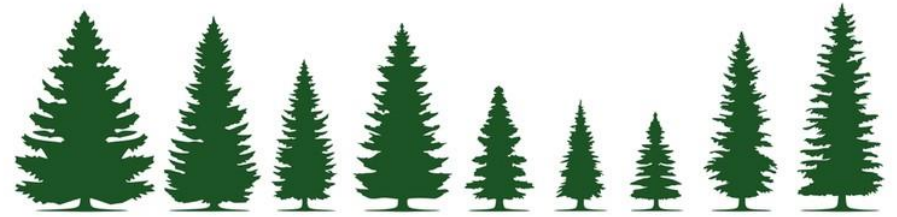
# Pine Class

This term in Pine Class, we have been learning about the artist Alexander Calder, who is famous for creating wire mobile sculptures of faces. The children explored how he used wire to create expressive, three-dimensional drawings in the air. They showed great resilience while bending and shaping the wire, which required patience and problem-solving. Using techniques such as twisting, looping, and attaching wire carefully, they created their own face sculptures inspired by Calder's unique style.

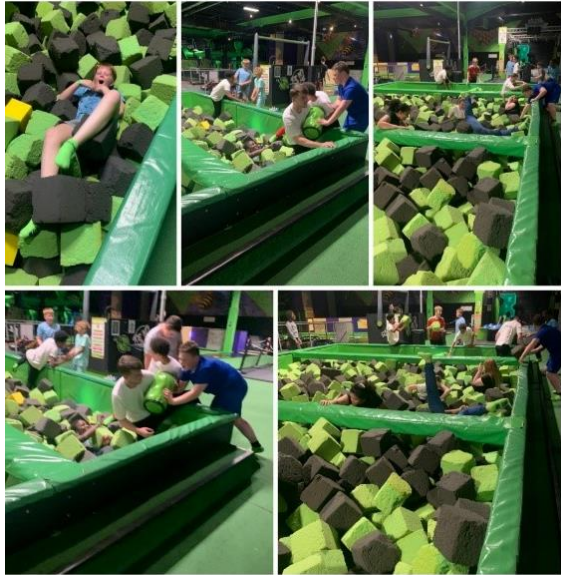
This term in Pine Class, the children visited Debdale Water Park, where they had the exciting opportunity to try kayaking. They learned how to use paddles correctly to steer and move through the water, developing their coordination and balance. The children worked together brilliantly, supporting and encouraging one another throughout the session. It was a fantastic experience that helped build their confidence, teamwork, and resilience. They thoroughly enjoyed being out on the water, and many said it was one of the best parts of the term.

This term in Music, we have used the glockenspiel and learned a range of new skills. The children developed their ability to read and follow simple musical notation, create their own short note patterns, and play them confidently. They also practised listening carefully to each other, so the whole class could follow and repeat the notes in time. Through this, they built their coordination, rhythm, and memory skills. The children have made fantastic progress and have achieved the ability to compose and perform short sequences as a group.

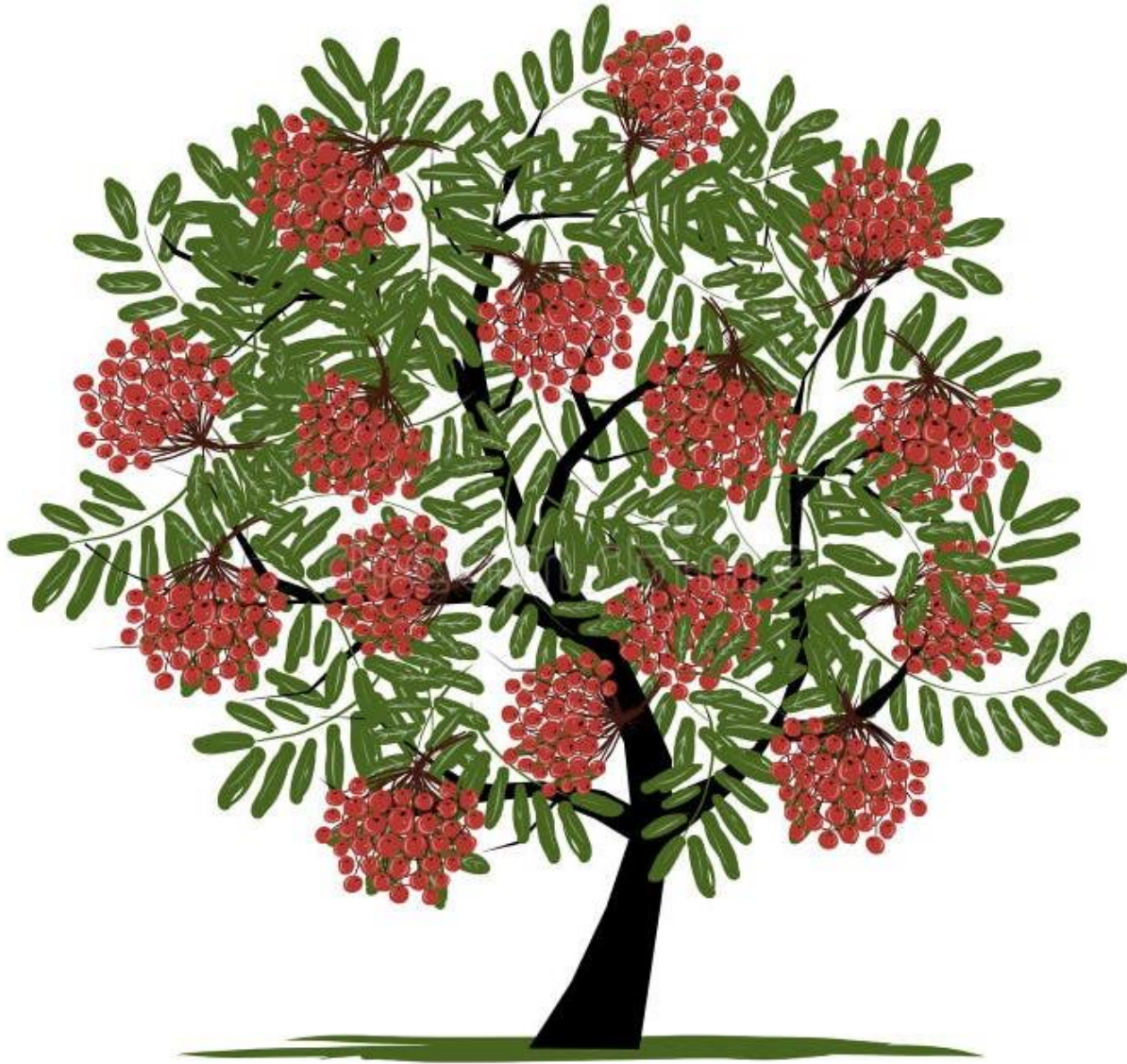
For the Year 6 end-of-year trip, we organised a fun visit to Flip Out. The children had a fantastic time and truly enjoyed themselves, letting off steam and celebrating their hard work throughout the year. While the focus was on having fun, they also learned the importance of physical activity, teamwork, and supporting one another. They showed great energy, enthusiasm, and care for their friends, making it a memorable and well-deserved experience for everyone.











# Rowan Class

Rowan have been doing amazing English creating procedure texts and SLAM poems. We use graphic templates like mind maps, roles on the wall and co-constructed planning. This term we have written a recipe, how-to guide and instructions. The children have also written some incredibly heartfelt poetry, taking inspiration from other authors.

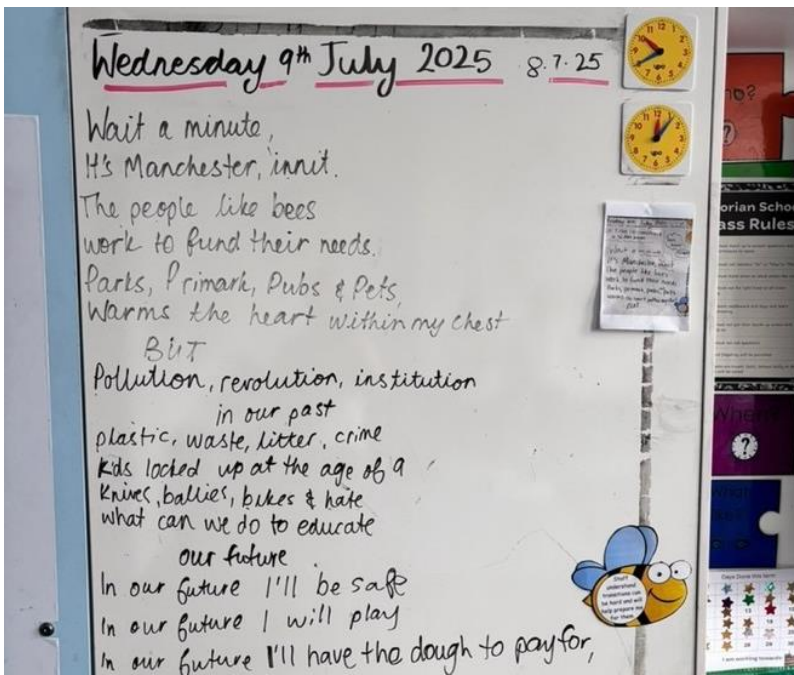
In Science we have been investigating the human body, looking at the cardiovascular, skeletal and circulatory systems. The children also asked to explore brain function and we have investigated the relationship between our brains and us.

We have loved the having Jenny the music teacher this half term and we have made our own music using percussion instruments.

Rowan class have enjoyed forest school, cooking a range of delicious food and discussing fire safety. We also had a fantastic trip to Debdale this half term for PE as a class and the students were all absolutely amazing and showed great teamwork and communication to manoeuvre the paddle board.

Rowan class staff are incredibly proud of you all!







# Willow Class



Willow class have had lots of adventures this term. We are sad for our Year 6 children to be leaving us but so proud at the progress they have made moving on to the next stage in their school life.



# **Leavers and New Arrivals!**

**We'd like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to our amazing class teacher Hayley Mobsby and teaching assistants Imogen Taylor and Oliver Dancza who are all off to pursue new adventures.**

**A big welcome to our two new class teachers Simon Trinh and Nicky Ojo.**

**And also welcoming new teaching assistants; Beth, Jessica, Siam, Tiffany, Miloslav, Carlos, Viktor, Natalia, Chavelle, Deborah, Farhiya, Zuhur, Demileigh, Daniel and Caitlin.**