



On Friday 13th November KS2 went to the Metro Centre cinema to see 'Believe'. Mrs. Robson bought us all some

popcorn and juice to take with us as a treat. The film was based on a true story about a little boy called Georgie who wanted to be a famous footballer, but he lost his belief in himself. A famous football manager called Sir Matt Busby started coaching Georgie's football team.

In a rollercoaster journey Georgie eventually got his belief back and from a free kick he scored the winning goal in the cup final. We learned if you keep believing in yourself then you can achieve your dreams. By Samya and Dinky.

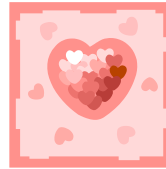
KS1 Cinema visit

On Friday 13th November KS1 went to the cinema to see Cinderella. We went on a coach to the Metro Centre. We walked through the Metro Centre and saw all of the Christmas lights which were lovely. The film was really good and we had juice and popcorn too. By Charlie Seals – Year 2



Poppy appeal Thank you to everyone who bought poppies for Remembrance Day.

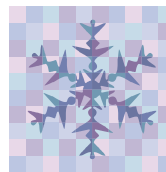
Thank you for your donations for **Children in Need, we raised £546** The children also had a visit from Pudsey Bear which they really enjoyed.



Kindness Week

At the beginning of this half term we had Kindness week and all the children during that week were being especially

Last week Year 2 had a visit from the Road Safety lady. She taught us how to safely cross the road. We learned a song called 'Stop, Look and Listen' and found out about safe places to cross the road e.g. at traffic lights. By Ali Year 2 - Seals



Last week all of KS1 and EYs went to a special performance called 'Snowbear'. It was a magical show and we all

enjoyed it very much. We danced and sang in the show and met the Snow Bear. The Snow bear had been captured and we helped him to be set free back into the wild. All of our teachers got a black nose to turn them into Snowbears! By Charlee and Ali Year 2 - Seals



Play in a day

We had whole day learning about how to stay safe whilst using the internet. We had to think about how we could show a computer, mobile phone and a games console using our bodies. All of the children had to learn one line each, some children had to learn more! The Dolphins class and some of our parents came to watch our play. We had lots of fun. By James and Nella



Castle Keep Visit!

Year 5 went to the castle Keep because they have been learning

about it in Topic. They are going to do some sketching and painting using the photos they have for the Reggio art project. Our favourite room was the big hall and we also liked the portcullis and the obstacles on the way in to the castle. We enjoyed going up on to the roof because you can get a good view. Macaully got dressed up as a knight and Hazel and Rasan were his squires.

By Hazel and Macaully

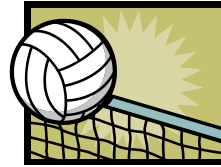


Athletics

On Thursday 24th November 2015 year 5 and 6 pupils went to the athletics competition at the sports centre. We arrived there at 1 o'clock and left at 4:30. There were 24 schools from around Newcastle. There were lots of activities like chest push, speed bounce and there was lots of races and loads more activities. There were 4 girls and 4 boys from year 5 and 6 so that means there were 16 children. When we arrived there we got stickers to tell us what numbers we were, and when there was a competition they would write down what place we came. The athletics was so fun but you get nervous. We all enjoyed it and would be happy to do it all over again! *By Jessica and Rachel.*

Training Days

School is closed on Monday 25th January for a training day.



Top of the league!

Our football team is top of the WEST league. Well done to the whole team, they show great sportsmanship and win! They are so far undefeated.

Nursery parents must have applied for their Reception place by mid-January. Please call in at the school office if you need help with your application.

Minichief We were visited by some people from Excelsior and we made omelettes. It was called Mini Chef and you had to be a quick as you could. I liked when we had to watch the other teams and got to see how fast they could make



them. Some people tasted their omelettes. The winning team got to go to Excelsior for the final and they were called "The Fantastic Three".

Unfortunately they didn't win but they had a great time. Megan said "It was lots of fun!" *By Ella*



Year 5 visit the Coca Cola Truck

On Thursday 26th November the Giraffes were invited to visit the Coca Cola truck at Asda. We were treated like

V.I.Ps and got to go to the front of the queue to get a photo taken by a photographer. After that we got to walk all the way around the truck and have a look at it and got our photos taken next to the big Santa on the back. Our favourite bit

was when we got some FREE Coca Cola! We could choose which kind- red, green, black or silver. Then we lined up and Miss McIver got us some chocolate coins. We had a wonderful time.

By Katie, Rose and James

Occupational Therapist

We have an Occupational Therapist working with us one day per week this year to support some of our children. She joins our Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist and Counsellor who support our staff team to meet the needs of our children.



West End Schools' Trust

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We are part the West End

Schools' Trust (WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn and St Paul's Primaries. We will work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children.



Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and if they are poorly you **must** telephone the office on the first

day of absence on **2745290** thank you.



Peer massage

Peer massage is part of our wellbeing provision for the children and we have a fabulous sensory room for

children to go to chill out and de-stress.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help around school we really do appreciate your time.



Can all Y1 parents please stand behind the white

line at hometime and not crowd around the door so staff can clearly see children are handed over safely. Could parents also not congregate around gates and entrances to avoid congestion at these busy times, also could parents please park considerately and safely outside the school grounds. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

Updated policies

This term we have updated a number of policies please ask for a copy from the office or view them on our website.



After school club

In our after school childcare the children have the opportunity to do fun activities, have a snack and there is time to get their homework done too. We are offering free taster sessions and there will be themed nights for children to come to. Children will also be taken on trips out. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please see Gillian Gibson our Extended Services Manager.



We have a suggestion box for parents in the main reception area. Please put your comments in the box and Mrs Robson will be in touch.

Well done to Y5 & 6 who have won the school a new stage. A big thank you to Miss Turnbull for organising it.

School Nurse Drop in



The school nurse has a fortnightly drop in session at school every other Wednesday 2.45 to 3.15pm. See Donna Blacklock

if you would like an appointment. She gives advice about **headlice** and is happy to do this at anytime. If we see a child has headlice we will speak to the child's parent immediately to ask them to treat the child. The rest of the class will receive a letter so parents are aware that there is a problem and check their child's hair. **We can treat children's hair if parents give consent but it is parents' responsibility to ensure their child's hair is treated.**

Medical needs



If your child has a medical need or condition can you let the school office know so it can be recorded on our system, that way all staff who need to know will. A care plan may need to be made with the school nurse and staff may need specialised training. We also need to know any changes that may occur immediately.



All **money** paid into school should either be paid directly to the school office or through the class teacher in a labelled envelope. This prevents any loss or confusion over money paid.



Remember here at Bridgewater we offer outstanding provision from birth. If you would like to

find out more please ask Gillian Gibson or ask at the office, we also have space in some older classes so please come and have a look

If you know of any appropriate local business who would like to advertise in our half termly newsletter, for a donation, please contact the school office on

2745290



Remember to make sure we have up to date contact numbers for you in case we have to get in touch in an emergency. We also sent text messages to keep parents informed so it is vital our contact details are up to date.



Dates for your diary.

Diary Dates	
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 4 th January	Children return to school
Monday 25 th January	School closed – training day