



# BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER



October 2015

## School council election

Last week our new school council were elected. All the children in Y1 to Y6 voted in our polling station for their class candidates following weeks of campaigning by the children. The school council's first job will be to help make our school more environmental friendly as we go for the silver eco award.



**On Thursday 28th September the Tigers class went on a visit to the local area.** We learnt about the different areas around the school and

what is man made and what is natural. It was a lovely sunny day and we had lots of fun.

James and Nella Tigers Y3/4

## Our Roving Reporter

Thank you to our new Roving Reporters who have helped

## Bye to Mrs Waugh

Mrs Waugh will be leaving us at the end of this half term. We would like to wish her well and thank her for all her hard work. Mrs Pickering will be returning after half term.



**Poppy appeal** We are selling poppies in school. If you would like your child to buy one please send them to school with a small donation.



## Smart Y6 visit Nissan, Safety Works and the People's Theatre

Our Y6 children have had a really busy half term. They have visited Nissan and learnt all about how cars are made. The staff were so impressed with them they have been invited back later in the year. They have also visited Safety Works and a poetry session at the People's Theatre to help with their English work. Y6 are also wearing their new Y6 uniform which was introduced this year. All the children were provided with this and the idea to do it came from the children. Y6 children are role models to the rest of the school and their smart new uniform really makes them stand out to the other children.



## Chinese visit

Last week we hosted a visit from a delegation of teachers and children from Wuhan in China. Last year Mrs Robson and Mrs Stoker visited schools in Wuhan China with other teachers from Newcastle. Last week it was the Chinese turn to visit us. The three day visit involved visiting schools in Newcastle, a sightseeing tour of the North East and then a farewell



celebration assembly here at Bridgewater. Our children loved having them here and asked them lots of questions in assembly. Two Y6 children, Jessica and Richard accompanied them throughout their stay and made great friends

with the Chinese children.

### **Y3/4 visit the Discovery Museum**

As part of their topic work our Y3/4 children are visiting the Discovery Museum this week to find out about the great fire of Newcastle.



### **Summer Activities**

During the summer holidays we had activities going on every day for the children. The children who came along thoroughly enjoyed the activities. A big thank you to all the staff who organised the activities, Greggs and the Scotswood Café for providing food. Unfortunately due to painting work which is happening in the half term holiday we won't be able to have activities on but will be during holidays later in the year.

### **Training Days**

**We have two more training days this term one on Friday 23rd October and the other on Monday November 2nd. Children will break up for half term at 3.10pm on Thursday 22nd October and return on Tuesday 3rd November.**



### **Harvest Festival**

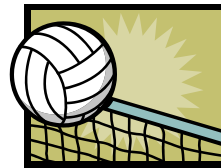
Our Harvest festival service this year will be on Wednesday 21st October at 10am at St Margarets church for KS2 parents. We would welcome donations of tinned or

packaged food next week as part of our harvest celebrations. All donations will be sent to the People's Kitchen.

### **E safety Play in a days in November**

Next half term all of our Key Stage Two classes will be doing play in a day linked to staying safe using the internet and social media. We would like to invite all parents to see the plays at the end of the days – dates to follow.

### **Football match**



Our football team won their first two matches 5-0 and 2-0 and have more matches this week. Ha'way the lads!!

### **Reception and Nursery places.**

It is that time of year when parents of nursery children need to apply for a Reception class place and Y6 parents need to apply for a Y7 Secondary School place. You should have received your packs telling you what to do but if you need help please get in touch with the school office and we will help you.

**3yrs olds-** Any children who are three this term will be offered 15 hours free childcare in our 0-3 after Christmas. If you know any one who would like a place please contact the school office.

We also offer **free 2yr old places** if you meet certain criteria. Please ask at the office.



### **Clubs**

This half term we have had some new clubs; craft and art clubs, swimming and Science club at the Centre for Life for Y6. If your child would like to go to one of the clubs please ask at the office.

### Occupational Therapist

We have an Occupational Therapist Laura Payne working with us one day per week this week 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.

### PE with Ian and dance with Dolly

This year we continue to have the support of our PE coach Ian and dance teacher Dolly working with the children to develop their PE skills. The children and staff love working with Ian and Dolly and the children's PE skills are developing really well.



West End Schools' Trust

### WEST Schools' Trust

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

The children are really enjoying taking part in peer massage and are finding it really relaxing. This is part of our wellbeing provision for the children and we now 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 and Y2 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 this busy times. 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.*

### 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.**

### First Aid training and TEAMTEACH

In September our staff had their refresher first aid training and on Monday 2nd November staff will have their refresher training about how to de-escalate situations with children and handle them appropriately if they need to be restrained to keep them safe. It is very important that staff receive regular training about how to keep our children safe as well as developing their teaching skills.

### 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	
21/10/15	Harvest service at St Margarets
22/10/15	Break up for half term
3/11/15	Return after half term
18/11/15	Parents afternoon

