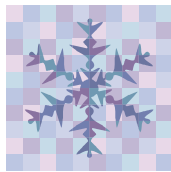




**Poppy appeal** Thank you to everyone who bought poppies for remembrance day.

Thank you for your donations for **Children in Need, we raised £778.35**



Last week all of KS1 and EYs went to a special performance called 'Starlight'. It was a magical show and we all enjoyed it very much.

### Lateness

A number of children are missing a lot of school because they are often late, during January Mrs Robson will be at the main entrance ready to speak to any parents of children who are late to discuss the impact this has on their child's education. The doors are opened at 8.50am and lessons start at 8.55am prompt.

### Basic Skills Quality Mark



We have just been successfully reassessed for the basic skills quality mark, which recognises the good work we do in school in supporting our children in English and Maths. This is the third time that the school has achieved this reward. Thank you to the parents and Governors who spoke so highly about the school to the assessor.



### Pantomime trip and the Lord Mayor.

Some lucky children who had 100% attendance got to visit the Tyneside Theatre to see Beauty & the Beast. They had a great time. Some children in year 4, 5 & 6 also went to name a train at Central Station. The train was called Lord Mayor of Newcastle. The children met and had their photo taken with the current Lord Mayor, Hazel Stephenson. **By Arta Y5**



**Thank you** to all the parents who completed our recent survey, again the response was overwhelmingly positive about the school.

### Band in a box



Y3 and Y4 children have learnt to play the fiddle this term and they performed for their parents this week. They did really well.



### Choir singing and performances – Christmas is here!

We have made Christmas hall decorations which looked really difficult. They looked like sausage rolls, which were made out of green and red card. We stapled the card and it looked like a lolly pop when it was done. We made twelve hall decorations. **By Cain Y5**

### KS1 Nativity



This year Year 1 and Year 2 performed the play **Babushka**. We enjoyed learning all the songs and the actions. We hope you enjoyed watching it. **By Y2**



## **The Secret Life of Pets Film Review**

*In the film Secret life of pets, we had to wear 3D glasses.*

*The film was about a dog called Max who lived in an apartment with a few more pets. At the start, Max lived with his owner called Katie.*

*Max loved his owner because he met Katie when he was just a baby. There was one thing that Max and some other pets in the apartment hated, it was their owners leaving them by themselves. The characters were Gidget, Max, Duke and Snowball.*

*The most adventurous part is when Duke and Max get caught by the pet patrol and then they get rescued by a Rabbit called Snowball and a pig called Tattoo and then the other pets are in their apartments chilling BUT there was one pet that tried to rescue Max and Duke, it was Gidget.*

*My favourite part was when the viper snake jumped and gave me and probably some other people a shock!*

*I would recommend this film because it's not that scary and it's really funny and fun to watch. I like this film because it really was enjoyable. **By Dhulfiqar***

**Year 2** worked with Sally Southern on a very special art project. We have



designed a silk banner to celebrate Bridgewater's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be displayed soon outside the art room for everyone

to see. **By the Seals class**



In **Year 5** we have been reading the BFG and have been trying to make frogscottle. These are the ingredients: lemonade, green food colouring, strawberry flavouring, vanilla, butter. Everybody had a go and it tasted delicious. **By Holly Y5**

**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.**



Over the past few weeks the Reception Brown Bear and Polar Bear classes have visited Hodgkin park, Scotswood

Café, St James Church, Newcastle City Centre and Scotswood Post Office. During these trips the children learnt about their local area, different occupations and seasonal changes.

### **Professionals working with our children.**

We have an Occupational Therapist working with us one day per week a Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist and Counsellor who support our staff team to meet the needs of our children. We also have a student social worker working with us. We are very fortunate to have this expertise for our children.



**WEST Schools' Trust**  
We are part of the West End Schools' Trust

(WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn and St Paul's Primaries. We 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.



This term the **Penguins class** had the opportunity to work with a scientist from the Life Centre, named Noel. With Noel, we worked on our investigation skills in Science. Also, we were visited by James the fireman, who talked to us about fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire. **By the Penguins class.**



Nursery enjoyed a trip to the Metro Centre to look at the Christmas lights and to buy an attendance bear from the Bear Factory. We were so impressed by the children's behaviour that we are already planning our next educational visit.

### 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.



### 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 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 these busy times. Also could parents please park considerately and safely outside the school grounds and in the school car park. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.**

A huge thank you to the Nursery parents who came to our 'Stay and Play'. The children enjoyed showing you their learning environment and playing with you. It was lovely to have informal discussions with you and look at the Learning Journals together. We will be carrying out more stay and plays throughout the academic year and we would urge you to come along!

Thank you to the Early Years children for a fantastic nativity performance. Staff and parents were very proud of you all! A special mention to our Year 3 and Year 4 helpers; we couldn't have done it without you.



### 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.



### Website

Our website address is [www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk](http://www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk). Keep up to date with all the latest news as we also have a facebook and twitter link.



Can I please remind all adults that the school and grounds is a no smoking zone and no one is allowed to smoke in this area. In fact it is illegal and anyone caught can face prosecution. Thank you for your support in this.

**Adults should not use inappropriate language on school grounds. Anyone doing so maybe stopped from coming on site.**

### **School Nurse Drop in**



Our school nurse is to work with parents whose children have medical needs, please see Donna Blacklock our Family Support Worker if you would like an appointment. The nurse also 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.

We are making some changes to our admission form from January. We are asking for the name of your child's dentist and for permission to speak to the GP about attendance at medical appointments. New parents will fill this in on admission but existing families will be asked to give permission on a separate form.



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.**



***Merry Christmas and a happy new year from everyone at Bridgewater!!***



### ***Dates for your diary.***

Diary Dates	
Friday 23rd December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school