



## Showing resilience and climbing high!



This term nine Year 6 children have been taking part in a rock climbing club at Newburn Leisure Centre. We have been learning to climb and trying to improve our skills in resilience and determination which will help with our SATs

and in later life. All of us have improved and some have managed to make it to the top of the wall. Kai was able to get to the top in 1 minute and 14 seconds! Miss Cameron has also enjoyed learning to climb too. It has been great fun and we know the other groups will enjoy it when they have a go after Christmas. *By Emily & Lillymay*



This term we had **Friendship week**. During the week lots of classes thought about what it means to be a

good friend. Year 6 made friendship pebbles. They decorated the pebbles with positive pictures and quotes to brighten up people's day.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated money for Children in Need we collected £415.87. We will be collecting money for Save the Children this Friday by wearing Christmas jumpers.



**Giraffes** have been busy creating an A-Z book of our local history. To do this we have been out and about visiting

places of local interest. We walked along the River Tyne and looked at and taken sketches of the bridges including the Millennium Bridge. We met a local historian called Gwen



who gave us a tour of the city centre and the quayside and met Gillian from Newcastle University. We also made press print art with a proper artist who came into school to work with us and make alphabet letters. *By Emily*

## KS1 cinema visit

On 23rd November Year 1 and Year 2 went to the cinema in the Metro Centre. We watched the film Trolls and everyone enjoyed it. We had popcorn and drinks and had a lovely time. *By Ayden*



## Round The Twist

On the Friday 1st December Year 6 went to Round the Twist. All of Year 6 enjoyed the trip, including the teachers!! Miss Cameron acted as a twelve year old so she could play in the soft play, she enjoyed it just as much as the kids. We had a cup of juice to cool us down because we got too hot from running in the inflatable soft play and sliding down the slippery slides. The part we all enjoyed was the giant speed

slide because whilst going flying down, we got butterflies in our stomachs!!!

*Reported by Lillymay and Paige*



### **Children in need**

On Friday 19th November 2017, year 4 honeybees made biscuits and ice lollies for a donation and the school raised over £150. The school also gave a donation to wearing

non-uniform, or to even dress in their pyjamas! The biscuits and lollies were 30p, and the non-uniform (and pyjamas!) were 50p. It was one fun day, and the honeybees really enjoyed making biscuits!!!

*By Aima*

### **Honeybees Hodgkin Park Trip**

On Thursday 9th November 2017, the Honeybees class went to Hodgkin Park. There



stopped when we reached the play area.

There were lots of interesting things to see there, including a secret garden!!! (two to be exact.) The Park was so large that nearly everyone got tired of walking. That finally



On Thursday 19th October 2017 year 3 and 4 worked with an artist to make lanterns for the fire

**work display at Hodgkin Park.** We made them out of milk bottles with Jasmine, Kie, Rafi and Stephanie. We had a big parade and it was so fun.

### **Safety Works**

At the beginning of the new school year, year 6 went to Safety Works. There were five different safety workshops to show



us how to keep safe. They were: First Aid, Fire safety, Road safety, Metro safety and a Police workshop.

During the fire safety workshop the children learnt about the seriousness of deliberately setting alight to things. Wheelie bins are often set on fire and this can have catastrophic results because wheelie bins are normally kept near the house and the house is at risk of catching fire, putting the owner's life in danger.

The other workshops also gave out a lot of important information on how to keep safe.

*By Lillymay and Paige Yr6*



Year 6 really enjoyed taking part in **Spanish Day!** They had lots of fun trying different Spanish food such as;

chorizo, tortillas, paella and tacos. They also learnt plenty of new phrases in their Spanish lesson with Mrs Bennaceur. They also learned about other Spanish speaking countries and in art they made Mexican mirrors.



### **Year 2 Band in a box**

Year 2 have been learning to play the djembe drums with Franco and Steve. We also sang some songs

to go with our drumming. We performed what we had learned for our parents.

*By Nasim*

### **Holiday fines**

Just a reminder that we need holiday forms completed for any child taking time off during term time. No holidays will be authorised and parents will be fined if their child's absence exceeds 4.5 days (which is 10 sessions or more).

### **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.

### **Specialist Staff**

We have a Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist and Counsellor who support our staff team to meet the needs of our children. Please ask if you would like more information about this.



### **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 and every day they are off on **2745290** thank you.



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.



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



### **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. Could parents please park considerately and safely inside and outside the school grounds. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank 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.



**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.

### School Nurse Drop in



If you would like to see our school nurse please see Donna Blacklock who will book an appointment for you. 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.



**In Harmony in Early Years and Y1.** The 'In Harmony' project is for children in the early part of the school who are working with musicians from the Sage Gateshead and all Y1 children are learning to play an instrument.



**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.**

Our new **Parent Council** will meet every half term, if you would like to get involved please see Donna Blacklock.



Website  
Our website address is

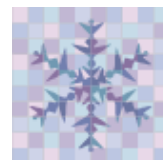
[www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk](http://www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk).

Keep up to date with all the latest news as we also have a facebook and twitter link.

**Friends of Bridgewater** fund raising event, 'The Big Challenge' has raised £4500 so far for our counselling provision in school. A big thank you to everyone who took part.



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



*Dates for your diary.*

Diary Dates		
Friday December	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am carol service at St Margaret's church 3.10 School breaks up for Christmas. 6pm Childcare closes for Christmas
Tuesday January	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0-3 re-opens
Monday January	8 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens
Friday February	9 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term
Monday February	19 <sup>th</sup>	Return after half term Book week