



BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER



February 2015

Building work



Our new extension is due to be completed by the end of term. Our admin team, 0-3 and wrap around provision will be in this new part of the

school. In September we will have our Year One children downstairs too so they are more able to access the outdoor space.

Our Roving Reporter

Our roving reporters who help to write the newsletter.



Road Safety training



Y3 & Y5 have recently had road safety training with Newcastle City Council. They all know how to cross the road safely.

Yesterday Year 5 took part in road safety. We went outside and learned about how to cross roads safely. We went into small groups and practised crossing the roads outside of our school. I really enjoyed all of it. When we got back to school we had a talk and they told us how to ride on a bike safely, they showed us pictures with safe places to be, like an island in the middle of the road and a subway. They said that if you walked over a bridge not to throw things or it could distract a driver and they could lose control of the car. *By Jessica*



Year 6 went roller skating

On Monday 15th December Y6 went roller skating and we went to Kenton Sports Centre and were allowed to take our own roller skates if we wanted but most of the class borrowed them. We got the treat because we won respect week, we went after dinner and got on the minibus and set off for Kenton Sports Centre and we all had mixed feelings. When we got on the buses we had a 15 minute drive there and we sang along to a few songs and then we got there and we signed in and we went down to where they do the roller skating. It was a really hard floor. We started skating and it was really fun for those people who didn't injure themselves! Once we had had our hour we got back on the bus and we went back to school but it was a really good day for year. *By Abbie and Terri*

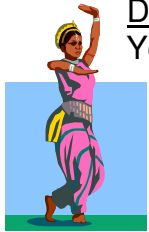


KS2 do band in a box

All our Key Stage Two classes are learning to play instruments with Newcastle's Music Service

this term. There will be a performance at the end so watch this space for more details. Year 5 have been doing another band in a box. They do it on a Tuesday afternoon. A lady comes in and teaches how to dance using special kinds of sticks. She plays the accordion and we have to work together in groups. Last week we had to think of some of our own moves. It was funny.

By Jessica and Kyle



Dance with Dolly

Year 5 have been working with Dolly on a Wednesday to learn a dance. We are hoping to go to the dance festival because we have been trying hard. We really enjoy doing dance with Dolly. I

don't know about the rest of Year five but my favourite kind of dance was the break dance and that kind of dance comes from New York.
By Wesley

Y4 Visit Wall Town



On Tuesday 27th January Year 4 went to Walltown Northumberland National Park. First we met up with Caroline, Ruth and Mandy. We left our lunches on the minibuses.

After that we went to get hats and gloves to keep us warm. Then we walked up a huge mountain it was very muddy and steep. Lots of us slipped!

When we got to the top we looked down to the bottom and saw where we were.

When everyone had seen the bottom we all walked down in groups. Caroline, Ruth and Mandy took us to the Labyrinth, we ran and ran and ran a lot! When we all got out we went to the minibuses to get lunch, we drove

to the village hall and ate our lunch. After that we made willow balls with Ruth and then painted with Mandy and Caroline before we went back to school! *By Shanice Year 4*



Show Racism the Red Card

Y5 and Y6 children were learning about respect and tolerance.

Last week we had some visitors from Show Racism the Red card. A footballer called John played some games. We played head catch. If he said head you had to catch the ball and if he said catch you had to head it. Arzo won against Kyle. Then we played another game and Kyle was in the final again, but Karolina won. We also learned what racism is all about. In the games we talked about football and found out that sometimes people are racist when someone scores a goal. It was interesting. *By Kyle*

The Rise

Last week Bridgewater school were able to go to the Rise at the bottom of Delaval Road. When we got there we met a woman called



Claire. Then she took us to one of the houses. In one of the front gardens there was a model of the Tyne Bridge. The model looked just like

the real Tyne Bridge. One of the houses had three sets of stairs.

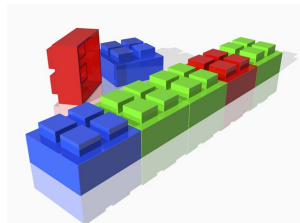
There was one really interesting house that had two balconies and in one of the rooms it was decorated like a jungle! The thing we found most interesting was the bed because the top bunk was landscaped and the bed underneath was coming out. Group 2 liked the house so much that one of the children said they were going to beg their mother to buy the house!

A big thank you to Mrs. Robson, Mrs. Stoker and Claire because we really enjoyed it.

By Kai and Lillymay Y3 Tigers

In January Year 5 went to visit the Rise. We talked to a lady called Claire and she showed us around the different houses which have been built. It was good looking at the different rooms. Some of the houses even had secret cupboards! We liked the house with the balcony best of all. It has a view where you could see for miles. Some of us were a bit scared because it was quite high though. We enjoyed finding out about how long it is going to take to build all of the houses and how much they cost to buy. *By Jessica & Wesley*

Clubs



This half term we have some new clubs; handicraft, lego and maths master class for Y6. If your child

would like to go to one of the clubs please ask at the office.



Story sacks

Family Learning are running a story sack session this half term for all Early Years parents.

Y6 & Y2 SATs

Y6 SATs week is the week beginning May 11th. All children must be in school that week. Y2 children will be doing their SATs during the half term after Easter so it is important that they are in every day. We will be running Easter clubs during the Easter holidays for these year groups. More information will follow nearer the time.



Healthy School Award & Eco bronze award

We have achieved the Healthy School Award again and the bronze Eco award. These awards celebrate the hard work that the children do in these areas. A big thank you to Mrs Pickering, Miss Cameron and Mrs Watson for pulling this all together.

Handwashing & the importance of being me.



The school nurse has been doing some sessions with the children. These will continue over the coming months and will include looking after your teeth. Our younger children have already learnt about the importance of keeping their hands clean.



Prizes for good attendance

We have fabulous prizes to give away next week to children with good attendance this half term including a family day pass for the Centre for Life.



WEST Schools' Trust

All seven local primary schools have agreed to go ahead and form the West End Schools' Trust (WEST). So ourselves, Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn and St Paul's primaries will work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children. The official launch date is 1st February 2015.



Maternity leave

Mrs Pickering started her maternity leave last week. We look forward to seeing her and her baby in school soon. Mrs Watson is teaching the Pandas class for the rest of the year.

Full time Nursery places

In September we will be offering full time nursery places again so please let the office or 0-3 staff know if you want your child to have a place.



Book Week & Chinese New Year

Next week is book week in school and we have a storyteller coming into school next Tuesday.

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year, the year of the sheep. Next Friday we will also be trying to raise money with the British heart foundation to buy a defibrillator for school. The DFE are encouraging schools to purchase these life saving devices. We are asking children to donate a £1 and wear red next Friday.



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.



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.



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

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.

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.**



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.

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.

Diary Dates	
Tuesday 10 th February	Book sale in library after school
Friday 13 th February	Give a Heart day – children to wear red and make £1 donation Y2 visit Dobbies Break up for half term
Monday 23 rd February	Return to school
Wednesday 4 th March	Parents afternoon
Wednesday March 11th	Swimming Gala
Friday March 13th	Comic Relief Day
March 26 th & 27th	London Trip
Wednesday 1 st April	Dance Festival
Thursday April 2nd	Children break up for Easter at 12.15
Monday April 20th	Children return to school Building work complete

Have a '**Heart**' this February It's '**Shockingly**' easy!

On Friday 13th February we will be having
a 'Day of Heart'
Raising Funds to place a defibrillator in our
school

(We hope we never need to use it, however better safe than sorry!)

MYTH.... Children don't have Cardiac Arrests....
Cardiac arrests don't just affect adults.
**Around 12 children a week will die from
sudden cardiac arrest!**

Out of hospital Cardiac Arrests affect approximately 30,000 people every year. From those, with good CPR, unfortunately only between 2-8% will survive. However, if we add a defibrillator into that, survival rates can go to as high as 75-80%.

So come on lets have a '**Heart**' this February it really is '**Shockingly**' easy! Just donate £1 next Friday and come to school dressed in red.

