

February 2016



## The visit from the Governors

On the 27th of January we had a visit from the school governors. Miss Stoker went around the school introducing

different classrooms. They came in the music room whilst we had our djembe drumming session with Frank and Steve. They said that we were really good and that Frank and Steve were good at teaching us. They also paid a visit to school council and asked them questions about what they like about our school and what they want to change.

*By Lacie*



## George's Marvellous Medicine Adverts

All last week, year 3/4 dolphins class, put together an advert using the

book George's Marvellous Medicine by Roahl Dahl. It was great fun because we used the iPad to video it and then we used iMovie to put songs in the background and put titles and things in. When they were all done we used the lead to connect to the computer and the iPad to watch what people had put together they were so cool. Some people were laughing whilst performing because they were shy. The people who were videoing did a really good job and so did everybody that was performing. *By Lacie*



All of our children will have the opportunity to have their eye sight tested next half term. If you do not want your child's vision to be tested please let us know by March 7<sup>th</sup>. Good eyesight is essential in the classroom and any difficulties children have in this area need to be spotted early so they do not impact on their learning.



## The day we came to school and all was white....

After register we looked out of the window and

decided to get wrapped up and go and explore! The snow covered everything and all of the trees were white. To go outside we had to wear wellies, gloves, hat, scarf and a coat to keep us warm. Outside the snow was white and freezing. Everyone's toes were cold and shivering but we didn't mind because it was good fun! We stomped down to the orchard with our wellies and made footprints in the snow. When we came in we had hot chocolate. After the hot chocolate we made a bubble map to record our wintery words.

*Thuwaibah & Riley Year 2*



## Hoops 4 Health



Years 5 were lucky to work with the Newcastle Eagles to learn how to play basketball.

Two coaches called Graeme and Gavin came in and taught us how to play this exciting game. We had PE for 5 hours! The week after ten children went to the competition and played where the Eagles play. There were schools from all over Newcastle. We were even on Look North news and our photographs were in the Chronicle! It was great fun even though we didn't win.

## Year 5 Fire Safety Talk



Last week a man from the fire service came to visit year 5. First of all we watched a video and we saw how

the house caught fire and everything in the sitting room was burnt. After that we talked to the fireman and he told us some important lessons about fires. He said that if there was a fire you would need to shout "FIRE!" as loudly as possible and then you need to close the door and get out of the house. Call 999. We learned that you should never play with fire and matches.

*By Ella and KatieRose*



## Top of the league!

Our football team took part in a premier league tournament last week organised by Newcastle United. The team played really well but were unfortunately knocked out but they did win one match 8-0. Well done boys!!

## 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.



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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 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 considerably 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 Y3/4 Elephants who won the respect week prize of a trip to soft play.***

### **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.**

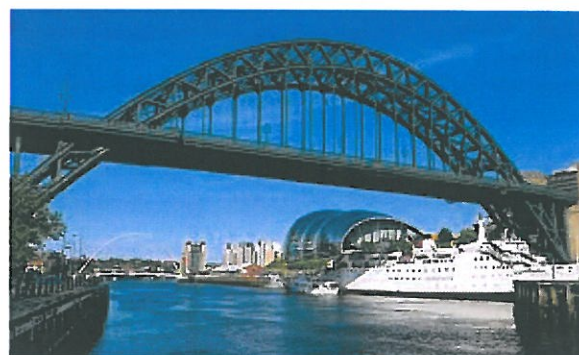
Y2 and Y6 children are preparing for their SATs after Easter. Thank you to all the Y2 parents who came to the meeting recently about them. Y6 parents are invited to a meeting this Thursday at 2pm. We are having additional maths clubs and Easter school to ensure the children are well prepared for the tests.

This week KS2 children will find out if they have been chosen



to go to London in March. If your child is chosen

letters will be sent home containing all the information and you will be invited to a meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2.50pm to find out more.



All the children across the school are working on different parts of Newcastle and working with artists. The reception children have made a brilliant model of the Tyne Bridge. We will be putting on an exhibition in the Summer to show all of the children's work.





Y2 children have been going to the Science

after school club at the Centre for Life this half term. Next half term year 4 children will have the opportunity.



### 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	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 SATs meeting for parents at 2pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	3.10pm Children break up for half term.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Children return to school
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	London meeting for parents at 2.50pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Wb 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Eye tests start
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> ^ Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> March	London trip
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Author visit Y6
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4E dance festival
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	am Y3/4 Elephants class assembly Parents afternoon - pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	pm Y3/4 Dolphins class assembly
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	10am KS1 Easter service at St Margarets & decorate an egg comp.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	3.10 Break up for Easter. Return Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April