

Hoops 4 Health



During January Year 5 learned how to play basketball with two coaches from Newcastle Eagles. On

the first day we learned about the rules, learned how to dribble the ball and work together as a team. Our favourite game was the clapping game. The coach dropped the ball and you had to clap your hands before he caught it. If he pretended to drop it and you clapped then you were out! On the second day we learned how to shoot and played lots of games. Eight lucky children were chosen to go to a competition and play against other schools. We met some of the players and were even on TV.

King Arthur



In year 6 we have been reading Arthur, High King of Britain and watching

episodes of Merlin. We have all enjoyed learning about it, "I have really enjoyed learning about this" – Megan Potter. We have created our own mythical creatures just like the dragon in the episodes, we created things like: Centaurs, unicorns, trolls and many more! We drew them and wrote about them. We also created enchanted objects to put in our own Arthurian Tales. We made our own characters like the characters from Merlin, Some of them were called Sir Winston and Sir Lionheart. We have all written a story and they're all amazing.

"Come on Merlin!" Arthur said, annoyed as Merlin tripped over another tree root, sending all of the hunting gear travelling across the muddy floor.

-Beginning of Shanice Duddin's, Arthurian Tale.

When he got there, he sat slumped on a rain coloured rock. The clouds, gloomy and ghostly grey, moved quickly with the wind. Thunder crashed and lightning struck.

Extract from Abby's Arthurian Tale.

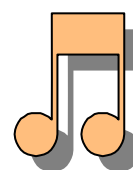
By Shanice & Abby

Lateness



A number of children are missing a lot of school because they are often late, Mrs Robson or a senior member of staff 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.

Band in a box



Y4 children have been doing 'Bamboo Tamboo' this term and they will performed for their parents on Wednesday 15th February at 2.40pm.



1 mile run

Year 5 and 6 have been doing a mile run every week. We used to do it everyday but now we only do it a few times a week. It is a fun way to exercise because it is with all your friends and most of the teachers join in and encourage us to run, power walk or jog. Not long ago we got our special medals from cancer research. Ella Mcpherson said "I love doing the run it is a great way to stay fit and healthy!" by Codie

Pirate Maths Challenge



On Tuesday 7th February all of the children had a surprise visit from a pirate called Captain Morgan. We talked to Captain Morgan and asked him lots of

questions. We then had to take part in some maths challenges. We had to do problem solving and find the objects around the room. Then you got a coloured diamond- Year 5 got orange and Year 6 got purple. We had to answer the maths questions and solve lots of puzzles. At the end we played a statue



game and we had to work as a team to create objects with our bodies.

By Year 5
Giraffes



Who am I? Project



Year 5 have been working with 9 people from Newcastle University. They have been going every two

Fridays and have had fun. The first week they came to school and then on the 27th January they went to the Quayside and discovered new things. They walked across the Millennium bridge and took a tour around the Quayside. They went inside the Sage and saw a man playing the piano. After that, they went to a place which was called the Royal Navy and ate there. They met up with Year 5's from Wingrove. They are going to do some art work about identity and visit the university.

Year 2 – Roving Reporters



Last week, Mr. Thompson came to visit our classes. Mr Thompson has an

extremely interesting job as a farmer. He told us all about how he raises the cows on his farm from calves to fully-grown cows. We found out that many of our foods that we eat come from British farms, such as wheat to make bread. We discovered that the farmer wears different clothes in each season of the year. Some of us even got to try out some of his hats!

Seals and Penguins

Year 5 Sports Leaders



15 children in Year 5 have trained to become Sports Leaders. Each day five of the Sports

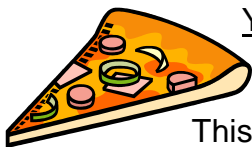
Leaders go into the gym to run activities with the younger children. They have to decide the activity or game and then explain the rules and organise the children into teams. So far they have



done basketball, dodgeball, hoopsie and an obstacle course. It is popular and Year 5 are

enjoying the challenge of organising this.

By Lacie Moran and Thomas Slattery



Year 5 win the attendance race!

This term Giraffes (the best class in the world!) won the attendance race. We were very excited but we did expect to win as nearly everyone is in class every day. Next week, we are going to a fancy restaurant for a pizza party. We are really looking forward to it!

By Year 5



Year 6 Resilience club

On Wednesday 25th January, a few of Year 6 started a Resilience club. The club is to help children provide for their S.A.T.S.

This club is run by Barnardo's. On the first week, they made a cubed box and on that box, it had all the things that make them happy and things that they like to do. Carol and Paula, who run this club, helped them believe in themselves and not be worried for the future things in life.

This club is every Wednesday for 4 weeks. On the second week they designed badges and on that it showed something that makes them really happy...

The children are looking forward for doing more activities and hopefully by time S.A.T.S come around; they will have faith in themselves and think positive for what they can achieve.

SATs week for Y6 is week beginning 8th May 2017 and no one in Y6 is allowed to be absent as the tests have to be done at set times.

By Maddie and Millie

Our trip to Benwell library



On Monday 6th February both year 4 classes walked to Benwell library. We

had so much fun reading all sorts of books, there were picture books which were very funny and non-fiction books were told us lots of facts.



One of the year 4s found a baby book in the teenagers section so we put it back in the correct place. There

were so many books to choose from, there was also a train that carried a lot of books and there was also a circle of chairs to sit in and read your book. We were all given a library card so we can visit any time! The people who worked there were really friendly and helpful!

By Maisha Year 4 Dolphins

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.



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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.

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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 considerately and safely outside the school grounds and in the school car

park. Only cars displaying a disabled badge should park in the disabled bays. Enforcement Officers will routinely check that people are parked correctly and parents who aren't will face being fined. 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.



Website

Our website address is 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.

Dates for your diary.

Diary Dates	
Friday 17 th March	3.10pm Break up for half term
Monday 27 th February	Children return to school Book week
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – children come to school dressed up. 2.30pm Reception coffee afternoon
Tuesday 7 th March	Reception Farm visit
Wednesday 8 th March	Y1 Farm visit
Tuesday 14 th & Wednesday 15 th March	London trip for some KS2 children
Thursday 16 th March	am Y3 Tigers- Dance Festival
Wednesday 22 nd March	Y3 singing at the Tyne Theatre
Wednesday 29 th March	Parents afternoon
Friday 7 th April	3.10pm Break up for Easter