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NISSAN

On the 25th of January year 6 went to Nissan Car Company, home of the Leaf, the environmentally friendly car of the future.

Kai winner of the Monozakuri logo design competition said "I was honoured to colour the eye on the daruma doll!" (In case you were wondering the daruma doll is a doll used in a Japanese welcome ceremony). One eye was coloured by Miss Turnbull at the welcome and the other by Kai at the farewell ceremony.

We went onto one of the factory floors, this is where we met the Nissan Leaf's battery. Further down the production line, year 6 met a really intelligent robot that wrote "hi Lilly," and then drew me. We also learnt how to use an indent hammer and how to take out and put in bolts. We learnt how to work as a team on a production line using lego.

Hopefully this has inspired year 6 to be the future Nissan workers.

By Lillymay



A huge thank you to everyone who donated money for Save the Children, we collected £150. We will be collecting money for our sponsored spell next week for spelling resources.



In **Y5 Science** we have been looking at reversible and irreversible changes like bread to toast and water to ice. Last week we conducted

an experiment to create a fizz inflator. We mixed a solid and a liquid that created a chemical reaction, which is an irreversible change, that

produced a gas. This gas was carbon dioxide and inflated a balloon.

By Emily and Mina



Times Tables

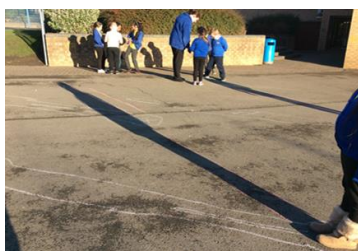
The Honey Bees are trying to know their times tables better by getting quicker. We have been going on websites to help us do this. After a lot of practising, Miss Philipson gave us usernames and passwords to go on a times tables game - times tables rockstars. The Honey Bees played 10 games for an overall score, and then they started challenging each other.



Y3 Science

We had great fun in November when we carried out a science investigation

about shadows. We drew around Jessica, Shane and Alfie's shadows in the yard and measured how long they were. We made a cross on the ground to make sure the children stood in the same place later.



Then after lunch we went back outside and repeated the task. We discovered the shadows had

moved and had got longer.

By Aden and Darian (Elephants class)



Chris Bostock

On Thursday 11th January 2018 a storyteller came in called Chris Bostock. He

told us a fantastic story. There was lots of amazing music going on that made lots of nice sounds. Lexi from the Honey Bees got picked up. Ryan also from the Honey Bees took part in being a pirate. If you got picked up you had to wear a hat and scarf.

Well done to everyone as we have achieved the Extended Services Quality Mark again for the third time. We are the only school in the North of England to achieve this award and it celebrates all the additional things that we do from 7.30am to 6pm every day.

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).



School council have been taking part in a three week course learning about recycling which they are sharing with their class and families.



Y4 have been working with the Time Bandits on a history project and the school nurse has also been in to talk to them about relationships. Y5 have also had a visit from the nurse to discuss

hygiene.



We have some really exciting things happening before the end of this half term. The Royal Northern Sinfonia are coming to play for Y1 and their parents on Friday. The choir is performing at the Citizenship Ceremony next Wednesday afternoon at the Civic Centre and Y6 have the Centre for Life coming to school to work with them next Friday as well as some of them going to work with an author at Broadwood on Tuesday.

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.



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.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help around school we really do appreciate your time.

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.

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

Dates for your diary.

Diary Dates		
Friday	9 th	Sponsored spell
February		3.10pm Break up for half term
Tuesday	13th	1-3pm sports games session with Hat trick please complete a return slip if you want your child to attend. This will come out next week.
February		
Monday	19 th	Children return to school
February		Book week
Thursday	22 nd	Y4 Bikeability fix it
February		
Monday	26 th	Y5 to Beamish
February		2.50pm parent meeting for children going to London
Thursday	1 st	World Book Day
March		
Tuesday	6 th	Y1 Farm trip
March		
Wednesday	7 th	Reception Farm trip
March		
Tuesday	13 th	2.40pm Y3 class assembly
March		
Thursday	15 th & Friday 16 th	Trip to London
March		Bikeability for Y4
Thursday	15 th	2.140pm Reception class assembly
March		
Wednesday	21 st	2.40pm Y4 class assembly
March		
Thursday	22 nd	Y1 and parents to The Sage Gateshead – In Harmony event
March		
Monday	26 th	Choir performing at the City Hall – Concordia Festival
March		
Tuesday	27 th	Y3 Tigers at the Dance Festival
March		2.40 Y5 class assembly
Wednesday	28 th	Decorate an Easter Egg Competition
March		
Thursday	29 th	10am KS1 Easter service at St Margaret's Church
March		3.10pm Break up for Easter
Monday	16 th	Return to school for summer term
April		

Easter school for Y2 & Y6 and Y1 In Harmony children – more details to follow