



# BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER

July 2014

We are almost at the end of yet another very busy and successful year at Bridgewater. We are very proud of what the children have achieved, again our SATs results are brilliant for our Y2 and Y6 children which shows the outstanding progress they have made. Next week we will celebrate achievement and attendance in our annual assembly, everyone is welcome. This half term has been filled with trips, events, competitions as well as lots of hard work. We hope you enjoy reading about them.



## LONDON

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to London at 7am. We came to school and got the minibuses to the train station. We were on the train for 3 hours to London Kings Cross. Then we got 2 tubes to our hostel to drop our suitcases off. Next we went to the Houses of Parliament. We went inside and got split into groups. We went into the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We then had a quiz about all the



### Building work

Building work will continue during the summer holidays and as a result school will be closing for the summer break on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July and will re-open for children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, this means the children will have seven and a half weeks holiday.



### Summer trips

As we can only offer a very limited service during the summer holidays, unfortunately this year we won't be able to have any fun days or activities for the children. We are offering some trips for children who attend clubs and the children have all received their letters. There are still spaces so if you would like your child to attend please ask at the office.



things we remembered. Mrs Robson got all the questions right then after that we had a special guest called Chi Onwurah our MP. Finally we got a badge each and the teachers got us a drink at Tesco's and we went back to the hostel to get changed for the Rainforest Restaurant. That's where we had our tea! It looked like real animals were there, after that we went to see Charlie and the Chocolate

Factory the musical – it was brilliant! Afterwards we got the tube back to the hostel then we got our pj's on then went to bed .

### Day 2

In the morning the next day Mrs Robson woke us up at 7am and some of us went in the shower, then we got our clothes on. We went down stairs to have our breakfast and had some cereal and some had hot chocolates . After that we went to the clink prison, we saw lots of dead bodies from thousand of years back(they weren't real!). Then we had our lunch in Covent Garden and then we walked down to Buckingham Palace and we went to Downing Street. We then went to get our stuff, went to McDonalds and got the train home. We had a great time.  
By Erin & Millie-Jo

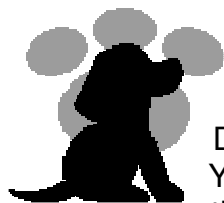


### **Attendance and Punctuality**

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. Children with good attendance this half term had the chance to go to the pantomime.

### **CHILE DAY**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June it was Chile day and we had a rodeo bull, it was really good. Every school got a country from the world cup, we got Chile. We learnt lots about Chile and have a big display in the hall. We had Chile food at lunchtime and Year 5 made kites from Chile. By Erin



### Alison dogs trust

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June a woman called Alison, from the Dogs Trust came in and told Year 6 about dogs. Some of the things they learnt were:-

- That no dog is more likely to bite than another.
- Some dogs look scary but they will only bite if they're provoked
- How to be a responsible dog owner. Feed your dog at least twice a day and make sure it has a warm place to sleep.

Alison also told the children, how to be safe around dogs. If a dog is angry do not

approach it. When a dog is playing with something, do not try to take it because it could get angry and attack. Year 6 learnt a lot from Alison and the facts they learnt may some day save their lives. By Tobias

### **Trust status**

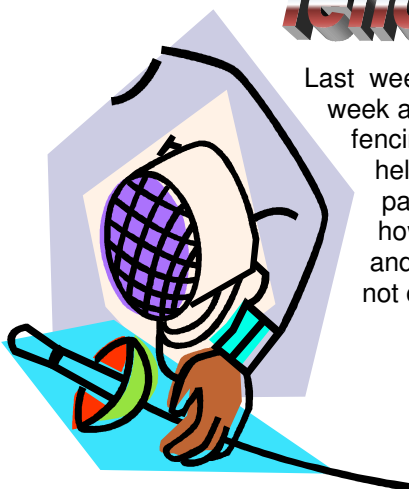
Following the informal consultation stage Governors have decided to move to the formal statutory consultation stage in September. Comments received were positive and questions were raised that were able to be answered reassuringly. Remember we are proposing to do this as it would allow us to access additional funding and resources and work with other partners which would benefit our children.



### **Hawthorn School Orchestra**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, the Hawthorn Orchestra came and played for us. There were trumpets, trombones, French horns, flutes, clarinets and violins. They played really good songs. We had to do actions .The Orchestra was really big. They had cases to carry their instruments. We were very impressed! By Megan

### **fencing**



Last week it was Health & Fitness week and each class did some fencing . We wore a special helmet and jacket. We had a partner each and we learnt how to fence. It was great fun and something lots of us had not done before. By Megan



## Y6 visit Lightwater Valley

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Year 6 went to Lightwater Valley funfair in Yorkshire and they

enjoyed it. Most people in Bridgewater primary school go to Lightwater Valley when they are in Year 6, as a reward for working hard towards their SATs. They were brave and they went on most of the rides and the fastest, even the scariest ride the Ultimate. Two of the children went on the Ultimate 11 times! Lightwater Valley is only one of the many exciting trips that Bridgewater pupils go on. By Phoebe

## The debating competition

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Bridgewater school went to a debating competition and Year 5 won against another school, unfortunately year 6 lost but they enjoyed taking part. The schools went to the Civic Centre in the council chambers and held the debates, as if it were a real one. Year 6 and Year 5 of Bridgewater were taken there and back by the school mini buses. The children that went said it was a good experience. By Phoebe



## Roots of Empathy

In Year 4 we have been taking part in Roots of Empathy. We have a baby coming

to our class called baby Jay. We had a celebration day on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July because it was his birthday and it was the last day we were going to see him. The first time we saw him he was still crawling and one day we all got a shock because he was walking, he was knocking on the door, that was funny.

We learnt about his 3 routines and one of them was sleeping routine. Every time he came we put toys out for him and one time

we hid them under the green blanket and he lifted the blanket up looking for them. We learnt a lot about empathy from baby Jay. By Rachel



Y3 went to **Saltwell Park** and we went on the rocket slide, swings, climbing frame, fireman's pole and many more rides. We also went to see the animals. While we were there we filled our water bottles, climbed the trees, had our lunch and went to the maze. Everyone found their way out. We went back to school after we had our ice cream. by Katie Rose

## Sandcastle competition 2014



Year 6 went to South Shields beach to participate in a nationwide competition on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Their challenge was to design a sandcastle. The design they chose was a huge

Oona the elephant with Will on her back and a tsunami next to them. These characters are all from their much favoured book 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo.

After they had finished the sandcastle the staff hosting the competition performed a Punch and Judy show. Once the results were out we could not contain ourselves, we had won. Everyone in the class enjoyed the experience. The actor from the TV program Benidorm, Tim Healey, gave everyone their medals and a cheque for £200. As a reward the children got a Mcflurry each to celebrate.

This is the second time Bridgewater has won this competition. By Phoebe



## Year 6 Stay Away 2014

Year 6 travelled all the way to the borders of Scotland to have a stay away with their friends and teachers. There, they participated in a variety of sporty activities such as team games,



archery and blind trail. While enjoying the comforts of the manor they stayed at Lockerbie manor. They all brought their own items to make them feel at home. Abseiling was the scariest activity, zip wire the fastest and the climbing wall the trickiest, there is something for all the family. Year 6 hope to go again.  
By Phoebe

***on the fence at home time except when it is raining. Only Y1 and 2 parents should come through the new gate this is to try and stop some of the congestion at this time. Thank you.***



In Year 4 we have been taking part in Seed For Life in the Women's and Girls Centre. Seeds For Life is a bit like Change for

life. In Seeds For Life we take part in exercise, gardening and cooking. On our first day we made pizzas, gardened some plants, also fruit and vegetables and played games to make us fit. Everyone enjoyed every lesson because it was fun and we made food to eat! On our last session ( which was Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 )we had a celebration day. We got to do some more cooking where we made fruit kebabs, ate the vegetables and did more exercise. At the end of the session we got some goodie bags for taking part in Seeds For Life. By Richard

On 23<sup>rd</sup> of June Bridgewater school had sports day KS1 did fun activities' at Hodgkin Park like egg and spoon races and KS2 did spectacular throws in the top part of the park as well as doing the short run and the long run. Most of the children were tired out as they went back to school. Early Years had their sports day and a toddle a few days later. By Callum

**SPORTS day**



***Can all KS1 & 2 parents remember to wait at the class signs***



**A big thank you to our new roving reporters who helped put this newsletter together.**

### **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.

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

### **The Big Sing**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the choir went to the Sage. We sang 16 songs. A lot of peoples' favourite song was War. We had song booklets because we didn't have a lot of time to learn them. We sat on comfortable and expensive seats. Everyone did actions to the songs. On one song we had to do Russian dancing and sing Russian too! After we had sang all of the songs we went to watch for the minibuses so that we could get back to school. By Megan

**The Rise**

On June the 4<sup>th</sup> we went to the Rise launch event. We went on the stage to sing Joyful Joyful . We also sang our Rise version of the Happy song .After that we got a goody bag and a cupcake and we went back to school.



Yr5 and the rest of KS1&2 went to Wickham Thorns in the mini

buses, it took us 20 minutes. There were 4 groups. The first thing to do was to find the shapes and numbers, we had 30 minutes. When it was time up the man had to count them, we got 11 so did the other group. After we finished then we had to go to the next thing which was the blind fold activity. It was scary. When we finished we had lunch to eat the next activity was snow tubing, we sat in a doughnut, we had to climb and jump it was great fun. By Ramzi



### Primary Engineering Competition

Y1 and Y3 have been involved in the primary engineering competition this year. They made moveable cars and two were selected to go to the final at Walker Technology College. One of our teams won and is now through to the regional final. We wish Ella and Megan the best of luck.



### After school club

Our after school childcare is proving very popular with our older children. 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 now 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.*

### School Nurse Drop in



The school nurse has a fortnightly drop in session at school every

other Wednesday 2.45 to 3.15pm. If you have any concerns please drop in for a chat. 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 SIMs 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



Can **parents** visiting the site during the day **please remember to close the gates behind them.** There are notices up but some

people still forget to do it. It is important to keep all of our children safe. Thank you



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 excellent 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.**

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9am Attendance & achievement assembly.
Evening	Y4 & Choir performing at the Sage
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Leavers assembly Last day of term for children. Break up at 3.10pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school. Start of new academic year.

**Thank you for your continued support this year. We wish you all a happy and enjoyable summer from everyone at Bridgewater.**

