

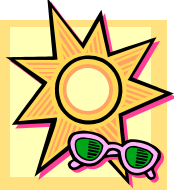


BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER



July 2016

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 this year. Next week we will celebrate achievement and attendance in our annual assembly. This half term has been filled with trips, events, competitions as well as lots of hard work. We hope you enjoy reading about them.



Acomb Visit

On the 30th June School council and eight people came to visit Acomb First School. First when we got there we went into the year 4 class room. Then every child from the class came and showed us around the school. They said it wouldn't take long as their school is very small.

We sat around the fire before doing anything so we knew the rules. After that, we went in to do forest school and did a lot of activities, which were making friendship bracelets from the magic fairy tree and the tree had lots of different colours a few of them were pink, purple, dragon's breath (dark green) and more. It was fun because we got to work with one person from Acomb school and we did it because we wanted to know them better.

We also did whittling with a stick and vegetable peelers. It was hard at the beginning but then it got smoother and smoother and it was easy.

Some girls made dreamcatchers and also got sticks and wrapped them around with colourful

ribbon to take home. We even made crowns to feel like real jungle explorers.

Some children went to make dens you could make any kind of den you would like, there were already built dens when we got there. There were round ones to and the children said they made them.

We made bread by whittling the sticks like before but we had to get thinner sticks to wrap the bread around. After we wrapped the bread around the stick we put them on the fire cook so they can be ready to eat by the time we were ready to go back to school. We tasted the bread and it tasted AMAZING! But unfortunately we had to go home.

It was fun going to Acomb and we loved every second.

By Fatuma and Ella



Trust Cook Book

Pupils from schools across our Trust have designed recipes for parents and children to make together. Please see the Cook Book on our website and have fun cooking together!



Health and Fitness Week

The week beginning 4th July 2016 was our annual Health and Fitness Week. This included Sports Days, the Big Toddle, bootcamp, multi-skills and

workshops on healthy eating from the school health service. We had a fantastic week, which will be topped off by our 1 mile run. The winners of this run will get to go to London to run on the hallowed Olympic track where they can pretend to be the next Jessica Ennis or Mo Farah!



Competition Winners!

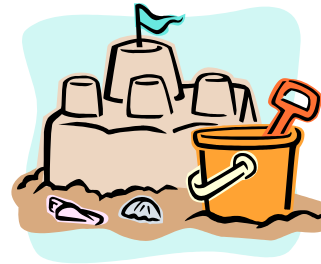
Our very own Molly and Connor from Year 6 won the healthy teeth competition for their poster designs. They thought really hard about how to encourage children to brush their teeth and made colourful, eye-catching posters which impressed the judges. Both children won cinema tickets and got a certificate. Well done Molly and Connor!



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.

Sandcastle competition 2016



Year 6 went to South Shields beach to participate in a nationwide competition on Friday the 1st of July. Their challenge was to design a sandcastle. There were two groups. One group designed and made a mermaid out of sand. The other group made a representation of the Friends of Bridgewater Big Walk, in which staff, governors and friends walked 15 miles from school to Tynemouth to raise money for our counselling services.

To our delight, the Big Walk team won! We were given medals and £200 for the school. We were awarded our prize by the Moffat family from Gogglebox. It was a fabulous day!

Year 6 Stay Away 2016

Year 6 travelled all the way to Lockerbie to have a stay away with their friends and teachers. There, they participated in a variety of sporting activities such as rifle shooting, abseiling, zipwire and low ropes. Abseiling was the scariest activity, zip wire the fastest and the climbing wall the trickiest. The children were rewarded with a disco too- everyone had a good laugh at the teachers doing their moves on the dance floor. A great time was had by all.



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

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



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



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.

During Science Week, Year 5 did a very interesting topic. They were investigating how tension affects distance. Everyone got put into

different teams to do this investigation. They found that there was loads of equipment such as: an elastic rubber band, a marshmallow, a tape measure and a ruler. The whole class went outside on a sunny day and attempted to try and do this investigation. Someone out of each team had a job. The jobs were someone would be the launcher, someone will put their fingers down to keep the rubber band the right length, someone will be the measurer and someone will be the result person and write the results down. After we had finished all of the hard work they all had a yummy marshmallow. Everyone loved Science Week!

By Maddie and Millie



Year 2 reporters attended the Early Years Sports Day last Thursday. The weather was sunny and cloudy but there was no rain. The children took part in lots of races. They enjoyed Mrs Lambert's egg and spoon race the best. There were lots of spectators who cheered for the children. It was sad when the little boy fell over but he was so brave and tried again. It was exciting when Suzie won the race.

All the little children did well.

Aisha and Jessica Y2

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

Fashion show

On Wednesday 6th July some year 5 girls went to Excelsior to make an outfit for a fashion show. We made a skirt out of bin bags. Some of us had white bin bags and black ones. We put the skirts on and then the people who were helping us melted the bags together. After that we had a piece of fabric that we drew on and we also stuck sweet wrappers and recycled things on it to make a top. After lunch we went in a big room and we learned a dance for the fashion show. We also learned how to walk on

the catwalk. We are looking forward to performing our fashion show.

By Abby and Codie

An exciting visit to Newbiggin

The Dolphins class had a beautiful sunny day to visit the seaside. We investigated the rock pools and had a chance to see what was on the beach too. This helped us look at animals and plants in another habitat.



Dates for your diary:

Date	
Wednesday 20th July	Achievement Assemblies
<i>Please come to the Hall for the Assemblies. Tea and coffee will be served in the gym after each assembly.</i>	9.05am Key Stage 2 10am Key Stage 1 10.45 Early Years
Friday 22nd July	School Breaks up for summer
	Remember we have events running all summer- see the programme sent home.
Wednesday 7th September	Children return to school.

We would like to thank you for all your support this year and wish you all a lovely, happy and safe summer holiday.