

BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER



July 2017

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year and what a busy year it has been! Once again our children have performed really well in statutory tests and all of our children have made excellent progress. We wish our Y6 children well in their transition to secondary school, we are so proud of them and I'm sure they will continue to do well during the rest of their school life. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Jones our Y6 teacher who is moving to a school nearer to where she lives. We will miss her and we thank her for her outstanding work. We are welcoming two new teachers to Y5 in September Mrs Moy and Mrs Oyston. Also in September we will be raising money for cancer research and genetic disorders at our welcome back coffee meetings, some of the funds raised will be sent to the Bradley Lowery foundation as we have had a number of requests to contribute in some way.

Finally can I thank all parents for your continued support and can I remind you that we have an extensive summer programme for the children so please sign up at the office for activities if you haven't already done so. Have a wonderful summer and we will welcome all of the children back on Wednesday 6th September.

Bootcamp

On Tuesday the 27th June we did boot camp with Dean. We had to do lots of exercise like...sit ups, skipping, sprinting and bench hopping. We built up a sweat and worked very hard! We were made to work outside of our comfort zone and a lot of us liked it! But the next day a lot of the Dolphins class had sore muscles! We really liked boot camp and a huge thank you to Dean!



Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens

On Friday 23rd June 2017 the Elephants visited Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens. We saw lots of different animals and birds. We got to stroke a guinea pig and a rabbit. They both had red eyes. One group even got to feed the wallabies. At lunchtime the peacocks thought that they would try and eat



hat they would try and eat our food. Mrs Gray and some of the children were terrified. The male peacocks had beautiful green, blue and turquoise feathers. We went for a walk in the woods and the Keeper told us all about the different plants. We built a bug house using sticks and logs. We also

found a mushroom but we didn't touch it because it could be poisonous. We all had lots of fun.



KS2 go to Beamish wild KS2 went to Beamish Wild on

Thursday 28th June. When KS2 arrived from a long journey on the coaches they got split up into 11 groups. They went to main room where they put their lunch bags then they went to the toilet. Then they got their jobs like tree climbing, archery and then as one of the final activities they saw Birds of Prey. They then had lunch and got back on the coach back to Bridgewater Primary.

By Jack & Ben

Beamish wild

First we went on the coach and it took half an hour to get there. It was really wet but that wasn't going to stop us! First we climbed a tree and Jack got to the top! After, we sat on a log but it was shaped like a chair and



Miss Smith took a photo. Then we went to see the owl, there were two types of owls, one was called Rambo and the other Willow who was a Tony Owl and Rambo was a nocturnal. After that we did archery with bow and arrows, it was really fun! By Emily and Dylan

Swimming club

Year 4, 5 and 6 go to swimming club on Wednesday. When we get there the girls go in to one room together and the boys go in together. We go in to the shower before we go in to the pool. Then we get in to the pool we play with our friends and we play with all of the toys and floaters. We have half an hour and then we get out of the pool and go and get changed we have to get on the mini bus to go back to school and our parents are there to pick us up.

By Summer and Samantha

<u>Mile Run</u>

On Monday we did the mile run. We ran down the little hill and around the M. U. G. A and in the M.U.G.A .some children ran more than 10 times like Rose [11 times] and Tereza [12 times] .2 children ran 18 times most of the children ran out of breath, some children had to walk, some children were running.

Roots of Empathy – Y3 Elephants and Tigers

On Monday 10th July 2017 four children from Year 3 went to Trinity Academy for a special celebration. All the schools in Newcastle and Gateshead that take part in Roots of Empathy were there. Roots of Empathy are about caring for babies and for each other. All the babies were there too. We took baby Ella and baby Yasin with us in our mini bus. We sang some songs, listened to the grown-ups talking about how good Roots of Empathy is and listened to the children speaking about their wishes for their baby. Then we had some lunch and a yummy cupcake with a baby face. We really enjoyed it and so did the babies, but they were ready for a long sleep after the party.

By Faheel Naveed and Zi Xuan Wang



Spanish

In Spanish we have been learning how to say your family members, different colours and guestions like how are you and what's your name and when is your birthday.

I am really enjoying Spanish because it is very fun and I have especially enjoyed pronouncing the words and doing working sheets which had questions on that you had to answer.

We know how to say what's your name? in Spanish, Como te llamas, we also know how to say my name is.

Sports dav

On the morning of sports day we got split in to 4 teams, each team got given a different coloured sticker and then we went to the gym to compete in our sports day. It was in the gym instead of Hodgkin Park because it was raining.

At sports day we did a short running race. Then we were walking on stilt's and we also ran with a bean bag on our heads! It was really fun. We also did some skipping and running through fake ladders. In our class the blue team gained the most points. By Tony and Martin



Tin Whistle

We learn to play the tin whistle. It is an instrument you can blow and play music. We learnt to play hot cross buns. I like the music and blowing instrument. Mr Brown helps us to play songs and how to play tin whistle, we learnt Mary had a little lamb and good better best. We do it every Friday. By Kira

Y4 Honeybees Sports day

Y4 Honeybees went to the Gym to do their Sports day. They went to the Gym because it was a rainy day outside and it was not safe for them to go on wet grass because it was slippery and it would be very dangers so they went to the Gym and did lots of fun activities and races. There were 4 teams that are colours green, blue, yellow and red team, blue won. The red team came 2nd yellow came 3rd and green came 4th. But it was still fun for every one!

By Bailey & Oliver



Reece engineering

This term, I was lucky because I got to go on a special trip to Reece Engineering because I got 100% attendance! It was fun, the people that came with me where Miss Phillipson, Jikar, Summer and me, Mina. Before we all got there, we went to pick the other school up from Broadwood. Finally we got there, we all saw a huge machine, it was called the 'Mind Wolf'. We made a tower with paper, paper clips, blue tac and scissors, we built the biggest! Then we had to think of a machine that could help you and I thought of a robot that can do anything and then we went back to school. I had so much fun, it really made me want to become an engineer and invent my own inventions! by Mina

Y2 trip to the farm

As a treat for all of our hard work, Year 2 went to Broxfield Farm in Alnwick. We met Mr Thompson who took us on his tractor and we saw his cows and baby calves. We then went exploring in his bean fields and had to walk through a big puddle which was so much fun! After that we fed and stroked a lamb. In the afternoon we went exploring in the forest and made woodland animals using the natural materials around us. We had great fun

hugging trees too! We had a wonderful day out. By Seals class



Year 4's Alnwick Castle and Farm Trip

On 19th June 2017 we went on a school trip to Alnwick Castle and Mr Thompson's Farm. When we went to the farm, we saw cows and a lambs. Mr Thompson, who showed us the farm and owned the farm, gave us a bottle of milk to feed a lamb. It was so cute! There were two lambs, one of the lamb's faces was black and the other one was white. We fed the white lamb then we touched the lamb's fur. It was curly and oily! Then we looked at the beans inside plants which were in a massive field.

After lunch time, we went to Alnwick castle and we were shown how to make soap. It was funny and interesting because they pretended that some of the ingredients were snail slime, leeches and cow wee! We actually believed them for a second. By Vanesa and Jikar.





On Monday the Honeybees went outside to learn about coordinates. We drew a grid with chalk on the ground. We used cubes to find the coordinates.

By Derik





<u>The charity run</u>

On Monday 27th the whole Dolphin's class went outside in the yard to do 10 laps then stretch. If you didn't run you don't need to stretch if you did your legs will be hurting a lot the next day! Tony and Martin also Dhulfiquar did 15 laps,also when they were in the MUGA they did 4 press ups. *By Summer and Charlie*



Year 5's visit to Acomb



On Monday 3rd July Year 5 visited Acomb First School in Northumberland. The children enjoyed seeing what life is like is a small school

and were surprised at how tiny the classrooms, hall and yard were. They had fun taking part in forest school and toasted marshmallows over a fire; built dens; made natural artwork and hunted for minibeasts. They also learnt about different types of trees. They particularly enjoyed working with children from Acomb and making new friends. We hope that we can invite Acomb to visit Bridgewater next year.

Beamish Wild



All of the children in Key Stage 2 got to go on a really exciting trip to Beamish Wild. We split into different

groups and took part in adventurous activities. Some groups did climbing up a tree and crate stacking and some did den building too. We really enjoyed when we got to see the birds of prey and the man told us lots of facts about owls. He had two different types of owl and one of them was called Willow. Some people got to hold an owl and everyone could stroke it. At the end of the day we got to play on the adventure playground and there was a zipwire. We had lots of fun!

Excelsior

Year 5 were invited to visit Excelsior. We went for an afternoon to see what it is like there. The first thing we did was PE. We went outside into a massive MUGA and played some games. One of the games was kicky rounders. After we had done PE we went inside and split into two groups. One group got to do music and learned to play boomwhackers. The other group went downstairs and made wraps in the cookery room. We had lots of fun and it was interesting to see what high school is like.



Health and Fitness Week



The whole school got to take part in health and fitness week. We started the week by running a mile around the

yard. On the Tuesday we had sports day, despite the rain we enjoyed doing lots of team challenges and races and we even had to do a tricky stilt walking race. We also had lots of visitors and got to take part in bootcamp with Dean. We had to do loads of

exercises and moved around the gym doing different stations for 45 seconds. Finally, we got to do Zumba. They lady



told us that it was a special type of dancing which started in Columbia. We really enjoyed health and fitness week and getting to do lots of PE.

By Year 5

Great North Museum

Year 5 went on a trip to the Great North Museum. They met up with the student teachers from Newcastle University and worked with them on a project. At the museum, they looked around and found out about the Romans and Ancient Egyptians. They had to ask different questions about objects and then tried to find out the answers using the information which was on display.



Year 5 Sports Leaders

The Year 5 Sports Leaders enjoyed helping with the Early Years sports day. They ran games and supported the younger children to do a range of fun activities. They were very grown up and responsible. Well done!



Stitch Head

Year 5 have been reading a new class reader called "Stitch Head". The book is about a professor and he creates monsters and creatures in Castle Grotteskew. The first monster he created was called Stitch Head

and there is also one called Creature and he has three arms and only one eye. The author of the book is called Guy Bass and we were lucky enough to meet him. He told us what inspired him to be an author and he read some of his book out to us. He was very funny and we were all laughing when he did silly voices and crawled across the floor pretending to be a baby.





<u>Zumba</u>

On Friday 30th of June we did Zumba as part of our Health and Fitness week. First we got into our P.E kits, and then we lined up to go to the gym and met Shelly our Zumba

teacher. Then we started a warm



up dance called a Zumba ah Zumba eh that was a Columbian song. After that we did game called musical statues and when the stopped we had to do a

music

dance pose. Then we done a dance to can't stop the feeling by Justin Timberlake then we did a cool down dance because we could have blood pressure then we lined up to go back to class we had so much fun. Then we got back in to our normal school clothes. By Maisha and Miya

Diary Dates	
Friday 14 th July	Meet your new teacher
Monday 17 th July	Y5 Trip to Newbiggin
Tuesday 18 th July	3.30-4.30pm Y6 Disco
Wednesday 19 th	am Attendance and Achievement
July	assembly
	9.10am KS2, 10.10am KS,
	10.45am Eary Years
	Parents are welcome.
Thursday 20 th July	Turtles trip to Saltwell Park
	2.20pm Reception Graduation in
	classrooms
Friday 21 st July	9.30am Leavers assembly
	3.10pm Break up for Summer
th	hols
Wed 6 th	Children return to school
September	
Wednesday 13 th	Roald Dahl Day – dress up as
September	favourite Roald Dahl character
Friday 6 th October	School closed for training day
Friday 20 th	School closes for half term
October	
Monday 30 th	Children return to school after
October	half term
Friday 22 nd	School closes for Christmas
December	