



# BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER

June 2016



**Welcome back** to the last half term of the year. There are lots of exciting things happening this half term including trips out, celebrating the Queen's birthday and a visit from the Lord Mayor! This is the last half term that I will be supporting Broadwood Primary as their new Headteacher Mr McLeod starts in September so I'll be back at Bridgewater full time. Mrs Irwin our Reception class teacher and Early Years lead will be retiring at the end of this half term. I'd like to thank her for all her hard work, she will be such a miss. She has been at Bridgewater (and Delaval Road) for 31 years!!



## **Dolphins class assembly**

On the 22nd March the Dolphin's class had their class assembly. It was fun because we had all sorts of things to tell everyone that we have been learning about. We started the assembly by doing two stories using talk for writing. The first story was the three billy goats gruff which was easy then it was the magic porridge pot which was a bit more complicated. Then we shared a bit of science, we had a play about little Miss Safe. After the play some Year 4 kids including me had a little poem to read in turns. We then shared a bit about George's Marvellous Medicine and Miss Phillipson showed everyone the commercials that we made. Finally we finished our assembly and got a round of applause, we all felt very proud especially Miss Phillipson  
*By Fatuma*



**Well done to both Y6 and Y2** for working so hard towards their SATs. Thank you to all the staff who worked tremendously hard to prepare the children.

## **Excelsior visit**



Year 5 were invited to Excelsior Academy. When they went there they took part in lots of exciting activities and had a great day. Firstly, they went on the trampolines and everyone had a turn. Mr Gray had a turn and he nearly fell off! They also played Danish ball. In Danish Ball you have to kick the ball and run and the fielders have to try and hit you with the ball, you have to get to a certain point to be safe. After that, we went for dinner and there were lots of choices of food and cake. After lunch we went to the Milburn cooking area and they made a fruit salad. They learned new techniques like the claw and the bridge. Everyone had a fun time at Excelsior.

*By Codie*



## **Enterprise week**

Last term each class did a stall for the enterprise fair. The names of the stalls in Year 5 were: Shoot the seagull, pin the fin on the shark, Seaside numbers, dizzy dolphins, Seaweed sticks and the Seaside wheel. Every day of the week

Year 5 worked on part of their games. They had to make a stall sign with their team name on, their game name and the price and they made four little posters. Some groups did the rules so they didn't always have to repeat the same things. Seaweed sticks went to the Dragons' Den and had to share what their stall was. On Friday, there was a fair and as a class we made over £70. It was so much fun taking part!  
*By Millie and KatieRose*



### **Enterprise Week**

On Friday 20th May 2016 we celebrated the end of Enterprise Week. The aim of Enterprise was to learn business skills such as: calculating profit and loss, team-work and creativity. This year's theme was the 'seaside'. It was great fun and a huge success. There were 15 stalls in the gym and the children had great fun buying and selling their products Amazingly, Year 6 made a whopping £84 profit and it was a huge success for the whole school.  
*By Ellie Mai and Georgia*

### **Sally the artist- Reggio Project**



Towards the end of last half term, an artist called Sally came in to work with our class. Year 5 made a huge fabric banner of the Castle Keep. They put a big picture of the castle in the middle and cut letters out to spell the words "Newcastle Castle Keep". Each person made a picture for the border, Abby made a tree. There were pictures including: buses, cars and trees as these are things you can see from the roof of the castle. They had to draw their designs on bonda web and ironed them onto pretty fabrics and stuck them onto the banner base. After that they glued pom-poms on as another border. It was really fun!  
*By Abby and Ella*

### **Lord Mayor's Inauguration Ceremony**

On Wednesday 25th May 2016 Year 6 pupils went to the Lord Mayor's Ceremony at St Thomas' Church and the Civic Centre: it was an absolute honour to be involved. The Lord Mayor is one of our school governors, Councillor Hazel Stephenson and we were very proud of her. Year 6 sang beautifully and got lots of compliments for their singing and excellent behaviour. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would love to do it again!  
*By Karolina, Jessica, Rebecca and Crystal*



### **Football tournament**

Recently, the Year 5 and 6 football team travelled to Walbottle Campus to take part in a football tournament with schools across the West End. In spite of a few injuries, Bridgewater managed to win one match and came joint third overall.  
*By Jozef and Jiri*

**Eye sight tests and dentist talks** have taken place this half term and a number of children are now wearing glasses which means they can learn better. Remember these checks are free and so are glasses up to the age of 18 in full time education.



### **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.

## Occupational Therapist

We have an Occupational Therapist working with us one day per week this year to support some of our children. She joins our Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist and Counsellor who support our staff team to meet the needs of our children.



## WEST Schools' Trust

We are part the West End

Schools' Trust (WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn and St Paul's Primaries. We will work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children.



## 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 considerably and safely outside the school grounds. 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.*



**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.**

## School Nurse Drop in



The school nurse has a fortnightly drop in session at school every other Wednesday 2.45 to 3.15pm. See Donna Blacklock if you would like an appointment. 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 need specialised training. We also need to know any changes that may occur immediately. A care plan may need to be made with the school nurse and staff may need additional training.



**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.**



In April the Polar Bear's and Brown Bear's visited Hall Hill Farm. We had a wonderful day seeing and feeding the animals and

learnt lots of new things. Albert learnt that "mammy pigs can have up to 16 baby piglets." and Leah remembered that "When Turkey's fluff their feathers they are angry." Our class assembly was based around this visit.



For Enterprise week the Reception classes enjoyed decorating seaside themed cakes to sell. We also raffled off a giant cupcake

which was won by Macey Bannon from the Brown Bear's class. During that week we had a visit from two Police Officers. The children enjoyed dressing in their uniforms, learning about keeping safe and even sitting in a police van.

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.

Diary dates	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 to Lightwater Valley
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 & 2 phonics test week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	am seeds for life Y3/4 Dolphins Y5/6 swimming gala
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's birthday celebration
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Science week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Stay away
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 sandcastle competition
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Health & fitness week KS1 & 2 sports day Y6 Excelsior transition week
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Nissan trip Y2 class assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Early Years sports day Y5 Excelsior Bolam Lake trip
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	am seeds for life visit Y3/4 Dolphins
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents afternoon
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	am Attainment & attendance assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y5 bike ride
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	am leavers assembly 3.10pm Break up for summer

