



BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER

March 2014



'OUTSTANDING' – I hope you enjoyed reading our Ofsted report and were as proud as we are of our children. As a treat for the children to celebrate their success the school council chose that we invite into school 'scales and tails African animals show' after the Easter holiday. We all can't wait to see the animals.



Clubs galore

After Easter we are hoping to start our swimming club again for Y4,5,6 on a Thursday after school and a Science club at the Centre for Life on a Tuesday. I'm sure both clubs will be popular so please watch out for the letters which will be coming soon.



Closure of main car park

Unfortunately we have had to close the car park at home time to parents. This is due to some parents parking dangerously and others using it as a short cut with children, which has made it an accident waiting to happen. Parents are also reminded that it is illegal to park on the zig zag and yellow lines outside of the school and that they are there to protect the children leaving the school site and the local residents. Enforcement officers will be periodically driving past and fines will be issued to any drivers in these areas. There is space to park safely on the roads around the school which also don't affect local residents and I urge parents to use these areas. We all want our children to be able to leave school safely and not cause undue upset to our neighbours.



Choir visit Grange Town

Last week some of our choir went to a workshop with Mrs Davies at Grange


Town Primary in Sunderland. They practised lots of songs and got to make some new friends. The choir have lots of important performances coming up one for the launch of the new housing development for which they have written their own song and two performances at the Sage in Gateshead in July.



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.

able to make it to discuss their child's progress with her.

 Y5 recently had some young leaders training. They had to make up games which they would then play with the younger children. At lunchtimes and playtimes the Y5 children now play these games with Y3 and Y4. *By Abbie*



Bridgewater's Got Talent Children have auditioned and been through boot camp, now 6 acts are rehearsing for the live show on May 6th. Our own Ant and Dec (Zoe & Kasper) have been helping Mrs Davies.



Swimming Gala

Some of the years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the swimming gala against other schools at Elswick Pool. Everyone got a medal for taking part. Terri and Chloe from Year 5 won a silver medal for their individual race. Logan won bronze for his individual race and the Year 4 boys relay team, Logon, Liam, Saeed and Tony all won a silver medal. Everyone was very proud. *By Richard & Rachel*

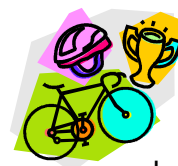


Y4 visited seeds for life and the Laing art gallery recently. At seeds for life they made easy cook crumble, did exercise and planted some peas and potatoes. At the Laing Art Gallery in Town they painted their own pictures following instructions and looked at the art work. The children also visited the Central library.



Our Y5/6 **Dodgeball** team recently entered a dodgeball tournament and got through to the semi final. This week our football team are

taking part in a tournament and our street dance club is taking part in the dance festival next week.



Some Y5 have been doing bikeability this half term and learning to ride their bike safely. Some children are also going to show their work in literature this year at the central library this week. They have been reading the BFG by Roahl Dahl.



Y6 went to an Able writer's day on Friday at Broadwood Primary School. They met the author Carol Langtree who worked with them all day and they wrote their own adventure stories. They each received a copy of one of her books to take home. *By Emma Louise*



Gardening club have been on a trip to Scotswood Gardens this week for a celebration event. They had a barbecue and made totem poles and obelisks to grow sweet peas for the garden.



Young Americans

Years 4, 5 and 6 were working with the Young Americans at Excelsior Academy for 3 days to put on a show. When we arrived at Excelsior Academy, we waited and waited until the teachers told us that they were ready



Thank you to all the parents who attended parent's afternoon and took the opportunity to find out how their child was doing at school.

We are really proud of our children and it is really good to share children's success with their parents. Mrs Robson will be contacting those who weren't

to meet us. The Young Americans said “We are not just from America we are from all around the world like China, Japan, Ireland, England and of course America!” The Young Americans taught us some dances and songs from musicals, The Lion King, Matilda and Disney’s Newsies. We also learned the dance to the song “what does the fox say? By Richard



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



World Cup launch at St James’ Park.

Kyle and Joseph went with Mr Beechey to the Newcastle Schools World Cup launch.

We were allocated the country Chile to find out about and Newcastle United coaches will come and train the children.

REMINDER

Year 6 and Year 2 continue to work hard towards their SATs tests in the summer term.



Y2 tests take place during the half term after Easter so it is essential they are in school everyday. Y6 SATs week is during the week beginning 12th May. No Year 6 child is allowed to be absent during

that week. We will be having Easter booster classes during the Easter holidays for Y2 and Y6 children from Tuesday April 15th To Thursday April 17th. Children who attend will receive a treat and we wish them the best of luck in their tests!!



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.

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



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



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.**



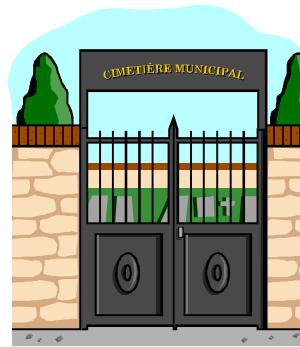
Our spring term **parents' afternoon** will be on Wednesday 5th March.

Appointment times will be given out during the first week back after half term. If the appointment time is not convenient please see the class teacher to re-arrange a more convenient time. It is really important parents attend these meetings as it is by working together that our children get the most out of school. Any parent who has not met with the class teacher either in November or March will be contacted by the Head teacher to arrange an appointment.



Medical needs

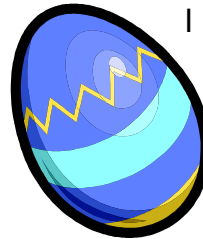
If your child has a medical need or condition can you let the school office know so it can be recorded on our SIMs system, that way all staff who need to know will. A care plan may need to be made with the school nurse and staff may need specialised training. We also need to know any changes that may 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.



I hope you received your **countdown to Easter** letter last week. We have Thorntons coming on Monday afternoon to decorate eggs with the children and don't forget to decorate a hard boiled egg for our egg competition.



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.

Diary Dates	
Friday 4 th April	10am KS1 Easter Service at St Margaret's church, 3.10 Break up for Easter
Wednesday 9 th & 16 th April	Fun day with Surestart
Y6 Easter school	Tuesday 15 th April am to Thursday 17 th April am
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school
Thursday 24 th April	Y1 trip to farm
Monday 28 th & Tuesday 29 th April	African animal shows
Tuesday 29 th April	am Y4 seeds for life visit
Wednesday 30 th April	Photographer in school
Thursday 1 st May	2.40pm Y1 class assembly
Monday 5 th May	School closed – May Day
Thursday 8 th May	2.40pm Reception class assembly
Monday 12 th May	Y6 SATs week
Thursday 22 nd May	Y6 Play in a Day
Monday 19 th May	Enterprise Week in school
Friday 23 rd May	Break up for half term