

March 2015

## London 2015



We went on the train for three hours then we went to the hostel at Elephant and Castle.

We dropped off our bags and went to the Houses of Parliament. Later we went to the Rainforest Café, it was lovely. We went to see Matilda the musical, it was brilliant! After that we went back to the hostel and to bed.



The next morning we went to the Tower of London and it was very interesting. We learnt all about Henry VIII and his six wives. We went

to the Queen's palace next. We went to spend our money and then to MacDonald's before we got on the train at 6pm. My best part was going to see the Queen's palace because it was like a dream come true. *By Demi*



### Chicks have arrived!

Eggs ready to hatch in an incubator arrived at school this week. We all waited to see the baby chicks hatch and we were all excited when they did. We have 4 girls and two boys. We are

hoping to keep the hens.



### Our Roving Reporter

Our roving reporters who help to write the newsletter.

### YEAR 4 TRIP TO SEEDS FOR LIFE



On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March year 4 went to the Women and Girls centre for Seeds For Life. We met with Leanne, Susan and Emma, they were our instructors. The first group did gardening, the second group cooked and the third group played games. We played tag, stuck in the mud also chain tag. After that we swapped places once. The third group gardened, the second group played games and the first group cooked. For the gardening we did a quiz about plants and seeds. Then we went to see our plants from our last visit which was last year in 2014. After that we went to the polly tunnel. We then put soil in to a green bag. Then Rasan and Maddie put chicken manure (poo) into the bag and mixed it. Next we went and planted peas and carrots, then we all ran to Susan in the kitchen. Shanice was the fastest and Megan was second. In the kitchen we washed our hands and started. We made veggie soup, it was AMAZING!!!! Then we went back to school, boy did we have fun. Mr Mugford took lots of pictures (including a selfie). *By Megan & Shanice*



The building work will be complete for us returning after the Easter holidays. We have to divert access to some entrances

over the coming days and we welcome your support with this minor disruption. I am sure all the enhanced facilities will make our school even better as we grow to a two form entry school. We are hoping to have an official opening in the summer term. More details to follow.



Y2 & Y6 SATS and Easter School. Next half term is very important for our Y2 and Y6 children as they have their SATs. To help prepare them

staff have arranged an Easter School on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings of the second week of the Easter holidays (14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April). As a reward for attending they will receive a McDonalds for lunch on the last day and there are special treats planned for after SATs.



**World Book Day** On March 5<sup>th</sup> we celebrated World Book day. All the children dressed as their

favourite book character. The children also received their free world book day book thanks to Waterstones and Miss Bond.



A child was chosen from each class to represent **Bridgewater on a visit to Waterstones**, Metro centre (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015) The children

spent our World Book Day vouchers on behalf of their class peers. Both staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.. *"this is the best day ever"* Jasmin, Year 1. A huge thank you to Glynis and the fantastic team at Waterstones for welcoming our children and ensuring that every child at Bridgewater received a book to share at home! *Miss Bond*



**Y3 Bowling and chocolate factory trip.** Y3 went bowling recently as they gained the most respect tokens when we had respect week. This week they are off to the chocolate factory to see

where Easter Eggs are made as they also won the attendance race. Y3 are definitely the class to beat.



**Cycling** Some children are receiving some 1-1 bike riding classes. Y5 are doing Bikeability this week too and Y4 will be doing cycle smart next term.



**Band in a box.** All our Key Stage Two classes have been learning to play instruments this term with Newcastle Music service. They have all thoroughly enjoyed it and performed to other classes in school.



**Bridgewater's Got Talent for Comic relief** was a huge success with lots of our talented

children singing, dancing, telling jokes and our rock band was amazing!! We raised £118 so a huge thank you to everyone who gave a donation. One or two famous people turned up too including Marilyn Munroe and Katy Perry!



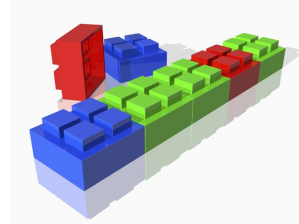
Last half term we raised money for a **defibrillator** and I'm delighted to tell you we raised enough money to buy one and staff have been trained. A huge thank you to

everyone who donated including First Class supply agency who donated £300.

Mrs Ridley has returned from maternity leave and is taking over the Y4 class from Mr Mugford. Welcome back Mrs Ridley and thank you to Mr Mugford.

**Reception and Nursery places.** Nursery parents will find out soon about their Reception Class place for next Year. **All children signed up for our nursery class in September will be given a full time place.** **3yrs olds-** Any children who were three this term between January and now will be offered 15 hours free childcare in our 0-3 after Easter. If you know any one who would like a place please contact the school office. We also offer **free 2yr old places** if you meet certain criteria. Please ask at the office.

## Clubs



This half term we have had some new clubs; handicraft, lego and maths master class for Y6. If your child would like to go to one of the clubs please ask at the office.

**Y4 Sculpture** Y4 have built a sculpture of a Curlew for the Northumberland national park and another one for our wildlife area. The children thoroughly enjoyed making them out of willow with Ruth.

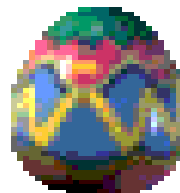


## Class assemblies

All our classes have been performing their class assemblies and we hope you have enjoyed them.

Y6 are saving theirs until after SATs.

Andrew Bellinger visited our school to open our sensory room. Andrew's Trust gave us the money to build it and to have counselling in school. He was very impressed with what he saw and our brilliant children. A huge thank you to him for providing this amazing facility.



This week FOB had an Easter craft afternoon. They are also raising money to pay for more artists to come in and work with the children.

Decorate an egg competition. We are having our annual competition and children are asked to bring in their decorated eggs on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The eggs will be judged on Wednesday and the winners will win an Easter egg.

The Reception and Key Stage One Easter service is on this Thursday at 10am at St Margaret's church. All are welcome.



**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.



### 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.



### Peer massage

The children are really enjoying taking part in peer massage and are finding it really relaxing. This is part of our wellbeing

provision for the children and we now 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 Y1 and 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 this busy times. 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.*

### 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 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 immediately.



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 outstanding 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.

### **Dates for your diary.**

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Dance Festival</b>
<b>Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Children break up for Easter at 12.15</b>
<b>Monday April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children return to school Building work complete</b>
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School Photographs</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Book sale in library after school.</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Day – school closed</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y6 SATs week. All children must be in school all week.</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Enterprise Week</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Play in a day – Y6</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

# More Photos from London



# Happy Easter from everyone at Bridgewater!

