



# BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER

March 2016



## Our annual trip to London 2016

On the 9th of March the people that were selected for

London set off early in the morning. The train took three hours to get to Kings Cross train station in London. When we first got there we all took our bags to the Hostel that we were staying in for one night and two days. In those two days and one night one of the things we did was go inside the big glass building that is called the Shard. When we went in we had to go in two lifts to get quite high up. I found it exciting and the view was absolutely amazing. The people who brought electronics got to take some fantastic photographs of the view too.



We also went to the Houses of Parliament and found out lots of interesting things like

how Queen Elizabeth was not allowed in the House of Commons. It was fun when we went into the Rainforest Café for our tea. There were sound effects that sound like thunder and lightning, it was very exciting when we saw some people having a debate on whether shops should stay open later on a Sunday. On Wednesday night we went to the Theatre Royal to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory it was very funny and we all had a great time. We also did a Duck tour and we had great fun when we went into the water

everybody that managed to stay awake screamed because we made a big SPLASH! On the way back we did a quiz and it was really hard. Everybody that took part in the quiz really enjoyed it but the people



who didn't want to do it played top trumps and they enjoyed that too. When we got dropped off at Central Station in town we got picked up by the school minibuses. They took us back to school and our parents had really missed us. They were glad for us to be back!

*By Lacie*

On Wednesday 9th March Bridgewater School went to London for two days. First of all we got on the train after taking the coach to Central



Station. The train ride was from 8:59 to 11:51 approximately 3 hours. When it was time to get off the train we took our luggage and went to the underground from Kings Cross to Elephant & Castle. Then we had to walk from the underground where we got off. We had to walk all the way to the Safe Stay. After we safely got to the Hostel we brought our packed lunches to the restaurant and bar room to eat our food.

Next we went underground to go on the tube after eating and went to the Houses of Parliament. We saw a lot of things at Parliament like the House of Commons which is green and the House of Lords is red. Then we had to leave to go get changed for the theatre and for the Rainforest Café. The café was delicious, there was Ozzie burger, Margherita pizza, chicken, penne bolognese and ice cream for dessert. We had to hurry to the theatre after dinner to watch Charlie and the Chocolate factory it was very fun. The next day we ate breakfast and went to the shard. The view from the top was beautiful.



On Wednesday the 9th March children from KS2 got picked to go

to London for a school trip. We stayed there for one night and two days. On the first day we went to the hostel and put our cases in a room. Then we travelled to the Houses of Parliament to watch a debate about 'should people work on Sundays?' and we did a work shop with a lady. After that we went to the hostel to find out which room we were going to stay in. Then we went to the Rain Forest Café for



our tea, it was amazing. There were big statues of animals that moved, it was just like being in the real Rainforest.

After that we went to the theatre to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, it

was so brilliant. When the character, Violet, exploded it looked scarily real. The next day we went to The Shard (the highest building in Europe). We went to the top of The Shard and there were 72 floors we had to get the lift up, when you looked down the people looked like little



ants. Later we went on The Duck Tour, a boat and a bus, which took us around London and onto the River Thames.

We all had an excellent time and would love to go back.  
*By Rachel, Crystal and Rebecca*



### Book week and Big Foot Theatre Company

Last Monday Bigfoot

Productions came to our school to do a show called 'The Wolf on trial'. It was about a wolf from the story 'The three little Pigs'. I loved it because we got to decide if the wolf was guilty or not guilty. I disagreed because we thought he was not guilty but the judge decided he WAS guilty!

After the show, we had a workshop with Rachel. I liked it because Rachel was the judge. She told us how to freeze frame and that was good fun.

*Year 2 Penguins –Riley and Thuwaibah*



### Vivian French experience

On Wednesday 9th March 2016, Year 6 pupils visited Vivian French at Broadwood Primary School.

On their visit they found lots of interesting facts such as: her favourite book is the Robe of Skulls that she has written. Also she is currently writing a book which she wants nobody to know about yet. They also learned how Vivian writes her stories and how she makes up names. They also made up a name and a start of a story. Year 6 are really excited to read the next book they received off Vivian. They are reading the Robe of Skulls which is getting really exciting and they are going to read the Bag of Bones next.

*By Jessica, Ellie Mai and Richard*

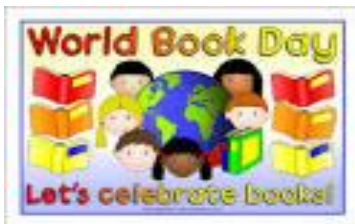


### Achievement award

A huge well done to Mariska who won an achievement

award for her progress and achievement. She received her award at a special ceremony at the Civic Centre.

### World Book Day



We celebrated world book day by everyone

coming to school dressed as their favourite character.

### Dance festival



On Wednesday 10th March the Elephants class went to the City Hall in Newcastle to take part in the Dance

Festival. We danced to 'I love to Boogie' from Billy Elliott.

It was scary at first when everyone started looking at us. But when the music started and we were dancing we felt comfortable, we were really happy. We bowed at the end and everybody clapped. We really enjoyed watching the other schools, they danced to lots of different songs. Benfield School did lots of gymnastic moves in their dance, it was really cool.

After that we jumped on the minibus and headed back to school.

We all had a great time.

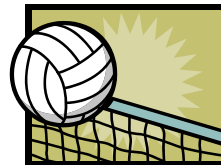
*By Samya and Dinky*



### Y5 fitness fury

Y5 took part in fitness fury with excelsior academy and had a great time.

Y6 also took part in the enterprise **PIE project**. We also did a run around the school for **sports relief**. A huge thank you to everyone who donated.



### Top of the league!

Our football team have won the Trust football league. Well done boys!!

### 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 of 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

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 considerately 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 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.**

