



### Our annual trip to London 2017

On the 14th of March some of the children from years 3,4,5 and 6 travelled to London on a train. After

dropping our bags off we went to the Houses of Parliament and met Newcastle's MP Chi Onwhura. What a treat, we even saw Prince Phillip being driven past in a big black car. The Rainforest café was amazing, it even had the noises of the animals, to make us feel like we were really there. On the night time we went to see the musical show, Aladdin. The Genie was fabulous and funny. We loved it. After a good night's sleep, we went to ride on the London eye, the view was super. Everyone went on, even though they were a little bit scared.

The children had a great experience and would love to go back again, we are really lucky to have been picked. *Y6 reporters*



On Wednesday 22nd March a tennis coach came into school to work with the Year 4 Dolphins and Honey bees. Ryan the coach taught

us how important it is to have fast feet and how to hold our tennis rackets properly. He also taught us how to hit the ball when we were having a rally with our partners.



### Achievement Award

A huge well done to Shane who won an achievement award for his progress and achievement. He received his award at a special ceremony at the Civic Centre. The Lord Mayor Hazel Stephenson was there too.

### World Book Day



We celebrated world book day by everyone coming to school dressed as their favourite character.



During Book week Mark Carton worked with Y3 and Y4 and Liz Millions the illustrator, visited Early Years and Key Stage One.



## Young Americans



6 Children from Bridgewater Primary School rehearsed and performed in a show with the very talented 'Young Americans'. Over 3 days they choreographed, sang and performed a stunning show at Excelsior Academy for parents and friends to see.



### Dance Festival

Y3 Tigers performed their 'Roman' dance at the Dance Festival this year.

### Visiting the Farm

Reception and Y1 have visited the farm this term. They have been finding out where food comes from and what happens on a farm.



### MOD Restaurant Trip

For winning the attendance race, Year 5 Giraffes went to

MOD Pizza Restaurant at the Metro Centre for a special treat. They spent the morning playing games, learning about the different jobs and where MOD first started. Their favourite part of the trip was making their own pizzas and eating them! It was lovely to be rewarded for having such fantastic attendance. Well done Year 5!



### Maths Problem Solving Day



Captain Richard Morgan came to Bridgewater school by accident. He needed us to solve problems and work together so that he could get back to the Caribbean. We really enjoyed problem

solving.

### 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.

## Specialist Staff

We have a 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 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 inside and outside the school grounds. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.**



## 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.**

Y2 children will be doing their SATs test next half term and Y6 SATs week is week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May. All Y2 and Y6 children must be in school during this time.

### Easter School:

**Y6** wk1 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> & Thur 13<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12 noon

Wk2 Wed 19<sup>th</sup> & Thur 20<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 -12 noon

**Y2 Seals:** wk1 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> & Thur 13<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12 noon. Wk 2 Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> & Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.30-12 noon.

**Y2 Penguins:** wk1 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> & Wed 12<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12 noon. Wk2 Tues 18<sup>th</sup> & Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12 noon

**All children will be rewarded for attendance.**

We will also have other activities for siblings during these times, a letter will come out next week for them to sign up.

### Countdown to Easter



Next week we will be celebrating Easter in school. All children are invited to enter our annual decorate a hard boiled egg competition. Could all entries be in school by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The winners will be announced that day and will receive a chocolate egg prize. Key Stage One children will be going to St Margaret's church in Scotswood on Friday morning at 10am for our Easter Service and parents are welcome to attend. Y2 will be leading the service. School breaks up for the Easter holiday at 3.10pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Children return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Diary Dates	
Friday April 7th	Children break up for Easter at 3.10pm
Monday April 24th	Children return to school
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 body changes talk After school choir at Concordia Concert at City Hall
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 trip to Beamish Y4 Cycle Smart
Monday 1st May	May Day – school closed
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	1 Y3 class Trip to Discovery Museum
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	2.40pm Y5 class assembly
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	1 Y3 class Trip to Discovery Museum
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception & Y1 dental checks
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week. All children must be in school all week.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 & Y6 to Sunderland Empire to see Gangster Granny
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Enterprise Week
Thursday 18th May	Play in a day – Y6
Wb Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y3 & Y4 class assemblies this week.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	School photographs
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
Monday 5th June	Children return to school