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Bridgewater is in the top 2% for progress. Have a read of our letter from the Government:



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Dear Mrs Robson,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school have made in their reading, writing and mathematics.

Your school's key stage 2 results, as published on 14 December, show progress scores of 6.3, 4.7 and 5.8 in English reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that your school is amongst the top 2% of schools in England in terms of the progress your pupils make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading, writing and mathematics to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

London 2018



Last week, 20 lucky Key Stage 2 children were given the exciting opportunity to visit London! They left school early in the morning and travelled to Kings Cross station. When they arrived, they had two action-packed days. On the first day they visited the Houses of Parliament and Downing Street and learned all about how new laws are made



and how women got the vote. Later, they visited the Rainforest Café and then they made their way to the theatre on the Tube.

At the theatre they watched “School of Rock” which was an amazing musical. Steven said, “It was really good and very exciting.” On the next day they went on a ‘Big Bus Tour’ which showed them lots of the famous buildings in London such as the Shard and Westminster Abbey. They then went to Tower Bridge and were brave enough to walk across a large glass walkway which was 42 metres above the River Thames! Kieran said, “The glass pane was cool because when you were on it you could see cars and the river below you.” They also went on a walk to see the London Eye and Buckingham Palace. Overall, they had a brilliant time and learned lots about our capital city.
by Steven and Kieran



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped us collect money for our sponsored spell we raised £850 which we are using to buy Read Write Inc spelling resources. This week we are collecting money for Sport Relief.

School Day Poem by David

Don't be too late,
 You need to be at the gate.
 Don't forget your folder,
 You're much older.
 Do some English,
 Or some Spanish.
 Dance with Dolly,
 Don't play with Polly!
 Let's play hide and seek,
 But don't peek!
 Time for lunch,
 What a noisy bunch!
 It's time for maths,
 There's a lot of laughs.
 Yeah, time to go home,
 I can see my gnome.

Book Week

During Book Week we based our work around picture books. Year 6 read the book “The Princess Blankets”. They looked at the

characters and then wrote newspaper reports and poems based on the story. They also made predictions about what



could happen next. They were also lucky to be visited by Chris

Bostock who told them a Norwegian fairy tale about a giant without a heart in his body. They also enjoyed a workshop with Mark Carton, who is an author and he showed them a book about different codes from World War Two.
by Lillymay

Super Science

Before half term, Year 6 enjoyed taking part in a science workshop with visitors from the Centre for Life. During the morning they got to go into a giant inflatable planetarium.



They listened to a talk about the planets, stars and moons which are in our Solar System. They were able to learn lots of fascinating facts. In the afternoon, they were able to learn about programming robots which would be like those which are used to explore Mars. They had to use their excellent coding skills to make the robot move forwards, backwards and to stop it from crashing into rocks.

World Book Day!

During World Book Day we all enjoyed



dressing up. Some of us dressed up as our favourite book characters and had some fantastic costumes; other children came dressed up as a word and had to explain what their word meant to the rest of the



class. During the day we talked about books which we have

enjoyed reading and made our own book marks with quotes about reading on them. We also received a free book.

By Year 6



Charity Boardroom Challenge

On Monday 12 March 2018 three ladies came to year 5 Giraffes class. They were from the Newcastle Building Society. We are one of eight schools to get

through to the final of The Charity Boardroom Challenge. They came with lots of materials to make bags and kites.

In your groups you needed to choose who made the kite, the bag and poster you had to buy things to make these items you only had £5 and had to make a profit.



We also read a book about a character called cash it gave a message about saving money.

By Emily and Rhoda



We went to **Seeds4Life** where we planted some vegetables to grow so we can cook with them. We got to see our chives that we had planted in October, I think they will be quite big! We split into 3

groups and took turns doing either gardening, cooking or sports. I planted potatoes first. This was fun even though I had to get my hands dirty by touching soil and chicken manure!

We made vegetable soup after and it was so tasty but some of us didn't like it.

Tulsa Year 4

Holiday fines

Just a reminder that we need holiday forms completed for any child taking time off during term time. No holidays will be authorised and parents will be fined if their child's absence exceeds 4.5 days (which is 10 sessions or more).



Y1 children and their parents are visiting Sage Gateshead this week as part of their 'In Harmony' work. Our choir is performing at the City Hall next Monday and Y3 Tigers are performing at the City Hall too for the Dance Festival next week.

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. Please ask if you would like more information about this.



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.

WEST Schools' Trust

We are part of the West End Schools'



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 and every day they are off on **2745290** thank you.



Can I please remind all adults that the school and grounds is a no smoking zone and no one is allowed to smoke in this area. In fact it is illegal and anyone caught can face prosecution. Thank you for your support in this.



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



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. 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.



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



If you would like to see our school nurse please see Donna Blacklock who will book an

appointment for you. 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.

Our new **Parent Council** will meet every half term, if you would like to get involved please see Donna Blacklock.



Website
Our website address is

www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk.

Keep up to date with all the latest news as we also have a facebook and twitter link.

Dates for your diary.

Diary Dates	
Wednesday 21 st March	2.40pm Y4 class assembly
Thursday 22 nd March	Y1 and parents to The Sage Gateshead – In Harmony event
Monday 26 th March	Choir performing at the City Hall – Concordia Festival
Tuesday 27 th March	Y3 Tigers at the Dance Festival 2.40 Y5 class assembly
Wednesday 28 th March	Decorate an Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 29 th March	10am KS1 Easter service at St Margaret's Church 3.10pm Break up for Easter
Monday 16 th April	Return to school for summer term
Wed 18 th & Thur 19 th	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 1 st May	Y4 Dolphins to seeds for life am
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
Wednesday 9 th May	School Photos
Monday 14 th May	Y6 SATs week – all Y6 must be in school all week on time. Y2 SATS all half term
Thursday 17 th May	1.30pm Nursery assembly & stay & play
Thursday 24 th May	Y6 Play in a day 2.30 Parents welcome to watch.
Friday 25 th May	Break Up for half term
Monday 4 th June	Children return to school
Thursday 19th July	Y6 Leavers assembly Break up for summer holidays

Easter school for Y2 & Y6 and Y1 In Harmony children – more details to follow

