



### **MOD Restaurant Trip**

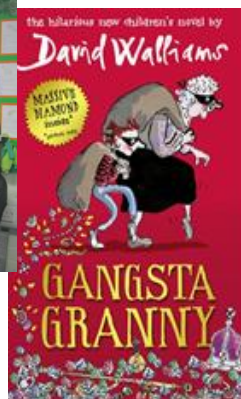
For winning the attendance race, Year 5 Giraffes went to MOD Pizza Restaurant at the Metro

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!



### **Y5 visitors**

Y5 have had lots of visitors this year from the University and the world of work. We have enjoyed working with them and finding out what they do. It has helped us think about what we want to do in the future. Two of us were finalists in the Primary Engineering Competition this year.



### **Gangsta Granny**

Last week Year 5 and 6 went to Sunderland Empire to see the amazing production of "Gangsta Granny". Year 5 have been reading the book by David Walliams and Year 6 deserved a treat after working so hard on their SATs. Everyone had a great time watching the performance. We particularly like the rap which Ben and Granny did. We even had an ice cream in the interval. by Year 5



Early Years and KS1 have had road safety talks this half term so we know how to be safe beside roads.

### **Beamish trip**

Earlier this term Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Beamish Museum. They have been learning about the Victorians during their Topic lessons. They had fun finding out about life during this era. They went to the town and visited the sweet shop, garage, dentist, station and bank. They had lunch in the bandstand and then enjoyed a trip on the old fashioned bus and tram. They also went to the farm and saw the baby lambs. After that,



they went to the school and down the mine.

Everyone at the museum commented on their outstanding behaviour.

Well done Year 5!



We were able to pick up and touch some of the bones and we watched a video about animal skeletons and how they move.



A huge thank you to everyone who bought **raffle tickets** to help raise money for the Early Years garden. We raised £341. We are looking forward to making the garden even more exciting for our youngest learners!

The Early Years team would like to say thank you to A. Price Motors and Kwik-Fit (Tynemouth) for donating the car tyres. They have made such a difference to our garden and the children now have an exciting 'rolling zone'.

*Miss Bond*

### *Elephants trip to the Hancock Museum*



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2017 the Elephants class visited the Hancock to see the Bones Exhibition.

There was a life sized model of whale ribs we walked through. We saw lots of different animal skeletons inside glass cases and lots of interesting facts about bones. After lunch we played a game that was about making a human skeleton, we had to roll a dice then choose the correct bone for our skeleton.

### **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 **274 5290** thank you.



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 your contact details are up to date.



### 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.

### 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.**



Y1 & some Y2 children will be doing their Phonics screen during the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> June. All Y1 and Y2 children must be in school during this time.

**A huge well done to our Y6 and Y2 staff and children for all their hard work leading up to and during SATs week. I am so proud of you all!!!**

**The overflow car park at the bottom of Delaval Road will be open from Wednesday (everyday 2:50pm – 3:30pm) for parents / carers to use when collecting your child(ren) at home time.**

| Diary Dates                                          |                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday May 26th                                      | Children break up for half term                                                       |
| Monday June 5th                                      | Teacher training day                                                                  |
| Tuesday June 6th                                     | Children return to school                                                             |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                       | Y6 to Lightwater Valley<br>Y2 Farm trip                                               |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                        | Y1-Y5 Heights and Weights                                                             |
| Wb Monday June 12th                                  | Y1 & some Y2 Phonics screen                                                           |
| Tuesday June 13th                                    | Some Y6 to debating competition<br>Y5 to see the author Guy Bass                      |
| Monday June 19th                                     | Y4 Farm & Alnwick trip                                                                |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June | Y6 Stay Away                                                                          |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                         | Y3 trip to Kirkley Hall                                                               |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Health & Fitness week                                                                 |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                       | KS2 to Beamish Wild                                                                   |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                          | Y6 to Sandcastle competition, Y3 Concordia Concert, Reception trip                    |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July                            | am Y2 to MOD pizza restaurant<br>pm <b>Parents afternoon</b>                          |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July                       | am Y2 to MOD pizza restaurant                                                         |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July                         | Meet your new teacher                                                                 |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                         | Y5 Trip to Newbiggin                                                                  |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                      | am Attendance and Achievement assembly                                                |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                         | pm Leavers assembly<br>pm Reception 'graduation' assembly<br>Break up for Summer hols |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> September                        | Children return to school                                                             |

**Watch out for our extensive summer holiday activities for all the family – more information coming soon.**

