

## Governor Report

Our most grown-up children are the Year 6 Leopards. They have great responsibility as such and they have been great role models. They have had fun learning together. They have had fun growing up a bit more together. No matter what their academic or sporting ability, every single one of them is a wonderful person with incredible potential. We are very proud of the young people they are and have enjoyed teaching them and learning with them very much. We are so sad to see them leave Bridgewater but we are excited for them for the journey they are about to take in the next step of their education and their lives and we look forward to hearing about their adventures. We salute them!

The Year 6 Team

P.S. The rest of the report has been written by the children.

## Safety Works

In the Autumn Term, Year 6 went to The Safety Works. When we got there, we met different people that have different jobs to do with safety. The people were: a Policeman, a Fireman, Metro Safety person, a Lollypop Lady and A St Johns Ambulance woman. There were 4 groups and we swapped who we were working with. We were only there until dinner time. Once we were done with all of our activities, we set off; back to school. I enjoyed that day!

Safety Works has amazing, life-like facilities including a true-to-life metro station, street, houses, park, shops and a police station (which includes a replica cell!). It helped us to learn how to stay safe in a variety of real-life circumstances and prepare us for becoming more independent as teenagers.



Learning to cross the road safely!



Learning how to be safe at Metro Stations



First Aid with St. John's Ambulance



We learned about what happens to criminals caught stealing!

## Nissan Trip

Earlier this year, we went on an exciting trip to Nissan in Sunderland. Here we learned all about cars and manufacture. Karolina won the best design for a caravan.



After the winner was announced we got juice and a cookie. Then we split into groups and tried to use drills to screw down screws and made a car out of

+logo. Before long, we all went down stairs to look at some cars they made and that was so fascinating. Then we went all the way down to garage and Connor used a special robot that punched holes in a frame.

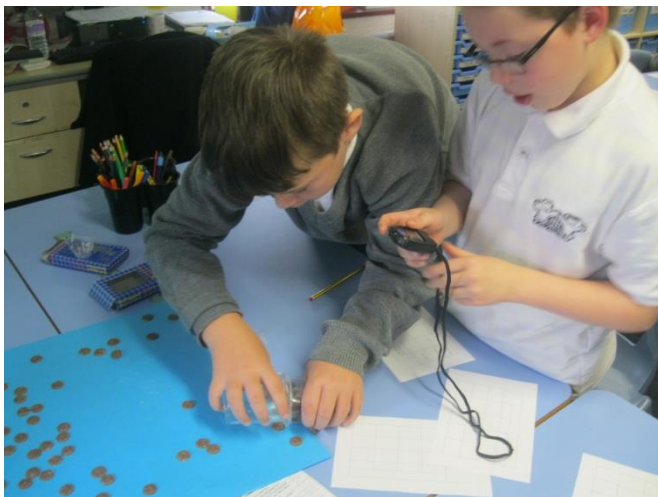




### Exciting Science!

We love investigations! When we learned about evolution and inheritance earlier this year, we did an experiment about birds on an island and survival of the fittest. We used chocolate drops and different types of beaks to see which type of beak would have enabled the birds to

eat enough to survive long enough to reproduce and ensure that the species did not die out. We had to make it a fair test and we had to use maths skills such as calculating mean averages and creating line graphs.



Team work!



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Happiness

### The Chinese Visitors

On Monday 5th October 2015, some visitors from China came to visit our school to see if our school was any different to their school. We visited a number of buildings and surroundings in Newcastle to show the Chinese visitors how different it is here compared to Wuhan. On Wednesday 7th there was a closing ceremony at our school and we exchanged gifts to each other. Also on that day, the Chinese visitors looked around our classroom and did our normal lessons with us too. The visitors ,Stone and Little Cia, quoted: "My favourite lesson was English with my English friends!" They were really sad to go away our school and hope they come back to visit us again!



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### Christmas Pantomime

At Christmas time, a couple of children from year 6 and other classes in ks2 got picked to go to the pantomime. We were picked because we had 100% attendance that half term. When we went, we watched Aladdin- it was the best pantomime ever! When we were there we had juice and randoms sweets. Everyone was so grateful for getting chosen and getting to take part in this surprise treat.

### Band in a box

This year in Band in a Box we have been playing the violin, cello and the drums. This year the year sixes put a performance together to show the whole school how fabulous they are. When we had Band in a Box we had seven leaders that had to drum and the

rest of the class had to copy them. Then we finished Band in a Box. This was really sad because half of the class liked Band in a Box and we would have loved it to continue.



## Class readers

This year we have read three novels as a class. The first text we read was a book called *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio and it was all about this boy who has face difficulties. Then we read a book called *The Robe of Skulls* by Vivian French it is about a lady who desperately wants a dress with skulls and other items; it takes her so long to eventually get it. It only took her ages because she is an evil, nasty woman who doesn't care. The final book we read was *Running Wild* we have just finished this book and it was about a boy who gets lost in the jungle and he's with an elephant and monkeys. His mam died in the tsunami and his dad died in the war so his grandma and grandad searched for him for 1 year then finally found him. Our favourite book was *Wonder* all the class found it very interesting and would love to read it again!



You should read *Wonder*- it's a very moving story which taught us about kindness, equality, friendship and loss.

## Artists

This year, year six got some visitors to do some art work about local landmarks in the city. We looked at the Angel of the North and the Tyne Bridge. Year six children picked which landmark they wanted to paint- half of the class at least painted the Tyne Bridge. Year 6 learned new techniques with a paint brush. We also had a famous artist called Alan Reed come into school. He really inspired us!

## Attendance and Respect Weeks

Year 6 have won 2 competitions. The first one was respect week we got 1002 tokens for being helpful and respectful E.G holding doors and saying please and thank you. The second one is winning the attendance race by everyone in year 6 coming in every day of the week and getting 100% attendance.



Some of our art work.

### Dance with Dolly

Earlier this year we took part in Dance with Dolly. The first thing we do is warm up. Here we do stretches, twists, head shakes and nods. Straight after we get on with the dance. We have danced to many songs for example Jason Drulo Get ugly, Fleur East sax and Bruno Mars up town funk.

### Football Tournament

Earlier this term, the year 6 football team went to Walbottle Campus to play in a tournament. We train every Thursday after school with Mr Robson, our coach. When we play at Saint John's turf, we never lose a football match there. We played many teams at Walbottle Campus but Josef was the goal scorer. The best players are Josef and Kyle. The people who are on the football team are: Kyle, Saeed, Josef, Wesley, Tony, Toby, Jiri, Liam, Sultan, Tomas and Stephen. Mrs Robson loves it when we win trophies for our cabinet!

### Kit Wright visit

We went to visit Kit Wright at The People's Theatre. He was a very tall man and was great at poetry; he even had some very funny ones too. We were there for ages. He said something funny about a dog and we all laughed. At the end we saw Kit Wright on the way out, he was much taller when we were right next to him and we got to buy books if we had money.

Poetry





## Play In A Day

Earlier in the year, year 6 did 2 play in a days about cyber bullying and going to high school. They had an enthusiastic teacher called Amy and they had a day to learn about cyber bullying and put it all into a play with many different scenes and not having too long because of break and lunch. They performed fully confident and put a serious play on. Then after a few months they had a play about transition and how they could be nervous and they put memories of earlier years like piggy backs and babies coming in Year 4 and more!



Don't we scrub up well?



Party time! Nice Christmas jumper, Mrs Jones!

## The trip to London

Some of year 6 went on a trip to London. We did a lot of things and looked at a lot of stuff like the Shard. We went on the bus and a boat that is yellow- it goes on land and sea and is a 'Duck Tour'. It was really fun. We visited a lot of places to see what it was like in London but we were mainly on the trains that are called tubes. As we were having a great time at London we went to the Rainforest Café for tea before going to the theatre. Everyone who went really liked it - they were full of excitement. We slept in the hotel. It was so dark when we got back. The next day we woke up at 7:00 and then after the rest of the activities, we headed off for the train home and we got to the train station and got our school minibus and headed home to see our parents.



## SATS

During the spring term, Year 6 were preparing for SATS all the time at school and at home. The teachers were telling us to practise at home to help us with our understanding. We were doing practise tests to help us for when the real thing came.

In May it was time for the real thing!

Because we done so much work at school, by the time we were doing SATS we were confident and happy.

## Light Water Valley Trip

On Thursday 9th June 2016 Year 6 Leopards travelled to an amazing trip called Light Water Valley. It took us 1 hour and 45 minutes to get there. Year 6 went there from 11:00 until 4:00. In the entrance there was a Jurassic theme park with dinosaurs in it swaying side to side.

The first ride everyone loved was the swings they flew around in the air. Further on in the day Kyle, Richard and Stephen went on the water rappers and got soaking (we had no spare clothes either.)

Around about 12:30 we had lunch outside the ride everyone wanted to go on The Ultimate. At 1:00 we set of for some more rides but first we went to have a little talk at our base about where we were allowed to go.

Kyle went on the swings that went right up in the air and unfortunately he had been sick because the smell of horse manure and he was dizzy so he was sick on the spare chair next to him.

Later on in the day some girls (Jessica, Karolina, Rebecca and Crystal) got stuck on a roller called the Twister- however they got a free bottle of water and a free ice cream.

After 3:30 we all got back together and went to the gift shop and to buy slush if we had any money. We had to spend all our money before we left. At 4:00 we got on our minibuses and set of everyone was laughing and giggling on all the way to school. We arrived at back at school at 6:00 and went home.





The Eagle's Claw was really scary!



We had a fantastic time!

### Debating competition

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 year 5 and year 6 went to a debating competition at the Civic Centre arguing about whether we should leave the EU. We looked at both sides of the argument in the classroom together. We researched about it we went through power points together; we even did a vote.



### Year 6 new Uniform.

The School Council decided on changing school uniform. The choice was between a blazer with a tie and a white T-shirt or a grey jumper and a white T-shirt plus black school pants and school shoes .We chose a grey uniform.

This makes Year 6 stand out from the rest of Bridgewater's pupils, when the little ones grow up they will wear that to stand out as well.

### That's all folks...

Well, we've all had a great time this year and during our time at Bridgewater. We are looking forward to our residential trip to Lockerbie Manor and our end of term celebrations. We would love you to come along to our Leaver's Assembly on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July so that we can say goodbye and say thank you to you!