



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped us collect money for Enterprise week we raised £443.00 for In Harmony. Thank you for contributing to the cancer run, west end food bank and Bridgewater's Got Talent – contributions are still being counted.

This has been a very busy half term and there hasn't been a day that a class has not been out on a trip. I hope you enjoy reading about some of them....

Great Exhibition of the North

Year 5 visited the Great Exhibition of the North which is a two-month exhibition, celebrating art, culture, and design in the North of England, held in Newcastle and Gateshead in 2018. It includes activities such as the Great North Museum, Great North Run and even Stephenson's Rocket! We had a treasure hunt at the Hancock Museum and had to find specific objects such as Heaven the shark and Helen Sharman's space suit.

By Dhulfiqar and Jikar



On the 4th of July we went to the Discovery Museum to present our inventions to a VIP (very important people). My group did a house

aeroplane that could actually fly while you're living in it! First we set up our stalls and then people came and asked us about our invention. Later we got to see the amazing invention by George Stephenson – the rocket!

By Reece



Basketball competition

Year 6 took part in two Hoops 4 Health workshops which were to prepare them for a basketball

competition. The chosen basketball team then went to Sports Central to take part in the tournament with teams from all over the North East. There was some tough competition but the children had lots of fun working as a team and they were able to pass and shoot quite well and were determined to do their best.



This term we have been learning about inventors and have been making models of our own! We were given the brief to make our own mode of transport prototype. We worked in groups to

make them and we have just finished them all so we can present them in the Discovery museum in front of very important people like MPs and other inventors! I have loved designing my own skating limo! I hope it gets made in real life.

By Tulsa



Guy Bass and Jennifer Bell

We have had some author visits this term including Guy Bass who is a very funny author because he made everyone laugh. His style of

books is kind of like horror books but not fully.

Jennifer Bell was another author who visited. She is strange because she never

used to like reading until SHE WAS 23!!!
But now she is an author how crazy is that?
She has written a series of books called the
'Uncommoners' and they sound really good!
I can't wait to read them!

By Tamara and Brooke

Spanish Pen Pals



In our Spanish lessons we have written letters introducing our selves to a school near Valencia in Spain! They sent letters back in English and we really enjoyed reading

them! It was amazing to receive a letter from someone in Spain!

By Jenan



In Harmony

Our Y1 children performed at Sage Gateshead on 22nd June with Hawthorn Primary. They were amazing. They have also been invited to take part in a 3 week summer school!

Concordia

The choir had a good time singing in front of an audience. We had to go to the Hancock museum to sing, then we went to Benswick Church to sing again! After that we went to the Sage Gateshead. It was so much fun. I love singing in the choir!

By Zi Xuan Wang

Farm trip



Year 4 went to visit farmer Thompson's farm. My favourite part was when we rode on the trailer because it was

bumpy! After lunch we went to Alnwick

castle. We made some old fashioned soap and learned about how to cure people in the olden times using natural materials. We also played in a court yard where they had old games, it was so much fun!

By David

Lightwater Valley



As an extra special treat for working so hard this year and putting 100% effort into their SATs, Year 6 went on a

fantastic trip to Lightwater Valley theme park. They all had a brilliant day and went on lots of rides. Some of the rides went very fast and were quite scary but they enjoyed the thrill and trying new things. Even the teachers had a go on most of the rides and Miss Cameron and Mrs. Robson were daredevils and went on the Eagle's Claw which was the scariest ride in the whole theme park! They all enjoyed the carousel, swings, rollercoasters and water rides and



luckily no one was sick. Everyone behaved well throughout the day and it was nice to have this amazing reward.

Netball Tournament

Miss Roberts took us to a netball tournament at Benfield School in the Sports Hall, there were two pitches in the Hall and it was massive! We enjoyed the matches especially when it was a tie (0.0)! We didn't win any matches because we were in Y3 and Y4. So it was really hard to intercept and get the ball but, we tried our hardest. The children who played were: Maisha, Rumaysa, Faheel, Rehab, Summer and Darien.

By Rumaysa and Faheel

Sandcastle competition

On Friday 6th July Year 6 went to South Shields beach to take part in the annual sandcastle competition. They had to work in two teams to build a sand sculpture based on



the theme which was space. One team made a space rocket and the moon and another team build a spaceship which was inspired from the film E.T. Unfortunately, they didn't win the competition but they had lots of fun. Afterwards they got to play on the beach and paddle in the sea.

Whithaugh Park



In June Year 6 went on their 'stay away' trip to Whithaugh Park – they had been

looking forward to it for a very long time! The whole class went and everyone was really excited about the activities and staying away from home for a night. They were able to take part in raft building, a massive zipwire, swimming, abseiling, low ropes, orienteering and Water Walkerz in just two days. The teachers also had fun joining in the activities too and were very



competitive during a game of basketball. It was great to develop skills in teamwork and resilience and everyone pushed themselves to try new

things. Lots of brilliant memories were made!

Y4 Microbits and Inventor



In Year 4 we have been learning how to programme a microbit. A microbit is a little device that you can control using the computer. We have done things like programming it to show a smiley face and changed it to a sad face. On the second week, we played a game of snap! To do that, we had to program it to say 1... 2... 3... then show a picture of your choice on multiple microbits. On the third week we measured light levels in the room and it showed readings where there was light and how much light there was and in the dark it would say 0 in complete darkness. We connected a light to the microbit and programmed it to turn on when the light level was below a certain level, just like street lamps!

By Reece and Naqi

Y3 naming Streets on The Rise

Y3 have been working with the Housing Development Company from the Rise. They have been given the very important job of naming the new streets in phase two.



SATs results

Y6 and Y2 children have done extremely well in their tests this year. We are very proud of them. Our Y1 children did very well in their phonics test and our Reception children did well in their assessments too. A huge thanks to all the staff who work with the children to prepare them for these tests.

Ice cream treats for our hard working Y6!!



Year 6 have enjoyed plenty of treats after working so hard this year. They were really surprised when an ice cream van came to school and they all got to pick whichever one they wanted. It was lovely to sit in the sunshine and be rewarded on a Friday afternoon.

Health & Fitness fortnight

Over the past two weeks the children have been doing even more sporting activities for our Health & Fitness fortnight from running to judo, dance and learning how to keep body and mind healthy. The fortnight will end with KS2 doing outdoor and adventurous activities at Beamish Wild!!



Summer holiday provision

Every day of the summer holidays we will be having a range of activities for the children to take part in. If you haven't signed your child up

for any yet please do so before the end of term. Call in at the office for more information.

Sorry to see you go!!

Two of our fabulous teaching assistants are leaving us at the end of term, Miss Profit and Miss Thirlwell. They are both moving on in their careers and we wish them the best of luck, we will miss them and thank them for all their hard work.

Just a reminder



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for Parent/Carers

Just a reminder Along with other organisations across the UK, we are busy preparing for the change to Data Protection Law which took place on 25th May 2018.

Below please find a simple guide which tells you about how we are working to meet this new regulation which will give more control to individuals and more responsibilities to organisations that collect and hold your data.

Our school already has strict data protection policies, but these will be updated to reflect the changes needed to meet GDPR.

Our data is already kept secure and used appropriately, but we will be giving you specific information about this through our updated Privacy Notice and Freedom of Information Policy.

Much of what we do with data will stay the same, but with GDPR there will be more security and transparency.

Schools have a duty to keep children safe and to deliver a high standard of education so much of our data is held and processed for the reason of 'carrying out the public task of providing a state-funded education'. When we require your consent, you will be asked for it in a clear and easy to understand way and you will have the right to remove your consent at any time.

Our organisation holds the following data: pupil education records, pupil medical information, parent contact information, parent details which enable us to check for Free School Meal qualification or 30 hours nursery qualification, safeguarding records, special needs records and school meals data. The Governing Body and our Data Protection Officer will be holding the school to account to ensure that we are meeting our GDPR responsibilities. We will keep you informed about GDPR. If you have any questions, please ask at the School Office.

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).



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

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.



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.

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.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help around school we really do appreciate your time.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

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.**



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	
Monday 16th July	KS2 to Beamish Wild
Tuesday 17th July	3.15pm – 4.30pm Y6 Leavers Disco
Wednesday 18th July	am Attendance and Achievement assemblies 9am KS2, 10am 0-3, Nursery & Reception, 11am KS1
Thursday 19th July	Y6 Leavers assembly Break up for summer holidays
Wednesday 5th September	Children return to school
Friday 25th October	Break up for half term
Monday 5th November	Training Day
Tuesday 6th November	Children return to school

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.

Happy summer holidays from everyone at Bridgewater!