

We have new **School Council, Roving Reporters, Buddies and Peer Mentors** and they will all start working this term. All the interested children completed application forms and were selected or elected by their peers. They are to have some training to help them do a good job. Just like real jobs that they will do when they are older.

What are Year 4 Honey Bees up to?



This week we have been learning how to use stop motion animate app with Craig, we had lots of fun and we really enjoyed it! Now we can make our own animations when we like to! We have had lots of fun and hope he can come again.

In science we've been learning about sound. We learnt about your ear parts like your ear canal, ear drum and middle ear bones. Also at the very start of science we did an experiment where we needed to use a data logger and we went to different classrooms to see what the decibels were in each one. The loudest was Year One Pandas class!

By Robert



Year 6 artwork
 In year 6 we have been doing art with Mrs Gray and Miss McIver. We have done portraits with charcoal.

Excellent news, children at Bridgewater did exceptionally well in their exams this year and we are ranked in the top band of schools in the country for progress. Well done everyone!!!



Harvest donations and Harvest Service

Please send donations of food to school from next Wednesday for Harvest, we will be sending it to the People's Kitchen again this year who are always very grateful for our donations. Our Harvest Service will be at **St Margaret's Church at 10am on Friday 19th October.** Key Stage Two parents are welcome to attend.



In Year 5,

This term our Giraffe class and some from the Hippo class are going swimming. After February half term all of the Hippo children will go swimming.

Can I please remind all parents at home time collecting from the top yard that they **must stand by the class signs** on the MUGA and not crowd around the door area where the children come out. It is very difficult for staff to see the children out safely and ensure they go with their adult otherwise. We appreciate your support in this matter. Children are told not to leave their teacher until their teacher has seen their adult so please do not be offended if your child is following our rules.



In **Y5** class we have been doing Picasso paintings. We first saw paintings on the board and then step by step

we had to try and draw it ourselves slowly. Picasso paintings are paintings which are not real. We drew them with pencil, after that we went to the art room to paint our pictures using colourful paint and dull paint (colourful paint is for happy and dull paint is for sad). We also drew our own pyramids and sphinxes using charcoal and pastels, then we had to smudge the pastels on to the paper to make it look nice. On Tuesday 9th October, a man called Mr Johnson, came in to teach us some ICT on the iPad. He taught us how to use iMovie. First with our groups we had to test out all the themes of the trailers, next we did all the writing of the characters' names. Then we took our photographs that fit our scene, after that we put all the photos and the writing together. Finally we showed our trailers to the whole class to see.

Zi Xuan and Rumaysa



A huge **thank you** to everyone who donated money for cancer charities and Jeans for Genes Day we raised £247.34. We have received a

thank you letter from the British Heart Foundation for the £206.55 that we raised in the summer term.

Wrap Around

Wrap around is very busy now. The booking process must be followed to ensure your child has a place. The sessions must be booked by the Friday of the week before you need it. If you make a late booking an additional charge of £10 per session will be charged. If you collect your child after the booked collection time there will be a charge of £10. If you are late after 6pm there will be a charge of £30 as staff overtime needs to be paid.



Y3 have taken part in puppet workshops to support them with managing their emotions and feelings this half term and our Reception classes have visited Seven Stories. Year 2 had a visit from a

story teller on Monday 15th October. He came all the way from Ireland. The story teller showed us some magic tricks and told some lovely stories. We also joined in with nursery rhymes too.

By Brody and Menah

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to our survey in the summer term. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The things that were raised:

More clubs, ramps up to the verandas, parent pamphlets on website, wider use of technology for communication and payments and more opportunities to do workshops with parents.

These are all being looked into and we will give you a further update as soon as we have the information.



Yr6 trip to the safety works

On Friday 14 September 2018 the year six classes went to Safety Works to learn how to be safe in different situations.

We learned about how to be safe on the Metro, keeping safe at night, how to cross the roads safely, what to do if there was a fire, first aid and about peer pressure with support from the police it was fun and informative.



by Samantha Y6 Zebras



We are now selling poppies and after half term we will be collecting for Children in Need.

Key Stage 2 children are having music lessons from Newcastle Music Service this term and Y4 are learning tin whistle.

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).

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.



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. On November 1st this year Moorside Primary School will join our Trust too.



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.



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



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.**

On Friday December 7th children in Rec to Y5 will receive their flu vaccine. Please sign up for it if you haven't already.



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.

In Harmony in Early Years and KS1.

In Harmony this year has extended into Y2 so now all of our Early Years and KS1 children are working with staff from Sage Gateshead every week.



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 **Parent Council** will meet again this term, if you would like to get involved please see Donna Blacklock.

Diary Dates	
Wednesday 24 th October	Donations for Harvest
Friday 26 th October	10am Harvest Service at St Margaret's Church for KS2 Break up for half term
Monday 5 th November	Training day
Tuesday 6 th November	Children return to school. '# show respect week' Poppies on sale this week
Wednesday 7 th Nov	am KS2 to cinema
Friday 9 th November	Wear red for respect day.
Monday 12 th Nov	Spanish Day
Tuesday 13 th Nov	Y6 Puberty talks with school health
Wednesday 14 th Nov	am KS1 to Cinema pm Parents afternoon
Wednesday 21 st Nov	am panto in school – Dick Whittington
Thursday 20 th December	Break up for Christmas
Friday 21 st December	Staff training day