

Children in Need

On the 16th of November we celebrated Children In Need by dressing in casual clothes or our pyjamas and brought a 50p donation in. Miss Philipson's class (the Year Six Zebras) made over three hundred biscuits and decorated them beautifully. Pupils from Miss Philipson's class went around the whole of Bridgewater selling the biscuits to all of the different classes. They actually sold out so Mrs Gray had to go and buy some more supplies!

By Leyla & Alexia

Egyptian death masks

This term the children in Year 6 Leopards have been learning about Ancient Egypt. In their art lessons they designed and made Egyptian death masks. They began by looking at facial features and drew some self-portraits using pencil and charcoal. They then looked at lots of examples of masks and created their own product using papier mache, cardboard and paint. The final results are amazing!



Earlier this month, we were visited by M&M Theatrical Productions who putting on a fantastic performance of "Dick Whittington". The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and some of the teachers even joined in with the dancing!

Spanish Day!

Earlier this term we enjoyed taking part in Spanish day. The children in Year 6 learned about what life is like in Spain and created non-chronological reports. They also enjoyed tasting some different Spanish food such as: paella, chorizo, tortilla and tacos. In their Spanish lesson they learned some new phrases about household chores and were able to hold conversations. They also learned about other Spanish speaking countries and made worry dolls from Guatemala.



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.

Bamboo Tamboo

Year 6 have enjoyed working with Franco and Steve from Newcastle Music Service to learn how to play Bamboo Tamboo. They have worked hard over the whole term and really enjoyed putting on a performance for their parents and friends earlier this month.



The children in Year 6 Leopards have been learning all about Ancient Egypt. They have really enjoyed this topic and have found out about: gods and goddesses, pharaohs, jobs, the River Nile and the food they ate. In some of their art lessons, the children designed and made their own cartouches using clay. They had to carefully model the clay, before carving their name in hieroglyphics and finally painting.



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

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.

Hippo class, are doing a PIE challenge with Anna. In the gym, we flew paper aeroplanes to see who could throw it the furthest and the winner gets a prize. We each had two turns- one practice the other one is the actual throw, we first stood next to the cones some of

them went all the way to the end of the gym, the rest went at least one metre.

On Tuesday 4th December, we made salt dough using salt, flour, water, red food colouring and red paint. First, Miss Moy put the flour and salt in a bowl next we add one cup and a half of water to the bowl slowly and mixed it with a wooden spoon or our hands. Then Miss Moy chose some sensible people to mix red food colouring into the dough. After that, a sensible person in each group had to share into equal pieces and flattened it with a rolling pin on a piece of paper. Finally, we used a popsicle stick or a knife to carve our names on in hieroglyphics to make cartouches.

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WEST Schools' Trust

We are part of the West End Schools' Trust (WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn, Moorside 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 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. 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 Stoker 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.**



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.



Year 2

In our In Harmony sessions this term, we have learnt to play five new songs. We performed our new songs to our grownups at a special concert in the gym. We have three different types of instruments, violins, violas and cellos.



Rock Climbing

Since the 12th November 2018 the boys from the Year 6 Zebras class have been going to rock climbing! We have already done 3 weeks of rock climbing. First we went in the minibus. and drove to Newburn Leisure Centre. Then when we went inside and the rock climbing guide showed us where to go when we got there. He put on a harness on for us for safety. On the first week we got ready. We stood in a line then we took turns on one wall to be confident for the next week. On the second week we took turns on four walls and some people got to the top and hit the grey rock then you can jump down and give the turn to someone else. Some people struggled to get to the top because they were worried about going higher. We all kept trying our very best. One person hit three grey rocks on top of three walls. Then finally on the third week two boys got to the hard ones on the right and a lot of people got so confident the amount of boys that



hit the grey rock was amazing! We are all improving every week.

In the last two weeks yr3 and 4 have been practising for their Christmas carol performance on Friday the 14th of December. We have been working very hard to learn the lyrics and actions and are looking forward to perform to you! By Lida and Kacey-Leigh.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2019

Diary Dates		
Thursday December	13 th	9:30amKS1 Performance-For Year1 parents
Thursday December	13 th	2pm Key Stg 1 Performance- o Year 2 parents
Thursday December	13 th	10am choir singing Welford Centre 12pm Choir singing Eldon Square
Friday 14 th December		09.30am Year3 and 4 Carol Concert in hall-Year and 4 parents welcome
Friday 14 th December		1:30pm Reception parents invited to watch last session. 2:30-3.30 In Harmony Concert Year 1 and 2 parents
Monday December	17 th	Pm Year 6 Christmas Party
Tuesday December	18 th	09.30am KS2 PERFORMANCE Reception and Y4 parties.
Wednesday December	19 th	Choir performing Tesco ,Marie Curie and Asda Nursery Y1, Koalas and Y3 parties
Thursday December	20 th	Carols at St James Church – Children Only
Thursday December	20 th	Break up for Christmas
Friday 21 st December		Staff training day
Wednesday January	2 nd	0-3 return to school
Monday 7 th January		Children return to school