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Bridgewater is in the top 3% for progress. Have a read of our letter from the Government:



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Dear Mrs Robson,

We would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show progress scores of 3.4, 3.5 and 4.6 in English reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England.

We want to equip every child with the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this.

Thank you for producing such high standards through your hard work and professionalism, and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP
Secretary of State for Education

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

London 2019

Last week, the school council and some of the year 6 children were able to go to



London. We went to lots of different places: London zoo, a restaurant (Garfunkel's), and the Houses of Parliament, the theatre, McDonalds, and Downing Street.

My favourite was the theatre show Aladdin because they had so many smart ideas and the genie was so funny. They sang so many nice songs and I have no idea how they made the flying carpet fly. While we were watching they had a pause in the middle of the story then everyone got refreshments and we got vanilla ice cream. The story did have a happy ending.

But after all of that we travelled with Mr Towers to our hostel. All the bunkbeds were purple, I wanted to sleep at the bottom but before that we got changed and we brushed our teeth. After all of that we went to our beds they had their own curtains so we could have privacy and its own light. Before I slept I charged my phone and it was eleven o'clock. When we woke up the next morning we had breakfast we had cereal with some orange juice some people had hot chocolate.

After visiting the Shard, which was really high, we went to Kings Cross station to catch our train home. Everybody was really exhausted. When we were at school all our parents were happy to see us and took us home.

By Jikar.



During book week the children enjoyed joining friends from other classes to do some paired reading. Year 6 Leopards met with children from Year 2 Penguins. The children from the Leopards heard the younger children read their reading books. They even got to write in their reading record books. They were very impressed with the children's reading!



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped us collect money for our sponsored spell we raised £445 which we used to pay for author visits during book week. Thank you as well for helping us raise money for Comic Relief.

Book Week



During book week we were visited by an author called Simon Bartram. He did workshops with all of the

children in KS1 and KS2. We enjoyed finding out about the different books that he has written and were really impressed with his



illustrations. In assembly he drew a funny alien which is now on display in our library.

Climbing Club

I have been going to climbing club every Monday. I was excited about going to climbing club. My favourite part was when I climbed to the top of the wall. I got to the top of the wall on the second time I went to climbing club. The man who teaches us to climb is called Paul. Everyone in Year 6 enjoys it.

by Toby



Super Science



In Science week, the children enjoyed taking part in an investigation to find out how to design a rocket which would travel the furthest. Every class investigated this in different ways. Year 6 Leopards looked at

different materials and discovered that card was the best. They also looked at whether a long rocket would be better than a shorter one and if adding a cone to the top would change the results. They had lots of fun carrying out this investigation and used some fantastic science words to explain what they had found out.

Gymnastics



In P.E Year 4 have been learning gymnastics. We have been having lots of fun whilst learning and we got to use the apparatus. We learnt the positions of tuck,

straddle and pike and did moves with them on the apparatus.

We were put in to teams and each of the teams had a turn on a station which our P.E coach Rachel set up for us. There was a rope station, a climbing station with monkey bars, two stations had a stool and you had to jump off them and a ladder was set down to try and find ways to cross it.

By Amy

Match Fit

During this term Y4 Dolphins have been taking part in match fit sessions with

Newcastle United



Foundation. We have match fit every Friday. There were two people from the team who are called James and Adam. James and Adam have so far taught us

about the five important messages and the eatwell guide. We always go to the gym too to do some exercise and different sports



like bench ball. We also had a quiz about healthy eating and physical education. The eatwell guide helps us to know that we should eat lots of fruit and vegetables. It also tells us that we should not eat too much junk food. We also looked at one of the players' diet. Their diet was quite healthy and had a portion of everything you

should have in your meals. We have had lots of fun while we have this enjoyable activity. I hope this



carries on in the future.

By Rehaab

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).

Nissan Visit



We had a great time when we visited Nissan. We found out that about 7000

people are employed at the Nissan factory in Sunderland. Nissan started in Japan and they still make cars in Japan. In Sunderland they make the Juke, the Qashqi and the Leaf which is an electric car. We visited the training workshop and we saw a robot called



Woody. Woody drew a picture of the cars that they make at the factory and a face and it also wrote names

on the picture. Woody also spoke to us. We built cars with lego and had to work as a team. We also ate delicious cookies and drank some juice. I hope we can visit Nissan again.

By Foad, Year 6, Zebras



The Royal Northern Sinfonia played with our Y1 and Y2 children during an In Harmony session this half term. Our choir performed at the Greatest Showman at the Arena recently and were amazing, they are also performing next week at the Civic Centre at the Citizenship ceremony. Next Wednesday Y4 Honey Bees are performing at the City Hall for the Dance Festival.

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.

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.



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.



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



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. 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.



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.

When getting medication for your child to be given in school from a doctor or pharmacist please ensure there is a label attached showing your child's name, the date and dosage.



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.

Our new **Parent Council** will meet every half term, if you would like to get involved please see Donna Blacklock.



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		
Thursday 28 th March		Photo day
Tuesday 2 nd April		Dental students visiting Y4
Wednesday 3 rd April		Y5 trip to Victoria tunnel Choir performing at the Civic Centre Y4 Honey Bees at the Dance Festival Decorate an Easter Egg Competition. 2pm Nursery Stay and Play
Thursday 4 th April		Bikeability Y4, Y5 Victoria tunnel pm Girls football tournament 2pm Reception Stay and Play
Friday 5 th April		10am KS1 Easter service at St Margaret's Church 3.10pm Break up for Easter
Tuesday 23 rd April		Return to school for summer term
Thursday 25 th April		Y5 Bikeability (& Friday 26 th) Nursery to Scotswood Gardens
Wed 1 st May		Y3 assembly 2.40pm
Monday 6 th May		Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
Monday 13 th May		Y6 SATs week – all Y6 must be in school all week on time. Y2 SATS all half term
Wednesday 8 th May		2.40pm Y4 class assembly
Wednesday 15 th May		pm Nursery assembly
Monday 20 th May		Enterprise Week Y6 STEMtastic day at Centre for Life
Wednesday 22 nd May		Reception trip to Farm
Thursday 23 rd May		Y6 Play in a day 2.30 Parents welcome to watch.
Friday 24 th May		Break Up for half term
Monday 3 rd June		Children return to school Y6 Stay

Parents have been informed that we will be having Easter school for Y2 & Y6 children in preparation for SATs. We hope all the children can attend. Y6 SATs week starts Monday 13th May and Y2 is happening in May. All children must be in school.

