

July 2019



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped us collect money for Enterprise week we raised £449.70.

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....

## **Enterprise Fair**



Earlier this year we had an Enterprise Fair. We had to create a stall and make products to sell or a game for people to play. The fair had a lot of stalls and all of them were different. My stall was called Candy Island- you had to throw a bean bag in a bucket and if you got it in a specific bucket you got a certain amount of sweets. My stall had a lot of people coming over and wanting to play the game but they had to wait a little bit but they still all got their turn. Altogether we ended up making almost £450 for school supplies. The Enterprise Fair was very fun. *By Alexia*



## **Lightwater Valley**

Last month, Year 6 went on a trip to Lightwater Valley. They travelled there for a trip as a reward for working hard for their SATs.

Everybody enjoyed the rides. The most popular ones were: The Ultimate, Raptor Attack and Eagle's Claw. Year 6 were even allowed to roam free in the park until they had to leave. My favourite ride was The Ultimate because it was very fast, very long and really fun when we went zooming straight down!

*By Bradley*



## **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.**

**Mrs Lambert** will be retiring at the end of term. She has worked in Early Years for many years and we thank her for all her hard work and wish her a happy retirement. We will be welcoming some new support staff in September to join the team.



### Drugs and Alcohol

Earlier this term we had the drug and alcohol talk with George. It was good and it taught us about how dangerous drugs are and that people should only take legal drugs with the correct supervision. If people ever offer you drugs, always say no. The talk also explained how illegal drugs can have an impact on you and the people around you. The main point to remember about illegal drugs is you should never take them and you will never know what is inside them. ....*By Ashley*

### Health and fitness day



Last month it was fitness week at school and a lot of visitors came. One of them was a lady called Nelly and she did Pilates. We did

some exercise and it was a bit like yoga. We had to do a lot of footwork like the superman stretch and a lot more but some of the stretches were hard to do. Hayley was another visitor and she made us do lots of



exercise, but we also had a few seconds of resting. By the end of the session I felt I

was breathing so fast but I really enjoyed health and fitness week. *By Debora*

### Pizzas!



Year 6 really enjoyed making pizzas in one of

their DT lessons. They were able to make their own dough and then got to choose from a range of tasty toppings. They enjoyed working together and when the pizzas were cooked they all agreed that they looked and tasted fantastic!



### Play in a day

In May we put on our positive pants, upped our acting skills and performed a play to the year 3 children. We did all this with the help of Ash from Play in a Day. We shared old and new memories and worries about secondary school. It was so good we performed it twice!

*By Rihanna*

### 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, 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.



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.***

### Round the Twist



Year 6 Leopards went to Round the Twist (which is a soft play) because they won the

respect week. They had to collect respect tokens and year 6 Leopards had loads of respect tokens from the staff at our school. They really enjoyed their treat and my favourite part was when Miss Cameron went down the slide! *By Dylan*

### Sandcastle competition



Earlier this month the children from Year 6 took part in a Sandcastle Challenge at the beach in South Shields. The theme

was looking at creating a better world. The children split into three teams and worked with architects from Napper to come up with their designs ready for the challenge of making them. On the day there were over 100 teams and everyone was very excited when they found out that Miss McIver's team won with their excellent "Save the Seas" turtle design! The children in year 6 now have to think of a way to spend the £200 prize money for something which will help others remember them.

### STEMtastic!

This year Leopards and Zebras went to the Centre of Life for STEMtastic day with the other schools in our Trust. They did lots of different workshops and they were separated in groups of the high school they are going to so they get to know other children so they don't worry lots. They took part in lots of Science and Maths challenges. Group 8 went to the planetarium and group 13 went to make paper aeroplanes. Some groups also used connector straws or made bridges. The children also met Steph McGovern from the BBC. Everyone had lots of fun! *By Mason*

## Whithaugh Park



Last month we went to Whithaugh Park and honestly speaking it was the best residential trip ever! Before we arrived we went to stop for the bathrooms but it actually turned out to be a 3 mile walk! After we did our long walk we got tasty flapjacks it was delicious but then we got back on the bus and continued our journey. We finally arrived and we got to head to our cabins.

The first activity we did was raft building and we had to build our own rafts and we had to test it to see if it would stay floating or whether it would just sink and luckily ours stayed afloat! The thing was it was really hard to paddle with the oars and our feet got all wet.



We then got on to our next activity which was abseiling it was the best thing yet. It was the

scariest! Abseiling is when you have to turn towards a wall and you are harnessed on but then you have to lean back (plus the wall is 30 meters high) and then you have to walk down the wall.

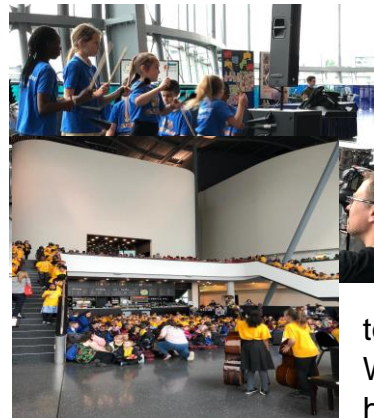
The final activity we did for the day was zip lining the zip lining was fun but to get there you had to walk what seemed like a mile or so and then climb this super steep hill which hurts your legs but then you got to go down the zip line and the view was breath-taking.

We then went to the rock shop and bought some stuff like sweets or drinks.

*By Maisha*

## Giraffes at the Sage.

By Matata



On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June the choir and the yr.5 Giraffes went to the Sage to perform the samba. The choir went to the Sage to sing with the WEST trust. We have being

practising the song all week with our lovely singing teacher Mrs Sinclair. The choir has been looking for new songs like, Thursday, A Million Dreams and the 'Together' song. We were amazing! We never sang better than that in all the year. After lunch we saw the Giraffes coming, the samba teachers, Steve and Franco putting the instruments in place



where they were supposed to go. I had to put the solo trumpet in its place, I was the one that was doing the solo. I think I have done my best I have really enjoyed that day.

## The girls' football tournament

By Ava

Year 4, 5 and 6 went to a girls' football tournament on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019. They went to Wingrove Primary School for the tournament. When they arrived, they were separated into two teams, team Bridgewater A and team Bridgewater B. When the first group went, Bridgewater A, didn't score. Time for Bridgewater B to go but sadly they didn't score to, next it was still Bridgewater B's turn, our group was confused but still no score. Finally, it was Bridgewater A's turn but they did not score.



All of them did not care because at least they tried. While they were waiting to determine which school would win the trophy, they went outside on the grass and played some football games. When they got to school, they did not get the trophy but were happy to have taken part.

### Swimming Club



Every week children in KS2 have been going swimming.

### Whizz Kidz

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2019, 3 of the smartest Giraffes (I was included with the 3 that went) went to the maths activity that was held at Canning Street Primary school. The year sixes at Canning Street greeted us with cookies and a bit of juice. We sat down and started our activities, my first activity wasn't particularly Maths though; it was Physics and Maths combined, because we had to see how we could make a feather look like it was flying – so I tried to do this:

- Connect the magnet to a pin
- Connect the pin to the fishing wire
- Knot the fishing wire to the feather

And then make it fly by holding the magnet up. In total we had 7 different activities, and we had 30 minute breaks each 3 activities we had. It was really fun and personally I really

enjoyed it, Why not join this lovely activity next year?

By Hadi.

### Giraffes go wild



Y3, Y4 and Year 5 from Bridgewater went to Beamish Wild on July the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were 3 coaches and 1

minibus. We went on the Jacob's ladder which is a ladder where everyone climbed to the top. Miss Mciver's group did good teamwork and



they went to Beamish Wild to have fun. By Jozef



### 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/Gillian Gibson 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.



**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/Gillian Gibson.



Website

Our website address is

[www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk](http://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	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery closed for new children visits.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Hygiene & Puberty talks for Y5 Children visiting new class
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception and Koalas trip to Saltwell Park
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9am KS2 Attendance & Achievement assembly 10am KS1 Attendance & Achievement assembly 10.45am EYs Attendance & Achievement assembly Parents welcome pm Nursey trip to park
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	pm Y6 disco – finish at 3.45pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 Y6 Leavers assembly for Y6 parents  3.10 Break up for summer holidays
	All through the summer activities on every day – please contact the school office.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Training day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Training Day, 0-3 open.
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents' afternoon
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival for KS2 at St Margaret's Church <b>Break up for half term</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Training day
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Return to school

**Happy summer holidays from everyone at Bridgewater!**

