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A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped us collect money for 'Macmillan coffee morning' at our welcome back coffee events and Jeans for Genes day. We will also be collecting money this term for Children in need, the poppy appeal and donations of food for Harvest.



Can all Harvest donations be sent into school next week and we will be sending them to the People's kitchen. We are very grateful for all donations received.

We have a new **school council**,



congratulations to all the children who were elected by their class mates in our election. They children will meet weekly and discuss lots of important issues about the school. We also have new peer mentors, buddies and toothbrush monitors. The children all applied for the jobs by filling in an application form and they will receive some training before they start their important jobs.



Best Summer Ever

We were very lucky to be part of this project which funded activities for our children every day of the summer holidays. Over 200 of our children accessed some

activities during the six weeks holiday.

Nuriyah was lucky enough to win a brand new bike as part of the "Best Summer Ever" event held across Newcastle during the summer holidays.



We have achieved the silver active mark for our PE provision. We are now working towards.

Training days

We will be having two further training days this year for nursery to Y6 children, one on Friday 25th October and the other on Monday 6th January.

Children in KS2 have had workshops with **NSPCC** and Y3 are taking part in a 'Curious Beasts' project which is about promoting good mental health in children.



It is fabulous news that **Elswick Pool** is now open.

We are now able to send two year groups to the baths which will help the children learn to swim and reach the goal of being able to swim at least 25 metres. It is also open to families in holidays, weekends and after school.

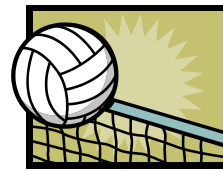
Roahl Dahl day

We love books and reading at Bridgewater and we started the term celebrating Roald Dahl day. Our older children are also reading the 100 books to read before leaving Y6.



Breakfast Club bus

Can I remind parents that an adult needs to see their child on to the breakfast club bus and hand over the fees to staff in an envelope, rather than the children. **Thank you for your support with this. If you would like a space for your child on the breakfast club bus please contact the school office.**



Our football team having been taking part in the WEST football tournament. Although we are yet to win a match, the boys are enjoying playing as a team and representing their school.



Earlier this month **Year 6 visited Safety Works.** They learned about keeping themselves safe in a variety of situations. One important skill was what to do if someone is unconscious. They worked in pairs to practice the recovery position. They also learned

about the importance of checking smoking alarms regularly and how to be safe when using the Metro. They all had a great time!

In Harmony – Seven Stories and RNS performance.



This half term Reception and Y1 children were very lucky to have a musical storytelling session with Seven Stories and the Royal Northern Sinfonia as part of our In Harmony project. The children absolutely loved it, it was all about Elmer.



Children with good **attendance** this term will go into a raffle draw to have the chance to go to the pantomime at the Theatre Royal.

Good luck everyone!!



Hodgkin Park Visit

Year 4 Dolphins visited Hodgkin Park. We walked around both parts of the park. We used 'Book Creator' on the ipads to take photos and to make an e book about our visit. The walk was very tiring because we had to walk all the way from school, around the park and then all the way back to school. Miss Phillipson gave us juice to drink when we got back to our classroom. By Hamza, Year 4 Dolphins

School Council Election

Last week, Wednesday 9th October, our class (including me) and the whole of KS1 and KS2 participated in our Bridgewater school council election they have worked endlessly hard for that position and place to represent their class. My class chose me! *By Nicole*

New children settling in.



Lots of new children have started with us this term in the Early Years and they have settled in lovely. Again this year we are able to offer full time places to our Nursery children.

Fun in Y3

This year I've enjoyed doing Picasso paintings they were fun to do, the whole class loved them. I've also liked doing peer massage it's so relaxing.

What was also nice, well your about to find out, in little groups we made George's Marvellous Medicine.

We also went to an amazing play called "Curious Beasts" it was very good.

By Menah, Tigers Year 3

This year we have enjoyed making a magnet game in science.

We absolutely love TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS in the ITC Suite.

Our very first art session was about Picasso.

Year 3 also have 'In Harmony' again this year, Kara is playing a flute and I am playing a clarinet.

By Sara and Kara, Tigers Year 3

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.



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.

Keep up to date with all the latest news as we also have a facebook and twitter link.

See the attached leaflet about events at the **Beacon Centre for Parents**. There is an open morning on **Wednesday 23rd October**. If anyone would like a lift to the event please leave your name at the school office.

Dates for your diary.



Diary Dates	
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' afternoon
Thursday 24th October	Harvest Festival for KS2 children only at St Margaret's Church Break up for half term
Friday 25 th October	Training day
Monday 4th November	Return to school Selling poppies in school
Wednesday 6 th Nov	Y6 trip to Nissan – Zebras Y5 to see the author Viv French
Thursday 7 th Nov	Y6 trip to Nissan - Leopards
Friday 8 th Nov	Remembrance assembly
Monday 11th Nov	KS1 & LKS2 (Y3&Y4) children to the cinema pm Reception to Y6 children flu vaccinations
Tuesday 12 th Nov	Spanish Day
Wednesday 13 th Nov	Y6 Zebras to Castle Keep
Friday 15th Nov	Children in Need day am Y5 & Y6 to cinema
Wednesday 20 th Nov	Pantomime for Y1 to Y6
Tuesday 26 th Nov	Y6 Leopards to castle keep
Wednesday 27 th Nov	Y2 to Beamish
Monday 2 nd December	Starlight play for Nursery to Y1 pm Coffee afternoon for parents with children with SEND needs.
Tuesday 3 rd Dec	2pm Panto trip to Theatre Royal for children who win the attendance prize.
Wednesday 4 th Dec	pm Choir singing at the Grainger Market
Friday 6 th Dec	Early Years Nativity performances
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Early years to see Santa
Thursday 12 th Dec	KS1 performances
Friday 13 th Dec	Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch day Y3/4 Carol Service in school

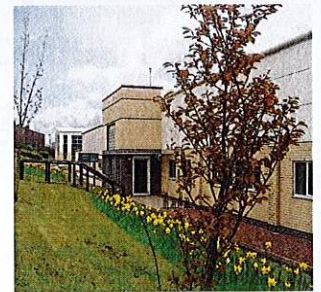
Monday December 16 th	Y6 and Reception Christmas Parties
Tuesday December 17 th	KS2 performance – all parents invited but not all children take part. Y5 and Nursery Christmas parties
Wednesday December 18 th	Y1, Koalas and Y3 Christmas parties.
Thursday December 19 th	am Choir singing at Asda & Tesco Y4 Christmas party
Friday December 20 th	Y2 and 0-3 Christmas parties. 3.10pm Break up for Christmas
Tuesday December 24 th	0-3 Break up for Christmas
Monday January 6 th	0-3 return to school
Tuesday January 7 th	Nursery to Y6 return to school

OPEN DAY | 9.30am – 12.30pm 23 OCT 2019

John Buddle Work Village Buddle Road Elswick Newcastle NE4 8AW



Drop in any time to see us at John Buddle Work Village
Join us at any of our short presentations to find out
more about **Explore Start Grow** activities...



10.30am Introduction to **Explore Start Grow**

10.45am Industry Taster Workshops: Care
with sector partner

11am Explore Workshops, STEPS and Mentoring

11.15am Financial Wellbeing
with CleanSlate

11.30am Lights, Camera, Take Action
with TicBox

11.45am HOW2 Start a Business

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Drop in any time to find out about local courses, workshops and 1:2:1 support that can help you explore ways to get into work, training, setting up a business or working for yourself.



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Riverside community health project



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PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

Come along and chat to local organisations, find out what's on offer and hear from our guest speakers. Refreshments available throughout.

Explore Start Grow

Industry Taster Workshops

Get an insight into an industry that interests you and what it's really like to work there.

STEP's and Mentoring

Workshops and coaching to help you think differently, preparing your own action plan for where you want to be in life.

HOW2 Business 1:2:1's

Business advice and guidance appointments to look at your idea and guide you through the practicalities of getting started or registering for self-employment.

Lights Camera Take Action

Workshops and coaching to help you think differently and think about your own action plan for where you want to be in your life

Financial Wellbeing

Workshops and 1:2:1 help to manage your money, get the best deals and be in control.

Universal Credit and Self-Employment

Workshop and 1:2:1's to help you navigate the systems and keep your finances in line with DWP.

Explore Workshops

Not sure what you really want to do? Explore workshops can help.

HOW2 Start a Business Workshops

Like the idea of working for yourself? Whether you have an idea or not, our short workshops cover lots of useful topics about starting up your own business.

