

December 2019



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped donated money this half term. We collected for Scope, Poppy day and Children in Need. This Friday is Christmas jumper day and we will be collecting for Save the Children if you would like to make a donation.



In November, year 6 went on an amazing trip to Nissan. When we got there three members of Nissan staff met us and kindly gave us all a

cookie and some juice. When we sat down we were confused to see that every row had different coloured bibs on the table. We were told to put them on and that every coloured row was a different team. The lady told us that Nissan was first originated from Japan. So we then discussed Japanese words like kawai, sumo and karate. We then had to get in to pairs and make a car out of LEGO. The lady said that over time car designs change a lot. Next we got the chance to make a production line out of LEGO. There were stations that consist of A, B, C, D, inspection and forklifts (people moving car from one station to another). Each station had to do a specific job and the team with the fastest time won. After our lunch, we went to the staff training room where people train to get a job in the factory. We learned about all of the jobs in the factory and even tried some. We first were split into groups and tried some jobs. On one of the jobs we even had to use a hammer. We learned how the Nissan Juke was built on a video, we also saw some Nissan car parts. Before we went to Nissan, we had to design a poster for a new Monozukuri caravan logo.

They announced the winners of the poster design and we thanked them for letting us be there.

By Tony, Tamara, Brooke and Jenan



This term **Y6** have taken part in a project called Real Love Rocks. It is all about relationships education and learning about keeping safe online. We have talked about what makes a healthy relationship and trying to keep relationships balanced.



Castle Keep and Lit and Phil Trip



Year 6 went on an exciting trip to find out about historic Newcastle. They visited two of the different locations from their class reader which is called "Walking with Witches". They started their trip at the Lit and Phil library and were able to look at lots of old books, stand on the balcony and visit the haunted silent room. They then visited Newcastle Castle and Keep. They learned about when the castle was built, stood in the Great Hall and even climbed the 99 steps up to the rooftop! They experienced amazing views of Newcastle. Everyone had a great time.

By Year 6 Leopards



Year 3 School Trip

We travelled to South Shields in our school mini buses for our school trip to Arbeia. When we arrived at Arbeia we had to put our lunches in a little room before going on a tour. We went to a tall tower and looked down at the Roman buildings, it was lovely.

After that we had 2 workshops, we had to split into 2 groups. One of the workshops involved digging to find different objects, the second workshop had different activities to carry out.

Next we looked around the site and saw Roman houses, one belonged to the Commander and the other houses were what people lived in that were not soldiers.

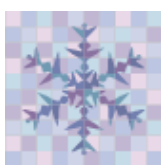
Finally we went to the museum where there were objects and a skeleton. We enjoyed the trip a lot because we learnt more about the Romans.

By Kara and Sara Year 3 Tigers



Y1-Y4 went to the cinema at the Gate to see Angry Birds 2. I liked the film because it had detective work in it. We could take a snack and drink with us. We were back for lunch, it was very busy in the dinner hall. Y5 and Y6 also went to the cinema to see Annie.

By Menah Year 3



Training days

Monday 6th January is a staff training day so school will be closed to children. The 0-3 childcare will be open.

Early years Ofsted Inspection

Our 0-3 childcare was inspected again this term and was judged to be solidly good. The report reads very positively and is available on our website and on Ofsted's website. A huge well done to all the staff for all their hard work.

Stonewall training

On our last staff training day staff received training from Stonewall. It is about celebrating difference and equality. Their strap line is 'acceptance without exception'. The training empowers teachers to tackle any form of discrimination and help prepare our children for life in modern Britain, an understanding of British values, the law and being good citizens.

Mindful Monsters and random acts of kindness week.



During the first week back this half term children were learning about being kind and respectful to themselves and others. They took part in 'mindful monsters' which is a fun interactive way of developing positivity, creativity, relaxation, concentration and resilience. They also did kind things for other people including making cards, leaving messages and making biscuits.

Y5 Viv French & Y6 able writers day

Y5 and some Y6 children have been lucky enough to take part in author workshops this half term. It really helps the children's reading and writing to work with real authors.

Balance bikes and learn to ride

Our Reception children and Y3 children have been developing their skills of riding a bike. Further workshops from the road safety team

will be happening next term with other year groups.

Y2 Beamish



Y2 children recently visited Beamish as part of their work on the Victorians. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing what life was like in the past and enjoyed watching the sweets being made. They also got the chance to feed the reindeer.

Spanish Day

All the children learn Spanish in school and this half term we had our annual Spanish day.

Choir Christmas performances



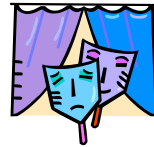
Our choir have been performing at various locations during this festive season and have a number of performances next week too. They were invited to perform at the opening at the ice rink at the Centre for Life and as ever sounded fantastic.



In Harmony – End of term performances

Nursery, Reception, Y1, 2 and 3 children all got the chance to show their parents what they have been learning in their 'In Harmony' lessons. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and watched

the performances and completed the feedback forms. The Arts Council who largely fund 'In Harmony' really wants and values feedback from parents.



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!!

Everyone in school got the chance to watch -- or Starlight



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.**

Staffing changes

Mrs Oyston is returning next week from maternity leave so will be teaching Y5 Giraffes taking over from Mr Navin. Mr Navin will be teaching the Elephants after Christmas as Miss Sharratt will be taking over PPA cover. It was wonderful to welcome back Miss Scott in Y1 and Miss Sinclair our music teacher from maternity leaves this half term.

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 excellent 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.

Dates for your diary.

Diary Dates		
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
Tuesday January	14 th	Online safety assemblies for KS1 and 2 pm parents welcome
Friday January	17 th	Y6 Puberty talks
Thursday Jan	23 rd	Y6 'Our school' page in The Chronicle. Session 1 pm of autism workshop for parents
Thursday Jan	30 th	Session 2 pm autism workshop for parents
Monday	10 th Feb	'Walk Smart' training for Y6
Tuesday	11 th Feb	Y3 Smart scoot
Friday	14 th Feb	Break up for half term
Monday	24 th Feb	Return to school after half term.

Merry Christmas Everyone!!

Year Two's Trip to Beamish



Children in Need Day

