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The Chronicle

Earlier this term, the children in Year 6 enjoyed writing articles for the "Our School Page" section of 'The Chronicle'. They

had to make sure the reports were interesting and captured lots of different events. They spent their English lesson interviewing people for quotes and then had to draft their reports, making sure they

were sticking to a strict word count. After a few weeks, they enjoyed seeing their published articles and reading the newspaper during ERIC time.



Clockwork

Year 6 are enjoying reading a book called 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman in their English lessons. This is an exciting story where each part

is told from a different characters' perspective. The children have enjoyed working in groups to study the different characters in more detail and have created descriptions, letters, comic strips and are now working on newspaper reports. It has inspired some children to read other books by Philip Pullman.

Year of the Rat

We have been learning about Chinese New Year this week and celebrated with a special lunch at lunchtime.

Our **school council** are working with the Trust council to reduce the amount of litter in the local area and look at how we can help prevent global warming.

Y5 Science



In science we have been studying about reversible and irreversible changes and we've been looking at materials that are soluble and insoluble when mixed

with water. We have been doing many investigations to see what materials would be soluble and insoluble in the water and looking at mixtures that cause a reaction and create an irreversible change. We found that in water sugar

was soluble and we could use evaporation to separate the sugar from the water. We also found that a chemical

reaction happened when we added an effervescent vitamin tablet to water as gas came out from the vitamin and the water changed colour. This was an irreversible change as we could not get it back to different materials again. We have also made our own sieves to see what materials we could separate. *By Emmanuella*

Next week is our sponsored spell so please encourage your child to learn their spellings. Any money raised will be used for activities during Book Week and for books.



Our Reception children recently visited **Seven Stories** to look at all the wonderful stories and books on displays. Our librarian Dorothy will be running story sack sessions for parents after half term in school.

Ross MacKenzie author visit



Yesterday, Year 6 went to Canning Street Primary for a special event with some of the other schools from our Trust. They met an author called Ross

MacKenzie who talked to them about his new book which is called "Evernight." They were able to find out what inspired his writing and asked plenty of questions. Some children also got a signed copy of the book and have already started reading it. Others are enjoying reading another of

his stories- "The Nowhere Emporium" which is from the 100 book challenge list.



My teeth



Last week Dolphins class made salt dough and moulded it into the shape of our teeth. We used mirrors to reflect our teeth so that we

could see what they looked like. We also looked at a big plastic model of teeth. We are learning about teeth because it is our topic in science. We have been learning that we have different teeth such as:

- Incisors to bite your food
- Canines to rip your food
- Premolars to chew and grind food
- Molars to chew and grind food

I enjoy science because you get to make and create things during investigations.

By Hamza Year 4 Dolphins

E-safety

We had a special assembly about E-safety. Someone came in to talk to us about the dangers



online and how to stay safe. We watched a video to help us understand how easy it is to be fooled into thinking you are safe. The main messages we learnt was to always speak to an adult if you are worried, don't talk to strangers and don't give out private information. **Tuesday 11th February is Internet Safety Day.** *By Brooke, Tamara, Vibhaas & Willow*



The tigers decorated their **reading corner** to a jungle theme. I was jumping with

excitement when it was my turn to go in. We have a mosquito net that we can go under. We all take turns to go in where you get to sit on a bean bag or comfy chair. I love reading so much, reading is the best.

Y2 and Y6 are preparing for their SATs

after Easter. Thank you to all the parents who came to the information workshops. Y6 SATs week is the week beginning 11th May. All children must be in school during this time. Y1 are also preparing for their phonics test in June.



Hindu temple visit

Last week everyone in my class went to a Hindu temple. When we got there we had to take off our coats and hang them up on pegs, we also took our shoes off

and put them in little slots at the entrance.

It was amazing because all the girls got to dress up in fabulous dresses with fancy bracelets. The boys got to have a type of fabric wrapped around their head. One of the boys even got to carry an arrow. *By Sara Year 3 Tigers*

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).



Early Years, KS1 and Y3 children are very lucky to be part of the 'In Harmony' project with Sage Gateshead. Every child is learning to play an instrument. We will be performing at Sage Gateshead in the summer and in school.

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 St Paul's Primaries and now Moorside. We work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children. Other Trust partners are Newcastle University, Centre For Life, Healthworks and Newcastle Local Authority.



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.



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.

Monday 10 th Feb	Y6 smart walker training
Tuesday 11 th Feb	Y3 Smart Scoot
Wednesday 12 th Feb	Parents' day
Friday 14 th Feb	Break up for half term
Monday 24 th Feb	Children return from half term.
Thursday 27 th Feb	2.40pm Y4 class assembly
Monday 2 nd March	Book Week
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y1 Turtles trip to Farm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – children dress up
Friday 6 th March	Y1 Pandas to farm
Tuesday 24 th & Wed 25 th March	Trip to London
Tuesday 24 th March	Y1 to Sage
Thursday 26 th March	Photo day
Friday 27 th March	Y3 class assembly at 2.30pm
Tuesday 31 st March	Y5 class assembly 9.15am
Thursday 1 st April	Decorate an egg comp. Y3 Elephants to dance festival
Friday 3 rd April	10pm KS1 Easter service Break up for Easter
Y6 & Y2	Easter schools – dates to follow
Tuesday 20 th April	Children return to school