

March 2023

As we come to the end of another busy term at Bridgewater we want to share with you some of the highlights in this newsletter. Next half term will be busy too with Y6 and Y2 doing their SATs, a Coronation to celebrate and our annual Enterprise Fair and 'dress up in your chosen career' day.

Unfortunately, there may also be further industrial action, teaching unions are currently planning action for **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday May 2nd**. We will keep you informed about what will happen but please pencil them in your diaries. No one wants the children to miss school and have their education disrupted but the Government does need to fully fund any staff pay increases otherwise this affects our school budget massively and will impact on what we provide for your children. We are all very appreciative of your ongoing support and understanding.

London 2023



Earlier this month we took 25 KS2 children on our annual trip to London. Everyone had a great time and we managed to pack in lots of things. We visited Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, the Royal Observatory at Greenwich and had two trips on the River Thames. We also got to see the Lion King and Shrek Adventure.

Redstart and Change the Game.



Y2 to Y6 have been having financial education this term. We are very lucky to have been chosen as one of the pilot schools and children are learning vital life skills. They will be doing challenges and tasks to earn redstart £1s which they can save up for rewards. All the children have enjoyed the lessons and workshops they have had so far.



Easter egg competition



Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to decorate an egg for our annual competition. The entries were eggcellent!! It was really hard to choose the winners.



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped us raise money for Comic Relief and North East Hearts with Goals. Also thank you for entering our Easter raffle.

World Book Day



We celebrated World Book day by coming to school dressed as our favourite

book character. Children joined live storytelling events. The Early Years children joined a live story telling activity by Giglets. They read the story of Ribbit, which was a fun rhyming text that explored the noises some animals make while a little frog tried



to find his own voice. We loved joining with the actions and sounds on the farm. After we made masks of the different characters.

Y4 Engineering project



Year 4 were lucky to take part in the 'Dream Big for Engineering' project. We found out about different types of engineers and even got to meet some! We asked lots of questions to find out about their jobs. Each week, we had an engineering challenge to complete. – Year 4 Honeybees

The **Nursery children** have been thoroughly enjoying their latest enquiry 'How do we travel?' They have been exploring different means of travel including transport through stories, small world play,



investigation and they even had a visit from a fire engine!



Y3 Winter Gardens visit



Y3 children have been to visit Sunderland

Winter Gardens linked to their curriculum work. All the children had a great time.

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.



We are also part of Newcastle's West End Children's Community working with all partners in

the west end to support children cradle to career.



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.



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.

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.



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	
Friday 31 st March	Pool party for attendance competition winners. Break up for Easter
Monday 17 th April	Return to school No In Harmony this week.
Wednesday 19 th April	Photo day
Thursday 20 th April	pm Y3 Tigers class assembly
Friday 21 st April	Pm Y3 Elephants class assembly
Tuesday 25 th April	Story sack session for EYs parents – letter to follow
Wednesday 26 th April	0-3 photos
Tuesday 9 th April- Friday 12 th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 15 th May – all week	KS1 SATs
Tuesday 16 th May	Reception children and parents to Sage Gateshead
Wednesday 17 th May	Nursery stay and play
Thursday 18 th May	Reception stay and play
Friday 26 th May	Enterprise fair and dress up in your future career day. Break up for half term
Monday 5 th May	Training Day
Tuesday 6 th May	Children return to school

Parents have been informed that we will be having Easter school for Y2 & Y6 children in preparation for SATs during week 1 of the holidays. We hope all the children can attend. Y6 SATs week starts Tuesday 9th May and Y2 is happening from Monday 15th May. All children must be in school.



**Happy Easter
Everyone!!**