

Yet another busy term at Bridgewater, in this newsletter we'd like to share with you some of what has been happening. We would also like to thank you for all your continued support and attendance at stay and reads, parents' afternoon and other events we have invited parents too including our big show at the Glasshouse for KS2 children. Thank you also for your donations of money and food this term, they are greatly appreciate.

London 2024



Our annual trip to London was fun packed as usual. The children loved visiting Parliament, the London Eye, Tower Bridge and the show Mrs Doubtfire. The 007 boat trip is also a highlight. A shame the train got stuck in York and we had to get a coach but it all adds to the adventure!

Y6 Bright Futures Art Project



Year 6 have been involved in an exciting art project this term. The focus of this was to celebrate the Benwell and Scotswood ward and think about what

we like about our community. The children worked with Thom Heap (an artist) to each create their own individual canvas to capture what they like in the community. They considered the diversity of our community and how people come to live in Newcastle from all over the world. We discussed words to reflect community such as togetherness, unity and companionship. The children's work was then shared in an exhibition at the John Marley Centre and lots of people visited.

Easter egg competition



We will be having our annual decorate a hard-boiled egg competition on the last day of term. We can't wait to see the entries.



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped us raise money for Comic Relief and Brain cancer research. Also thank you for entering our Easter raffle.

World Book Day



The children enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. They came to school dressed as their



favourite book character or in an outfit representing an adjective (a describing word). Each child received a book token to spend on one of

the World Book Day books. This was a great opportunity to promote a love of reading!

STEMtastic!



Year 6 had an excellent STEMtastic week which is annual event for all Year 6 children in our Trust. The children took part in lots of activities

focusing on science, technology, engineering and maths. They also found out about some careers which use these subjects. The week involved a visit to the Centre for Life and the Discovery Museum where the children were set various challenges including: designing a boat, testing how much electricity they could generate, making torches, working with the RAF to create aeroplanes and visiting the planetarium. Everyone learned lots of new things and we were even praised for our incredible behaviour by a member of the public!

Red Nose Day



We enjoyed dressing in red clothes for Red Nose Day. We found out about the Comic Relief Charity and how our donations could support

people in the UK and around the world. Some of us also wore hats to show our support for Brain Tumour Research.

Shipleigh Art Gallery visit.



Year 6 visited the Shipleigh Art Gallery as part of Children's Mental Health Week. They took part in a sketchbooks workshop exploring the different exhibits around the gallery. They also thought about texture and considered

how art can be used to express and provoke certain feelings.

Y5



Y5 have been to the Great North Museum to look at their Greek exhibition. The children have been using clay to make their own Greek vases.

Y4



Y4 have been working with the Theatre Royal exploring the text 'The boy at the Back of the Classroom'. They will be going to see it performed at the

Theatre Royal in May. We have been taking part in a theatre club there on a Monday after school too.

They have also been to **Jarrow Hall**.



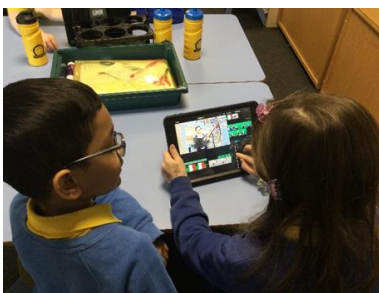
The Dolphins class had a trip to Jarrow Hall where there is a replica Anglo Saxon village. We also visited St Pauls Church where the Venerable Bede worshipped as a monk. There is a stained glass window made from fragments of glass that are 1365 years old!

Y3 making bags in DT & using iMovie.



In Year 3 Tigers we made book bags in DT and decorated them in tin foil to make them reflective. That was because we were learning about light in Science. I put my favourite shapes on. We

learned three types of stitching - running stitch, back stitch and whip stitch.



In Year 3 we have been making videos to persuade people to go to Italy. We used a green

screen and then put in photos of Italy behind us. We used iMovie on the iPads to edit our videos. It was fun to do and the end videos are really good.

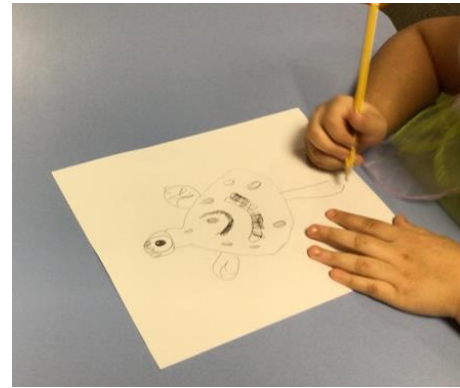
Y2 Library sessions



Year 2 enjoyed some story sessions with Dorothy and John in the library on World Book Day. Some children

have also been training as library volunteers to learn all about the library system and how to help put the library books away.

We enjoyed meeting the author/illustrator Simon Bartram on World Book Day and he read us his award winning story 'Man on the Moon.' We learned how to be illustrators by drawing an alien step by step with him and we had lots of fun!



Redstart



Year 2 worked with Lynn from the charity Redstart this half term to work on our understanding of how we can keep track of our money and make sensible choices about how we spend it. We enjoyed thinking about what we are saving our money for now, what we might save for when we are 10 and what we might save for when we start work.

Y1 Outdoors



Y1 have enjoyed exploring our outdoor area. We have a lot of resources to play with and to help our learning.

Early Years

STAR dance



The **Polar Bear** class have been enjoying Star dance each week. We have been learning about different feelings and emotions during our dance activities.

We hope you can come to our Star dance show on Monday 22nd April at 2pm.



The Nursery **Squirrels** have enjoyed taking part in gymnastics this half term, we have been practising making large and small shapes on the equipment.



The **Hedgehog** class have been learning about spring. Following a walk outdoors looking for signs the children made some observational drawings of daffodils.

Developing oracy



All of our children are developing their speaking and listening skills using resources and support from **Voice21**. We have key staff in school who are Oracy Champions and children in all classes are working hard to develop these skills.

School Council



Our School Council have been carrying out a project on food inequality and are campaigning with the support of our MP to make change. They are currently collecting for the West End Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who has donated food.

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 days (which is 8 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 an 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. We also have a Zone West worker and work with other providers such as the STAR project and Rise.



WEST Schools' Trust

We are part of the West End Schools' Trust (WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn, Moorside, St Paul's and Lemington Riverside 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.



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. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please see the school office.



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 and Dojo messages to keep parents informed so it is vital our contact details are up to date.

After the Easter holidays the gates will close at 8.55am

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.

Dates for your diary.

Diary Dates	
Monday 15h April	Children return to school
Monday 22 nd April	In Harmony starts again.
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank holiday – School closed
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATs week
Friday 24 th May	Dress up as your chosen career day. Break up for half term
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day – whole school closed.
Wednesday 10 th July	Parents' afternoon
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer

Trip dates, Stay & play & performance dates to follow – look out on Dojo.

Parents have been informed that we will be having Easter school for Y6 children in preparation for SATs during week 2 of the holidays, Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th April. We hope all the children can attend. Y6 SATs week starts Monday 13th May. This year Y2 children will not be doing SATs. All children must be in school.



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 Wendy Harker 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.

There are activities happening every day in school during the Easter holidays. Please contact the school office to book a place.



Happy Easter Everyone!!

