

As we come towards the end of another academic year we'd like to share with you what the children have been doing over the summer term. All classes have been on trips, had stay and plays with their parents, class assemblies and In Harmony performances. I hope you enjoy reading about them. Children in KS2 have successfully completed their SATs and we are very proud of what they have achieved. They are also preparing to transfer to secondary school and we wish them all every success in their next school.

We also have to say goodbye and good luck to three members of staff this year. Miss Cameron our Y6 and Upper Key Stage Two Phase Leader who is leaving to join another school. Miss Smith who is taking up a teaching job and Miss Bulmer who is moving to a new school too. All three ladies have worked at Bridgewater for many years and we are very grateful for all they have done for our children. We wish them every success in their new jobs.

Y6 Whithaugh Park

Year 6 had an amazing time on their stay away trip to Whithaugh Park in the Scottish Borders. During their two days away, they took part in a wide range of adventurous activities. They



were able to build rafts as a team and test them-some were more successful than others! They tried out a huge zip wire across



the lake, learnt how to canoe and reached new heights on the climbing wall.



other. Everyone had an amazing time!

The children demonstrated lots of Bridgewater's values including: resilience, co-operation, excellent communication and kindness towards each

Year 6 Stay and Play



Year 6 enjoyed inviting parents and carers along to their final stay and play. This was a good opportunity to show off what we

enjoy about OPAL. It was lovely to see parents playing

alongside their children and getting stuck with a wide range of

activities, including: basketball, tennis, football, building dens and obstacle courses!



Year 6 Science show



Year 6 we were invited to watch Professor Pumpnickel's Science Show at the John Marley Centre. They had a great time learning about chemical reactions; what happens when different

metals burn and how sound waves travel. It was such an exciting show! Thank you to Helen Thomson for organising this.

Year 6 Sailing trip



Two groups of lucky Year 6 children enjoyed an overnight sailing experience on the James Cook boat. This amazing trip was led by Ocean Youth Trust and the children and staff were able to learn lots of skills for sailing a boat. They became part of the crew with some children from Hawthorn Primary. During the trip they found out about navigating, learned to tie knots, hoisted the main sail, steered the boat and then slept on bunks overnight. Everyone had a brilliant time and pushed themselves to try new things.



Year 6 Olympics Assembly



Year 6 took part in an online assembly with Primary Picture News. They listened to a talk with Stef Reid MBE who is a Paralympian. They found out about how she competes in long jump and is also a sprinter and how she has had to overcome different challenges throughout her life. The

Olympics and Paralympics are taking place in Paris this year.

Year 6 Ice-cream van



Year 6 enjoyed a tasty treat for all their hard work this academic year! They all enjoyed an ice-cream thanks to Vision for Education. Thank you to Mr Beechey for organising this.

Year 6 Health and Wellbeing week



Year 6 took part in a health and wellbeing week. This was organised by our Trust officer and the Family Support Workers.

We took part in different activities including watching videos in class to think about the importance of sleep, ways to keep healthy and having a positive mindset. We also visited NUCastle and took part in more



activities. We thought about ways to reduce screen time, looking after our mental health and the very useful skill of how to perform CPR.

Year 5 Quayside Trip:



As part of our local area topic Year 5 completed a walk along the river Tyne. We started from Newcastle Business Park and headed along to the busy Quayside to look at the area today with a focus on seeing the seven bridges that span over the river Tyne along the way. The children made

stops on the journey; they used their geography skills to create maps to show the area and the bridges as well as using their art skills to sketch the bridges that they could see. Giraffe class also spoke to some local



fisherman who had caught a flatfish and he spoke to them about the different types of fish they catch in the Tyne. Year 5 were also lucky enough to see the Millennium Bridge

open to allow passage to a boat before getting an ice lolly for the walk back.

Y5 Discovery Museum trip



Y5 visited the Discovery Museum to take part in a Building Bridges workshop as part of our

history and DT. We got to explore their Newcastle area displays showing how people lived in our area through



the different time periods. We investigated changes over time such as the changes to the Tyne

Bridge and found out that the Medieval Tyne Bridge had shops, houses and chapel on



before it was destroyed by flooding in 1771. As part of our workshop, we made predictions and tested different structures to see

which would be the strongest. We were then set a challenge to build our own bridge in teams that would hold the weight of a toy car.

Y4

Year 4 Honeybees trip to Holy Island



Year 4 Honeybees & Dolphins loved their trip to Holy Island where they visited Lindisfarne Priory, which is the first place the Vikings raided in England!

Year 4 Archery and Curling event



A group of Year 4 children competed against other WEST Trust Schools in an Archery and Curling event.

James from the Honeybees said, "It was really fun and I loved aiming the arrow for the target."

Y3 Pasta Making



In DT we made pasta from scratch. It was difficult but really fun! We have also been learning about Italy in Geography and that's where pasta comes from. *By Oliver.*

about jobs at the train station. We found out that trains drive a lot faster than the George Stephenson's rocket steam train

Refugee Week



For refugee week we painted kittiwakes and we used newspaper to cover the background. We used a stencil to paint the outline of the kittiwake. We chose these birds because they come to Newcastle from their homes to live on the Tyne Bridge from February to August.

By Karthik



Y2 Trip to Bamburgh



As part of our History topic on Grace Darling, Year 2 visited the Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh

this half term. We found it very interesting seeing Grace's actual clothes, coble boat and her necklace. We went to see where she was born, christened and buried in the village as well.

Reception visit Scotswood Gardens



The Brown Bears and Polar Bears have been to Scotswood Gardens to go on a minibeast hunt. We found spiders,



woodlice, butterflies and damselflies under logs, in the grass and by the pond. After we collected natural objects and used clay to make our own minibeast. "I liked finding a little

woodlouse" said Ella.

Y1 Visit to the Central Station



As part of our History topic on George Stephenson a group of year 1 children went to visit the train station to find out



Nursery

The Hedgehog Class have had an exciting half term investigating their enquiry question 'How do we keep our bodies healthy?' They have been learning about healthy eating, taking care in the sun, looking

after our teeth and the importance of exercise and sleep.

Beamish Museum trip



On the 13th June some of the children who attend wrap around were invited to go to Beamish museum.

The 14 children aged in ranges from year 1 through to year 6. We had a fantastic day, as the sun was shining and we all learned so much on the day. We experienced what life would have been like in 1913, and we were all horrified to hear that we would have all been legible to work in the mine!!! No one liked being in the mine, as it was so wet, dark and cold! We also experienced a Victorian lesson in the school. This was extremely different in comparison to our school days



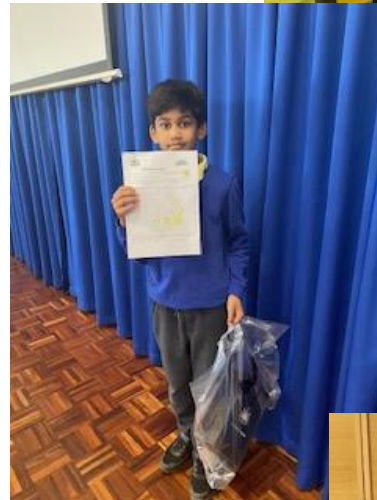
now, and I think it's fair to say that we were all extremely grateful that we didn't go to school in the days of 1913!!!

All in all, we had a brilliant day, the children were an absolute credit as their behaviour was complemented numerous times throughout the day.

Thank you for a really great day. *Mrs Pickering and Mrs Crawford*

Newcastle United winners

Below are our winners of the Newcastle United logo competition promoting their core values of **hardwork, disciplined, passionate and collaboration**. Our children have received some fantastic prizes including tours of the stadium, match day tickets and a chance to meet the first team players.



Message from Mrs Robson

In September it will be legally required for all children to be in school for at least 32.5 hours per week. School starting time is 8.40am. Finish times will vary as they do now but all year groups will do at least 32.5 hours.

In Harmony will mean that the school day will end at 3.30pm for different year groups on different days. Y4 and Y5 swimming will also mean they will finish on some days at 3.30pm as they do now. Information about this will come out during the first week back in September.

School is open throughout the summer with a range of activities taking place so please contact the office if you want your child to attend. **School fully opens again on Thursday 5th September** and we will send reminders to families using Dojo and texts at the beginning of that week. We also have a training day on Monday 4th November and Monday 2nd June 2025.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Warmest Regards

Mrs Robson

Times for September are as follows:

Breakfast club

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| 7.30am | Paid for breakfast club. |
| 8am | Working families (with permission) via the main office. |
| 8.10am | Y6 start time please come to the Hall & Gym |
| 8.10am | Y5, Y4, Y3, Y2 wait in lines outside the hall from 8.10am |
| 8.10am | Y1 via side gate on Derwent Street to Early Years dining hall. |
| 8.15am | Reception and nursery via side gate on Derwent Street to Early Years dining hall. |

End of the school day:

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| 3pm | Y6 from the top yard. |
| 3.05pm | Y2 from hall* (Penguins) and Gym (Seals), siblings from Y3-6 will leave with them. Nursery pick up time from their veranda accessed via gate on Derwent Street. Y4 from the top yard. Reception pick up time from their veranda accessed via gate on Derwent Street. |
| 3.10pm | Y3 from hall* (Tigers) and Gym (Elephants) siblings from Y4-6 will leave with them. Y5 from the top yard. Y1 pick up time from their veranda accessed via gate on Derwent Street. |
| * | When In Harmony starts Penguins and Tigers will leave from the link corridor. |

Children who are over 8 years old can walk home alone provided parents have signed a letter giving permission.

Teachers will be available for a quick chat at the end of the day but longer conversations need an appointment booked.

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) from September.**

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 family support team, Educational Psychologist, Counsellor, Thrive practitioner and a Well Being Officer 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 and Moorside Primary Schools. We work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children. Other Trust partners are Newcastle University, Centre For Life, Healthworks, Tyne and Wear Archive Museums and Newcastle Local Authority. We are also part of the West End Children's Community. The Trust newsletter will be shared on our whole school Dojo page this week and in the Autumn Term we will be welcoming Lemington Riverside into our Trust.



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.



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 contact 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 to keep parents informed so it is vital our contact details are up to date. We also use Dojo so please make sure you are signed up.



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 fantastic 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.

A huge thank you to all the school community for your support this year.



Have a fantastic summer everyone!

West End Children's Community

West End Schools' Trust have helped to set up a new partnership called the West End Children's Community (WECC). This partnership is now a registered charity and made up of a variety of organisations including schools, universities, charities, cultural organisations and the local authority.

Over time, the WECC wants to get more people involved, including families and children and are working with Citizens UK to do this. The WECC aims to share ideas and resources to make the Inner West a good place to grow up. Watch out for opportunities to get involved.

