

March 2025

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 talks, 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 this term, they are greatly appreciated. We also had a successful Ofsted inspection, raffled Bruno's boots and ended with our annual Easter egg competition.

All of the staff and children enjoyed an ice cream to celebrate our successful **Ofsted inspection** – well done everyone!



We have continued to work with Newcastle United this term. We had a video message from Bruno and Elysia Boddy who also plays for England's women's team came to visit.



Some of our children will be playing in a tournament at the Academy and there are some stadium tours planned for next term.

We also had our Black and White day to support Newcastle United in the Carabao Cup



We wished them the best of luck. We had a fundraising penalty shootout with Mr Hubbucks for the NU foundation.





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.

STEMTASTIC week for Y6



Y6 had some amazing opportunities during STEMtastic week visiting the Centre for Life, NU Castle STEM room and the Discovery Museum.

We visited the Centre for Life and did a carousel of activities. Charlie and Esref are our champion jet makers and longest distance flight champions. We explored wind turbines to generate electricity. We tried to solve a crime We had a day at the Discovery museum too

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!

In Harmony Celebration Day at The Glasshouse.



Our KS2 children performed the Glasshouse this week for their parents with Hawthorn Primary School. They were all absolutely amazing and what an opportunity to attend such an amazing venue.



Year 2 had an **online safety** session and we learned all about how to stay safe online. We discussed who our trusted adults are and how to stay safe online when playing games.



Year 2 visited the **Discovery Museum** this term linked with their enquiry based learning question 'Why did the Great Fires spread so quickly?' We learned more about the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead and explored some artefacts from the Victorian period. We also used puppets to act out what happened, which was great fun.

For the **WEST Maths Trust Day**, Year 4 Honeybees looked at a book with lots of mathematical facts linked to distances. We used calculators to work out how many kangaroo hops it would take to cross Australia. We then measured the lengths of some of our jumps and worked out how many of our jumps it would take.



Year 4 Jarrow Hall visit



Year 4 Honeybees & Dolphins loved visiting Jarrow Hall to develop their knowledge about the Anglo Saxons. We learnt how to use a loom to weave wool to create a piece of fabric. We explored the farm to learn about village life and took part in a battle!



We walked around the living village/farm, met the animals and discussed how they would live, farm and eat back then. We got to see and feel how their homes would be, as well as their lives.



We loved having a fire in the large hut and hearing legend stories such as Beowulf. (We've been reading this in English so it was very exciting!)



In our **Art lessons**, the Year 4 Honeybees enjoyed learning about Norwegian artist Edvard Munch. We recreated our own version of his famous painting 'The Scream', thinking carefully about which colours to use to portray a feeling or mood.

0-3 trip to the Farm



Our 0-3 children went to Bill Quay farm to see all the animals and had a great time.

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 helped to judge the Easter egg completion this year. They have also visited the Lord Major and helped make a video with our Trust Schools to celebrate 10 years of the West End Schools' Trust.

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 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.



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 by **8.40am** 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.

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.



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 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.

Dates for your diary.

Diary Dates		
Monday 28h April		Children return to school & In Harmony starts again.
Monday 5 th May		May Day Bank holiday – School closed
Monday 12 th May		Y6 SATs week
Friday 23rd May		Dress up as your chosen career day. Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June		Training Day – whole school closed.
Wednesday 9 th July		Parents' afternoon
Friday 18 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, Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th April. We hope all the children can attend. Y6 SATs week starts Monday 12th May. All children must be in school.



Happy Easter Everyone!!

Some of our Easter Egg entries!



Trust Number Day

