

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 some of our staff this year. Miss Bell (Wellbeing Officer), Mrs Emmerson (Admin Officer) and Mrs Imerson (Lunchtime Supervisor) are all retiring so we wish them a happy retirement. Mr Bishop our Y4 Dolphin teacher who has been covering a maternity leave and our ARP teachers Miss Humby and Mrs Campbell as our ARP is closing. We wish them good luck for the future. Some of our supply support staff will also be moving on and we thank them for their hard work.

Y6



took part in four activities. We played football on the roof top pitch; learned CPR, explored mental health and how to recognise poor mental health and used HADO for virtual dodgeball.

As part of 'Health and Wellbeing' week, we went to NUCastle, where we



Y6 visited *Whickham Thorns*, where they



pushed themselves to achieve different challenges. They stood on crates;

zoomed down slopes; played football golf and climbed the wall to touch the roof. The children showed great resilience and received great praise from staff.



Year 6 loved their *Stayaway in Edinburgh*.



They had a fun-filled two days. As part of their visit, they had a bus tour; saw 'How to train a dragon'; spent time in the Planetarium; visited the Zoo and had tea at TGI Friday.

"I liked the Zoo because I got to see animals I have never seen."

Callum DD



£3000. We also learned about SCAMS and being sensible with our money.

STEMTASTIC



Y6 made catapults and fired them. Our results were shared with WEST and we won! Our furthest distance was over 6 metres!

Enterprise Fair

We loved the Enterprise fair. We had great teamwork, resilience and selling powers.



We visited
**Hoults
Yard** to

learn about finance. Using virtual money we could earn, take risks, invest and spend. It was good fun and we all enjoyed making money. Our top earner made over

In Harmony

We had visitors to our sectional practices to give us a master class on our particular instruments.



Y4

Year 4 trip to Holy Island



Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Lindisfarne to see the priory where the Vikings first invaded in 793AD. We got to walk around the island, look at the castle and enjoyed our lunch in the sun with a lovely view of the sea.

Year 5 Quayside Trip:

Year 5 visited the Quayside and went on a bridges walk where we saw all seven bridges along the River Tyne. We enjoyed sketching and drawing a bridge and then we mapped out all seven bridges in order. We had a lovely walk along the Quayside in the summer sun. We even had our dinner outside the Baltic and really made the most of the weather.

Y3

This term **Year 3 visited Alnwick Gardens** and Lilidorei. First, we saw a ginormous fountain and steps leading up to smaller fountains. Then, we played in the maze and we got splashed and soaking wet in the



fountains. After lunch, we played Duck, Duck, Goose before heading to Lilidorei. Lilidorei was really fun, we explored the enormous climbing frame and huge slides and the haunted village. "We had so much fun playing in the water and taking pictures of the ducks!" - said Josh from the Elephant Class.

By Max

Y2 visit 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.

Y1 Visit to Locomotion

This term year 1 have enjoyed a trip to Broxfield farm and Locomotion to learn more about George Stephenson.





animals in Pet's Corner and got to have fun in the play park.



Reception

Author Visit - Naomi Barley

Naomi Barley is a new local author who brought her first book to share with the children in the Brown Bears. We had the opportunity to listen to Naomi read her brand new children's book "The Zig Zags". We also enjoyed discussing and drawing the different characters from the story.



Nursery thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Jesmond Dene this half term. This supported their learning around the seasons. They looked for signs of summer, used their senses to explore, visited the

Message from Mrs Robson



Platinum Award for OPAL. Our school

recently achieved the highest award for outdoor play and learning. The children really love the variety of things to do outside.

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**

Wednesday 3rd September and we will send reminders to families using Dojo and texts at the beginning of that week.

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

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:

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.



WEST Schools' Trust

We are part of the West End Schools' Trust (WEST) with

Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn St Paul's, Moorside and Lemington Riverside 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, NUFC and Newcastle Local Authority. We are also part of the West End Children's Community. The Trust newsletter has been shared on our whole school Dojo page this week.



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.

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.

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