

Friday 24th May 2024



# Bridgewater Summer Term 1 Newsletter 2024



## A message from Mrs Henderson

Although this has been a short half-term, the children have done so much, as you can see from their mini reports in this newsletter. To see even more, please do regularly check out our Twitter page which is packed with tweets detailing the wonderful, enriching curriculum on offer at Bridgewater @BridgewaterPS. A special mention this half term our Year 6 classes who have impressed me with their attitudes in the lead up, and during, the week of their SATs! I also wish to extend this well done to all the teachers and support staff who work incredibly hard here at Bridgewater to inspire and care for our children and to help them reach their potential.

Looking forward to a fantastic final half-term!

## A fond farewell

This term we say a fond farewell and best wishes to Mrs Bihari as she is sadly leaving Bridgewater on Friday 24th May. We wish her lots of luck in her new role and the very best for the future.

Mrs Bihari you will be missed!

wishing  
you  
ALL THE BEST

Goodbye  
AND  
Good Luck

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

Looking after our mental health is not something we should just do if we are struggling, or feeling low, anxious or stressed. It's actually something we should think about all the time and really invest in, just like with our physical health. Staying on top of our mental wellbeing is good for us now but also helps us deal manage difficult times in the future. Over time, it can also reduce our risk of physical health problems.

There are lots of things we can do to look after our mental health and wellbeing every day. Make a start with 7 top tips from the NHS "Every Mind Matters" website at <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/top-tips-to-improve-your-mental-wellbeing/> This website includes short video clips to support you with (amongst other things) mindful breathing, healthy living, how to improve your sleep health and how to reframe negative thoughts.

This term, we have introduced our 'Affirmation Stations' in EYFS and KS1. Children are enjoying using these stations to speak positively about themselves and others.

Our wonderful Reading Ambassadors have read and reviewed books that support our Mental Health and positive Wellbeing and shared these with their peers. Children have access to baskets of books to support and promote positive Mental Health and Wellbeing in each classroom.

### Important dates next half term:

**3rd–5th June**  
Lledr Hall 6JW

**5th–7th June**  
Lledr Hall 6SG

**6th June**  
Y4 Bridgewater Canal Trip

**10th June**  
Riveting Reads Parent Workshop

**11th June**  
Official Multiplication Tables Check –4DS

**12th June**  
Official Multiplication Tables Check –4RS

Y6SG Trip to Graystone's

**13th June**  
Y5 Trip to Tatton Park

Y2 Experience Church Buildings

Y6SG Triathlon Event

Y6JW Trip to Graystone's

**18th June**  
KS1 & LKS2 Sport's Day

Y4 Trip to Bridgewater Hall

**19th June**  
EYFS & UKS2 Sport's Day

**20th June**  
Reception Trip to Imagine That

**21st June**  
Reception Heights & Weights

**24th–25th June**  
Spelling Bee

**26th June**  
Y1 Local Walk of Area

**27th –28th June**  
Y6 High School Transition

**2nd July**  
Y3 Trip to Pooles Cavern

**4th July**  
Nursery Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium

Y6 Moving on—St John's Community Centre

Riveting Reads Parent Workshop

Children's University Graduation

**10th July**  
Y3 Ukulele Performance

**11th July**  
Summer Poetry Assembly

Summer Fair

**12th July**  
Reports sent out to Parents

**15th July**  
Choir End of Year Performance

**17th July**  
Y4 Art Exhibition

Y6 End of Year Meal & Bowling

Ukulele Afterschool Club End of Year Performance

**18th July**  
Y6 Art Exhibition

**19th July**  
Transition Day

**22nd July**  
Y5 & Y6 Tie Exchange

**23rd July**  
Y6 Leavers Assembly

**23rd July**  
School Closes for Summer



# Nursery



In Summer 1, Nursery have been learning all about Minibeasts and growing, we had a visitor from 'The Creepy Crawly show' who showed us real life bugs! We also went on lots of bug hunts, exploring the signs of spring.

We learnt all about different things that grow from caterpillars to butterfly's, all the way to seeds growing into fruits and flowers. We used different fruits and vegetables to make different print paintings, and used our great cutting skills to make them into a soup. Not to mention all of the planting of flowers we have been doing in the playground. In maths we were leaning all about 2D and 3D shapes, drawing them, sorting by properties and finding them around the classroom.

We have also been learning all about Pirates, with our fantastic pirate ship in the classroom ,we have been on treasure hunts, made our own treasure maps and discovered new islands!



# Reception

Wow, what a busy half term we've had! The children have thoroughly enjoyed our learning this half term, focusing mainly on mini beasts, life cycles and growing. We looked at a range of insects during our mini beast topic and we had a visit from The Creepy Crawly show. The children were able to hold and touch a variety of animals. We have also looked at the life cycle of different animals such as caterpillars to butterflies, frogs and humans. We then moved onto the lifecycle of a plant, the features of a plant and what they need to grow. The children enjoyed planting their own sunflowers and are enjoying watching them grow. We celebrated all of our learning by displaying lots of songs, art work and some of our writing during our class assembly. To end our half term we have learnt about Pirates, we have enjoyed the role play and acting out pirate scenes. We have ended the half term with three fluffy ducklings coming to visit and stay with us!



# Year 1

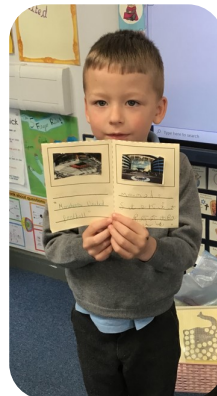


In Geography, Year One have learned lots about their local area. They enjoyed creating information leaflets about popular attractions in Salford and Manchester. They have also been practising telling each other their address and had great fun searching for their home on Google Maps.

In Science, the children are enjoying learning about humans and animals. We had a brilliant time at Smithills Farm and learned lots about farmyard animals.

Linking to our Science topic, in English we have read the story The Bog Baby. We wrote some amazing descriptions of the Bog Baby, using adjectives and similes.

We enjoyed our visit to St. John's Community Centre. We completed lots of fun activities around the theme 'Jesus' Love'.



Google Maps

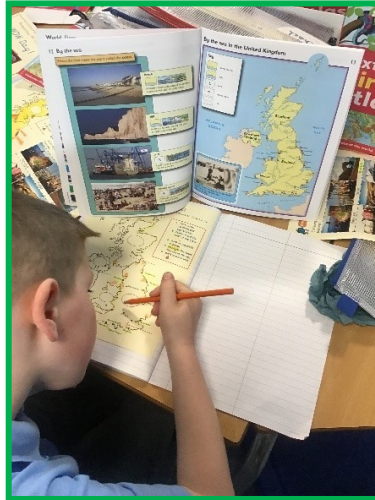




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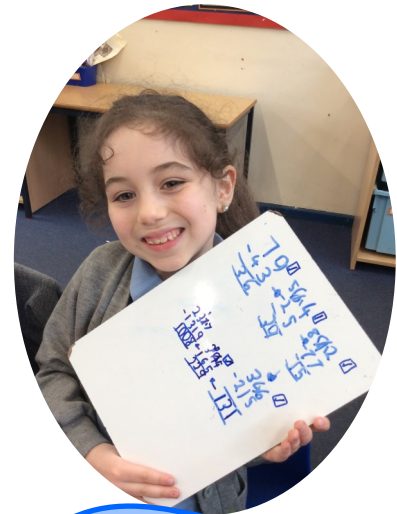


Year 2 have had a fantastic half term and have been so busy with all their new learning. We had an amazing trip to the beach to support our learning in Geography, where we enjoyed an ice cream and located all of the human and physical features of a coastal town. We have been learning all about lifecycles in Science and discussed what animals including humans need to survive. We've enjoyed reading 'Traction Man', creating our own superheroes and writing our own stories. We have also written our own poems about going to the beach in our English lessons. We have enjoyed looking at shells in our art lessons and completed some observational drawing. In our maths lessons, we have been ordering and comparing numbers, practising telling the time and adding and subtracting numbers. Mr Gandy and Miss Lomax wish all our Year 2 families a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.



# Year 3

Year 3 have been extremely busy this half term! In Science the children have continued to learn about plants. They learnt about how plants are pollinated and about seed dispersal. Over the last two weeks, the children have started a new Science topic - Rocks and soils. The children have learnt how rocks are formed and categorised them into man made and natural rocks. In Geography, the children are learning about volcanoes. They have identified where volcanoes are on a world map and have learnt about different types of volcanoes. In English, the children have written stories and poems about the story Hodgeheg. In Maths, the children have been learning about money and time.

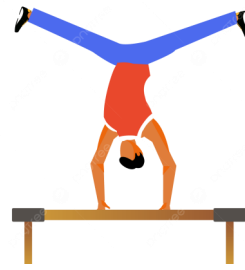


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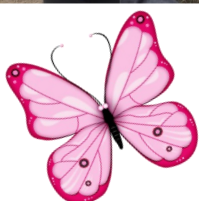
# Year 4

This half term in English, Year 4 have been writing a biography about the author Michael Morpurgo, who wrote our current text 'Friend or Foe'. The children will also be writing informal letters as evacuees. In Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time and also converting between different units of measure. In Science, we have been studying how living things (both plants and animals) survive in their habitats. Year 4 have also been learning all about the physical and human features of Manchester and Little Hulton. Both year 4 classes have been developing their core strength and flexibility in gymnastics. Year 4 have enjoyed working with our professional artist, where we have been creating different pieces of artwork linked to sunflowers in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.



# Year 5

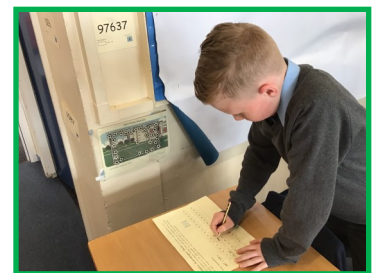
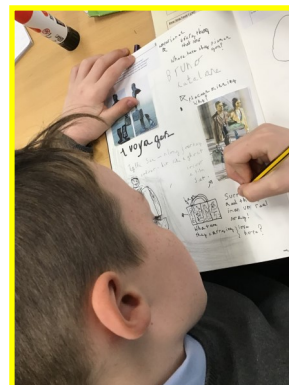
Year 5 have had a fantastic Summer 1. They have started to read the book Wonder by R.J Palacio and have enjoyed writing a diary entry and poem from the perspective of the main character, August. In Maths, they have been working hard to master fractions and have been continuing to develop their Mental Maths skills. In Science, they have been looking at lifecycles of plants and animals. They have shown a fantastic understanding of the lifecycle of a butterfly and a frog, and they have identified the changing features of chicks. During their History topic, they have been learning about Medieval Britain and they have explored the role of knights in society, the Code of Chivalry, the Black Death and the Peasants' Revolt. In Spanish, they have learnt about different hobbies and have been discussing which hobbies they like to do in different weather conditions and in PE they have been improving their gymnastic skills. They have been continuing to develop their computing skills and have thoroughly enjoyed their DT work on medieval torches.



# Year 6



Year 6 have done us and themselves incredibly proud this half term. They've taken part in scavenger hunts and competitions in order to revise their knowledge and show off all their learning. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that they achieved their full potential in their SATs tests and remained resilient throughout. In Art, they have been studying the work of the artist Bruno Catalano and creating work inspired by some of his work. In PE, they have been learning the rules and skills of cricket. Well done Year 6!



School Reopens Monday 3rd June 2024