

20th October 2023



Bridgewater Autumn Term 1 Newsletter 2023



A note from Mrs Henderson

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been truly wonderful to be back working with the staff and pupils this term. This newsletter is a wonderful celebration of the work they have completed and it is spectacular to see.

Thank you to all the parents who continue to work with us to ensure the very best for their children's learning and development. We couldn't do it without you!

Wishing you all a restful half term break.

In memory of Renae Walker

All monies raised from future school events will be donated to Ronald McDonald House in Manchester who helped to look after Renae and her family.



Our new School Council members have settled into their roles beautifully this half term. We have had a very busy start to the year by organising our first fund raising event. In September we had a cake sale to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. We sold out of cakes within 15 minutes and raised an amazing £219.90. Thank you so much for your donations.

Miss Morris and the Bridgewater School Council Team.



Important dates next half term:

30th October

Flu Immunisations - Nursery

10th November

Individual Photographs

13th November

World Kindness Day

27th November

1AK Audiology Test

28th November

1JC Audiology Test

30th November

Y5 Trip to Whitworth Art Gallery

7th December

Y2 & Y6 Panto Trip
(Cinderella – Bolton Albert Hall)

Y3 Church Experience
(St John's Community Centre)

13th December

Y1 Trip to The Lowry Theatre
(We're going on a Bear Hunt)

Y2 Art Exhibition

14th December

Y3 Art Exhibition

15th December

School closes for Christmas

Nursery & Reception Meeting for 2024 Admissions

We are giving parents who have children starting Nursery and Reception next September, the opportunity to visit our School on **Wednesday 15th November 2023 from 3:30pm - 5pm**. This meeting is for adults only.

If you wish to book a visit on the above date, please email Bridgewater.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk or contact the school office staff on 0161 921 1191.

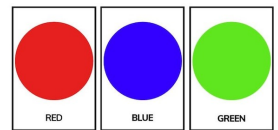
Year 6 Reminder

Year 6 Secondary School
Admission deadline is

31st October 2023

Nursery

All of our Nursery children have settled beautifully into the daily routine of school. We have had plenty of exciting activities within our themes of 'All about me', 'Pets' and 'Autumn harvest'. We have made lots of new friends and showed adults how we play together in all kinds of activities including drama and PE. We took part in a colour hunt, where we learned all about the colours, red, blue, green and yellow. We talked about how we look after animals and the roles of people who help us such as vets and doctors. We found different signs of autumn, looking at the colour changing leaves and we settled down with a warm hot chocolate to get ready for the cooler days.



Reception



What a fantastic first half-term Reception have had! We started off by learning all about 'Ourselves and Families'. We learned all about our bodies and how we change from birth to a child. We also enjoyed looking at photographs of our families that were brought in from home. We discovered that all of our families are different and that is okay. Our next topic was 'Pets' and Reception had fun dressing up as a Vet in the roleplay area, learning how to look after animals and where different pets live. We ended the half-term with our Autumn topic. We learned about the seasonal changes, events that happen in Autumn such as Harvest, and enjoyed sharing our topic book – Rosie's walk. The children produced lots of wonderful writing in Literacy centred around Rosie the hen from our book. Well done Reception!



Year 1



Year One have had an excellent first half term!

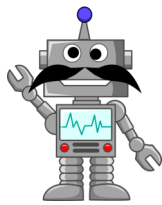
In Science, we have enjoyed learning about the seasons. We went on a nature walk to look for signs of autumn and collected leaves to use for a piece of autumn artwork.

In Geography, we have been learning about hot and cold places and the animals that live there. We had fun using hot and cold colours to colour a lion and a penguin.

We have been busy writing stories in our English lessons. We wrote 'We're Going on a Penguin Hunt' based on Michael Rosen's 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We had lots of fun performing our stories with actions too!

We recently enjoyed a Lego Robotics session where we got to build our own spinning machines!

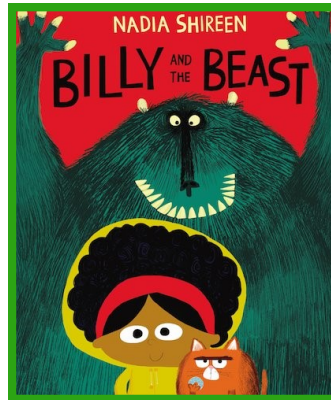




Year 2



Year 2 have had an extremely busy term but we have settled in well to our new classroom and the teachers have enjoyed getting to know all their new children. We have enjoyed exploring the story of 'Billy and the Beast' in Writing and have been building on place value skills in Maths. We were very lucky to have a visit from a Lego Robotics workshop and have been working with our resident artist 'Miss Pickup' on beautiful self-portraits. We performed a wonderful poem on the theme of 'Refuge' in the school poetry assembly and explored 'Push and Pull forces in our Science topic. We look forward to Autumn 2 and all the exciting things that lie ahead for us.



Year 3

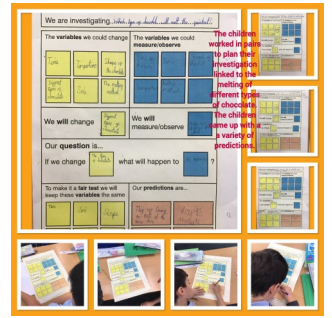
Year 3 have made a great start to their time in KS2. They definitely grew up over the summer holidays. This half term we have enjoyed learning, reading and writing about the Stone Age in our History and English lessons. Our favourite book that we have looked at so far, has to be How to wash a woolly mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley. We used this story to help us write our own instructions for how to wash another Stone Age animal. In our History lessons we have started to find out about what life was like for the first people to live in Britain. We have even tried cave painting and have enjoyed our Art lessons with Miss Pickup, where we created our own cave paintings. We had a fantastic trip to Liverpool museum and impressed the staff with our fantastic knowledge. In Science we have been learning about forces and magnets. Next half term we carry on with the Stone Age moving onto the Bronze and Iron Age and we will be learning about Light and Shadows in Science. We have also enjoyed starting to learn the ukulele and the children are going to love practising over the holidays!!!



Year 4



Year 4 have had a great start to the year with lots of exciting learning taking place. As part of our Romans topic we made Roman bread which was surprisingly tasty and on our trip to Chester we carried shields and marched to an amphitheatre. We have really enjoyed reading Gadgetman and writing newspaper reports about his kidnapping as well as reading and reciting poetry and are looking forward to writing poems of our own.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant start to the school year. In English, they have been reading the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and have created fantastic pieces of writing such as an informal letter, character description and a newspaper article. In Maths, they have worked superbly on their place value and geometry skills. They have enjoyed learning all about the Solar System in our topic on Space, where they have explored how we experience day and night and the different seasons. In Geography, they have completed a variety of exciting activities all about the USA and what makes it so special. They also thoroughly enjoyed their Lego Robotics workshop, where they developed their coding skills.



Year 6



Year 6 have had a wonderful start to the year. They have shown great responsibility and maturity. In lessons, we have developed our skills in Writing through getting into the role of the characters from our book, The Watertower, by Gary Crew. From this, we created setting descriptions and diary entries to explore the text and characters further. In Maths, we have learnt new rhymes and strategies to help us, such as the Moo Moo method and the sword method. In Science, we have learnt about how plants and animals can be classified and we even managed to identify some of the plants in our Nature Garden. In History, we've begun to learn about the Maya civilisation and identified countries in an atlas to see where they would have been situated. We also even managed to play a game of the Maya's favourite, Pok-a-Tok!



School Reopens Monday 30th October 2023