

19th October 2018



# Bridgewater Autumn 1 Newsletter



## A note from Mrs Henderson

The children have settled really well into their first half term after the long summer break. I'm sure you were all informed of this at our recent parents' evening. As you can see, our creative and dedicated staff have ensured that learning is as engaging and interactive as ever which helps all our children to achieve their very best! Thank you for all your support in ensuring that children are ready for learning each day.

Can I take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for their kind words of support and well wishes as I start my maternity leave. I leave the school in the capable hands of Mr Doherty and Miss Knipe who I know will look after you all well until I return after Easter.

## Important Dates next

### half term:

**29th October 2018:**

School reopens

**31st October 2018:**

Halloween Disco

Height & Weight Measurement (Year 6RD)

**5th November 2018:**

Height & Weight Measurement (Year 6JT)

**7th November 2018:**

Year 2 trip to Spaceport

Year 1CH visit to Pets at Home

**12th November 2018:**

Year 5 Trip to Whitworth Art Gallery

**13th November 2018:**

Nursery Open Morning

**14th November 2018:**

Individual School Photographs

Year 1EF visit to Pets at Home

**16th November 2018:**

Children in Need (Non-Uniform)

**20th November 2018:**

Reception 2 Open Morning

**21st November 2018:**

Year 3 Class Assembly

EYFS Open Evening (Sept 2019 intake)

**23rd November**

Nasal Flu Vaccination (Rec-Y5)

Reception 1 Open Morning

**29th November 2018:**

Crucial Crew Visit (Year 6)

**3rd December 2018:**

Full Governing Body Meeting

**11th December 2018:**

Panto Trip (Y2 & Y6)

**12th December 2018:**

Christmas Markets

**13th - 18th December 2018:**

Christmas Performances

**20th December 2018:**

School Closes for Christmas

## School Council News

Meet the Bridgewater School Council.

Our new School council members are settling in to their new roles and already having a huge impact on the school with their classes fabulous suggestions. They have had a very successful start to the year organising the MacMillan cake sale which raised £196.30.

Diary dates for next half term include our Halloween Disco on Wednesday 31st October and Children in Need on Friday 16th November which we are already busy making preparations. Thank you for your support from Mrs Morris/Bridgewater School Council.



## Nursery admissions 2019

### Part time places only

Applications can be made online or by visiting  
a Gateway Centre

**BRIDGEWATER**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

The closing date for making your application 15th January 2019

For further information, please contact school admissions on 0161 793 2500 or via Email: [school.admissions@salford.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@salford.gov.uk)



## Nursery & Reception Tour for 2019 admissions

We are giving parents who have children starting Nursery and Reception next September, the opportunity to visit our Early Years unit on **Wednesday, 21st November 2018 at 4:00pm.** This is **STRICTLY** for adults only!

If you wish to book a visit for the above time, please email [bridgewater.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk](mailto:bridgewater.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk) or contact our school office staff on 0161 921 1191.

# Nursery

Nursery have settled in to school life well, learning the rules and routines of the class as well as exploring many activities within school. We were also very lucky to have a visit from the Pet Man Andy, who kindly brought in some of his pets for us to meet! Our favourite was Mr Tickle the snake!



Enjoying meeting all of the wonderful Pets.

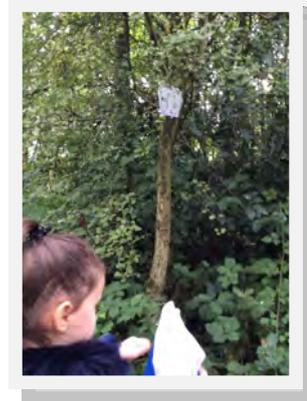
# Reception

We have had a wonderful first half term in Reception. We have settled well into our new classes and have made lots of positive relationships with our new friends and teachers. We have been learning all about 'ourselves' and we have produced some lovely self-portraits and writing about the people who are special to us. We are now currently learning about pets and the different animals we might have as pets. We especially enjoyed our special visitor who brought us a variety of animals we can keep as pets and how to keep them healthy and happy. We were very brave and we all got to hold a snake, turtle, rabbit and a gecko. We will end the half term by writing about our special animal visitors.



# Year 1

What a busy half term Year 1 have had! We have been busy settling into our new class routines and learning all about how seasons affect what we do. We visited Blackleach Country Park last week. We went on a nature hunt and found some bears hiding in the woods. We had lots of fun. We also had a WOW day where we got to dress up as an animal from a hot or cold country. We got to find out lots about different animals and even went on an African safari. Next half term we have lots more fun things to look forward to. We can't wait to visit Pets At Home in Walkden.



# Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy this half term.

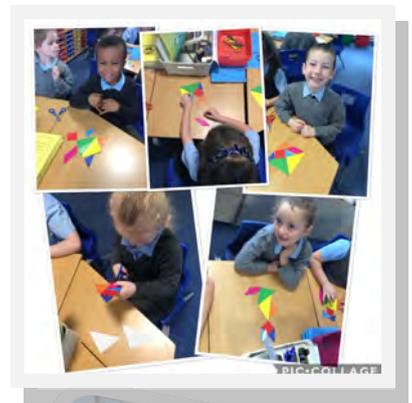
In English we have been looking at the texts Pumpkin Soup and The Rabbit Problem. We have retold the stories, innovated them and even dramatised our favourite characters. We have also been learning about different word and sentence types.

In Maths we have been working really hard to learn our 1, 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have also learned how to add and subtract on a number line which was extremely tricky!

Year 2 have really enjoyed our History Topic all about famous British people and think Florence Nightingale is amazing for putting up with the disgusting conditions at Scutari Hospital.

Our Science topic has been about forces and Year 2 have enjoyed carrying out investigations to find out if height or surface has an effect on the distance travelled by a car.

Year 2 have been really lucky this half term, they have been working with an artist every Friday to develop their drawing skills. We also loved taking part in the lego robotics workshop where we became engineers for the morning.



# Year 3

Year 3 have had a great half term and have made a fantastic start in Key Stage 2. In our topic work we have been finding out all about Europe, so don't be surprised if you get a request for a trip to Paris! We learned about European countries and their capital cities, tasted some foreign food and created our own flags. In our English lessons we have enjoyed reading the stories of Roald Dahl and writing our own. We particularly liked creating Frobscottle, though we didn't all like the taste!

Next half term we will be learning about Ancient Greece. We will be having our WOW day on Tuesday 6th November when we will be visited by two Ancient Greeks who will tell us about life in Athens and Sparta. On this day we would like the children to dress up as an Ancient Greek so dig out your white bed sheets!



# YEAR 4

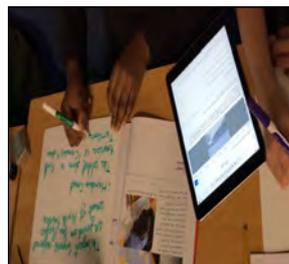
Year 4 have had a very busy start to the year. We started the year with a Roman WOW day, where we got excited about learning about them by doing lots of fun activities; like making a Roman coin out of clay, finding out when they came to Britain and trying to understand Roman numerals! We really enjoyed our trip to Ribchester Museum where we had the chance to look around at the Roman artefacts, try on armour and even hold some weapons! In Lego Robotics, we build a Lego beast, with a motor and we visited St John's Church where we took part in a harvest experience. We continue to work hard in English and Maths and look forward to learning more about the Romans.



Trying on Armour

# Year 5

This term in year 5, we have been learning about Space. We have learnt some interesting facts and information about each planet, in particular, Earth. We learnt that Earth is 75% water and that it is the third planet away from the Sun. We now know that the Earth is in the perfect position within the solar system because it is not too far away and too close from the sun. In our Geography lessons, we have been learning about America. We have completed some art work around the theme of Jean Michael Basquiat and Andy Warhol. We have looked at the role of a president and spoke about what it would be like to be the president of America. What would you change if you were the president? In English, we have written a wide range of texts already; including newspapers, character descriptions and informal letters to a friend. During maths, we have been focusing a lot on the strategies for the four calculations and including these in questions associated with geometry. In P.E, we have been taught by Mr Culshaw (Hockey) and James (Rugby).



# Year 6

Year 6 have had a very enjoyable start to the year. We have developed our skills in Writing through creating texts such as diary entries and discursive arguments when studying The Watertower and have learnt new rhymes and strategies to help us with our Maths such as the Moo Moo method. In Science we have learnt about the attributes of plants and animals and have designed our own fertiliser. We have been very lucky this half term as we have had three visitors: JuniorSTEM who helped develop our skills when coding or creating algorithms, Time Productions who taught us all about Mayan artefacts and how their lives differed to ours and finally we have finished the half term with a visit from One Day Creative who showed us the dangers of social media and the importance of accepting and loving who we are rather than editing photos.



**School reopens on Monday 29th October 2018.**