

24th May 2019



Bridgewater Summer 1 Newsletter



A note from Mrs Henderson

It's good to be back! I would like to thank all those who have warmly welcomed me back after the birth of my son - it is much appreciated.

I can see the children have continued to do great things and this half-term has been no different as you can see...

Mrs E Henderson



School Council would like to thank everyone who attended our popular Easter Bingo in April, we raised an amazing £264.45 for School Funds. We have had great pleasure raising money for Once Upon A Smile and will let you know the total as soon as we get it. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile charity. We look forward to seeing you all at our Summer Fair on Wednesday 17th July at 2.15pm. If anyone would like to have a stall at this event please speak to Mrs Morris in Key Stage 1 for further details.

Mrs Morris & Bridgewater School Council.



Baby News



Congratulations to

Miss Higginbottom who gave birth to a little boy called Edison
&

Miss Dalton who gave birth to a little girl called Ophelia

Important Dates next half term:

3rd June 2019:
School reopens

3rd - 7th June 2019:
Y6 Visit Lledr Hall

10th - 14th June 2019:
Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Healthy Eating Week

18th June 2019:
KS2 Sports Day (9:30 am - 11:30 am)

19th June 2019:
Y4 Class Assembly
KS1 and EYFS Sports Day (9:30 am - 11:30 am)

21st June 2019:
Class Photographs

25th June 2019:
EYFS trip to Blue Planet Aquarium

1st - 5th July 2019:
Art Week
Y5 Bikeability Cycle Training
Y6 Transition Visits to High School

3rd July 2019:
Nursery Class Assembly
New to EYFS Parents Meeting (4:30 pm)

4th July 2019:
Y4 trip to Blackleach County Park
Y6 Parent Meeting - Real Love Rocks

5th July 2019:
Non Uniform Day

8th - 12th July 2019:
Y5 Bikeability Cycle Training

8th July 2019:
Children's University Graduation
Full Governing Body Meeting

9th July 2019:
Y3 Trip to Poole's Cavern

10th July 2019:
Music performance (choir, recorders, ukuleles)
Y1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo
Y2 Class Assembly

11th July 2019:
Y2 Trip to Lytham St Annes Beach

17th July 2019:
Summer Fair

19th July 2019:
Y6 Leavers Meal

23rd July 2019:
Y6 Leavers Assembly
School Closes for Summer

Nursery



Exploring Minibeasts

What a half-term! Nursery have had so much fun and learnt an awful lot about minibeasts, the jungle and dinosaurs!

Having our own ladybirds in class was great! We explored what they looked like, how they grew, what they ate and where they liked to live.

Did you know ladybirds hatch from an egg and grow into larvae before becoming ladybirds?



We then went to look at the many minibeasts and creatures that live in a jungle. There are so many but our favourites are of course the monkeys! In our dinosaur topic we excavated bones, discussed different features of dinosaurs, their unusual names and just how big dinosaurs really were, which is impressively huge!!

Reception

Reception have been superstars this half-term. We have really enjoyed learning about minibeasts and the life-cycle of a butterfly. We explored the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and had a wonderful opportunity to observe some real caterpillars grow and transform into beautiful butterflies. We then carefully released these creatures in the outdoors.

We have also been learning about growing and the jungle. We have loved being explorers and discovering wild animals in our role-play area. After reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' we were inspired to plant some beans using mini greenhouses. We produced some wonderful writing focusing on key instructions to help others plant their own beans. We observed our planted beans every day and discussed any changes we had noticed. All the teachers are very proud of the children and their hard work this term. Well done Reception!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic half-term with lots of wonderful learning experiences. In English, we have enjoyed reading the story 'The Pig's Knicker's' and creating our own hilarious versions too. We really enjoyed our visit from the author Anna Lucas. In Maths, we have been learning how to calculate in different ways; measure capacity; find fractions of shapes and numbers and how to describe the position and direction of objects.

In Science, we have been learning all about the different types of animals and creatures and what different groups they belong to - we have been developing our sketching skills in Art by drawing various animals too. We have been Master Coders in Computing lessons and created our own scenes with moving characters. Also, we had a wonderful time at St. John's church, creating symbols linked to Jesus' teachings. In Geography, we have enjoyed finding out about our local area; reading maps and creating our own personal maps too. We can't wait for next half-term to continue our wonderful learning journey!



Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant but very busy start to the Summer term.

The children have been using the book 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey to further their learning in English. They've innovated the story and created their own comic strips and stories. In Maths, Year 2 have continued to practice their calculations including, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as learning about fractions, shape and telling the time. They have worked exceptionally hard preparing for their SATs.

Year 2's learning in Geography has focused on Seaside towns and comparing seaside holidays from present day to those in the past. The children have been developing their map and atlas skills within this topic and are very excited about their upcoming trip to the seaside.

In Science, Year 2 have been learning about healthy and balanced lifestyles and diets. They are designing and making their own healthy salad soon!



Year 3

This half-term Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed answering the question, 'What makes the Earth angry?' We have been finding out about volcanoes all around the world and even exploding a few of our own. In Science we have learned lots of interesting facts about rocks and fossils. Do you know what a metamorphic rock is? We do!!! We are looking forward to our visit to Poole's cavern next half-term more information to follow. In English we have been reading The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith, and have enjoyed making our own information leaflets about these fascinating creatures.



YEAR 4

This term we have really enjoyed learning about Manchester in our Geography topic. We are looking forward to sharing all our new learning in our class assembly next term. In Science we have explored the school grounds to see what plants and flowers are in our locality. In English we have loved reading 'Friend or Foe', our trip on a steam train really gave us the experience of being evacuated!



Year 5

This term Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed reading the text 'Birthday Bunny' by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett. They have used the plot to inspire their own short stories and have wowed with their creative ideas and enthusiasm for story writing. They have worked extremely hard in Maths, where they have continuously challenged themselves in their learning. We have been on a fantastic trip to Tatton Park, where Year 5 immersed themselves in the daily life and routines of those living in the Middle Ages. They took part in lots of activities such as archery, a court case and learnt about how farmers collect, store and use wheat. In Science, we have looked at the life cycle of various animals and plants. We have also been in the Life Caravan to discuss friendships as part of our PSHE learning.



Year 6

Well done Year 6!

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this half-term to prepare for the Key Stage 2 SATs tests. On the week beginning the 13th May, the children completed six tests over four days. They really did us proud; they were calm and mature throughout the process and all tried their very best. In English, the children have enjoyed taking part in a SPAG hunt and group work investigations. In maths, they have used lots of resilience and teamwork to apply their knowledge and show off their learning. The children have also learnt new skills in relation to improving their memories and have taken part in the Junior Memory Competition. Next half-term, we are looking forward to exploring our local area, Salford, and developing our map reading skills in our topic work and of course we are all very excited about Lledr Hall too!



School reopens on Monday 3rd June 2019.