

18th October 2019



# Bridgewater Autumn 1 Newsletter



## A note from Mrs Henderson

Dear parents

Another great start to the year with lots of great news to share about our school – including being published in the Parliamentary Review as a Best Practice Representative; achieving the Gold Award (again) for our PE provision and also being awarded the coveted Dyslexia Friendly accreditation.

The staff at Bridgewater work so hard to ensure that your children get the very best provision and I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their efforts as you read each year groups' own special moments from Autumn 1.

Happy half-term everyone.

Mrs Henderson



## School Council

Our new School Council members have settled in well and have successfully organised a cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support and raised £282.91. We have an exciting and busy Autumn 2 term ahead as we have our Halloween Disco, Children in Need Day and Christmas Markets to look forward to. If anyone would like to have a stall at the Christmas Market, please speak to Mrs Morris in Key Stage 1.



## Important Dates next half term:

**28th October 2019**  
School Reopens

**31st October 2019:**  
Halloween Disco

**6th November 2019:**  
Year 1 Audiology Testing

**7th November 2019:**  
Reception Reading & Phonics Workshop

**8th November 2019:**  
Year 3 Ancient Greece Workshop

**11th November 2019:**  
Year 4 trip to Chester Museum

**13th November 2019:**  
Individual School Photographs

**15th November 2019:**  
Children in Need

**19th November 2019:**  
EYFS New Parents 2020 Meeting

**20th November 2019:**  
Governors Learning Walk

**21st November 2019:**  
Year 2–Year 6 Firehorse Anti Bullying Basketball Cluster

**26th November 2019:**  
Rec–Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

**3rd December 2019:**  
Year 6 Crucial Crew

**5th December 2019:**  
Year 3 Christmas Experience St Johns Church

**9th December 2019:**  
Full Governing Body Meeting

**11th - 17th December 2019:**  
Christmas Performances

**18th December 2019:**  
Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Church Service  
Christmas Market

**19th December 2019:**  
Year 2–Year 6 Pantomime Aladdin

**20th December 2019:**  
School Closes for Christmas

## Nursery & Reception Meeting for 2020 Admissions

We are giving parents who have children starting Nursery and Reception next September, the opportunity to visit our School on **Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 9:30 am.**

This visit is **STRICTLY** for adults only!

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

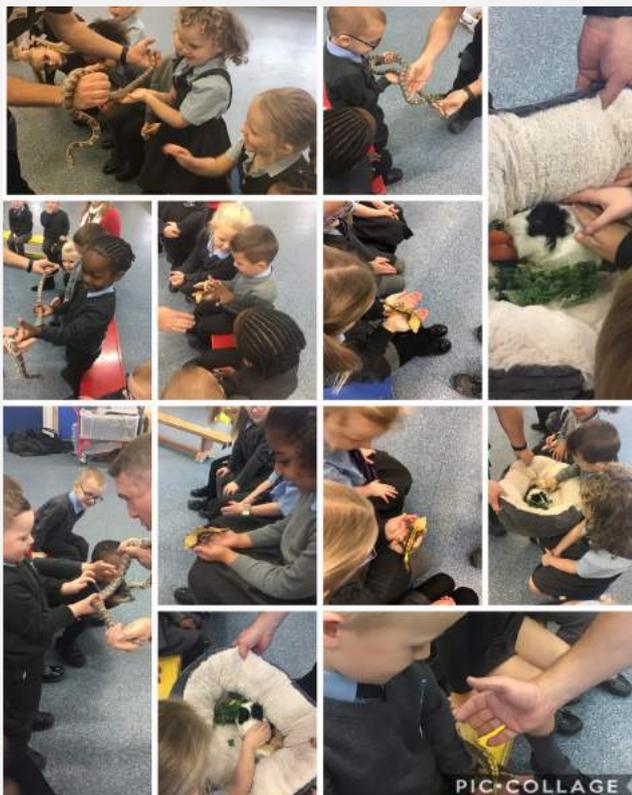
# Nursery

Nursery have settled in well into school life at Bridgewater Primary School. We have been making lots of new friends and enjoying different activities both inside and outside the classroom. We have been talking about our families and why they are special to us. As part of our learning, we have had a visit from the Pet Man and his special friends! We were really courageous as we stroked different animals and were really good at listening to different instructions too!



# Reception

Reception have settled in well, made new friends and enjoyed finding out about each other in our Marvellous Me topic! We have had many fun days but our favourite by far was when Andrew from Animals In-tuition very kindly brought his pets to school today. We met Scooby Doo his lizard, who likes to climb high up trees with his hairy feet, Crunchy Nut, his snake who smells with her tongue and enjoys a mouse for breakfast and Peaches, his guinea pig who loves a good brush after exercising! We then talked about what our pets can do, we have some talented animals at home!



# Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy and exciting start to the new academic year! The children have settled well into their new class routines and have learnt about the four seasons and animals that live in hot and cold countries. A particular highlight for the children this half-term has been our visit Blackleach Country Park. As part of our trip, we went hunting for the signs of autumn and even had our own bear hunt! The children also enjoyed their Wow day where they were invited to dress up as an animal from a hot or cold country. On this day, we learnt lots of new facts about a variety of animals and even did animal yoga. We wish you all a well-deserved break and look forward to providing more enriching learning experiences in Autumn 2.



Wow Day

# Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant half-term! As part of our History topic on Famous People, we started off with an amazing Wow Day where we dressed up as famous people, past and present. We researched why these people were famous and the impact they've had on our lives today. We continued this learning when we welcomed Florence Nightingale into Bridgewater where we learned all about her early life, her career as a nurse and the impact she has had on modern day hospitals!

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!

Our Science topic has been about forces and we have enjoyed carrying out investigations to find out how forces affect moving objects and how to carry out a fair test.

We hope you all have a spooktacular half-term break and can't wait to continue our learning next half-term.



# Year 3

The children have made a great start to Year 3 and are showing that they are ready for the juniors.

In History, they've enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece. They have tried Greek food, researched Greek Gods and decorated a Greek vase. They enjoyed sharing all of this with you at their class assembly. We will be continuing our Greek topic after the holidays and are looking forward to our Greek Day on Friday 8th November - don't forget to come dressed as an Ancient Greek!



# YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the new school year! In History, we have been learning lots about the Romans, including when the Romans first invaded Britain, the impact of the Romans in Britain and just how large their empire became! In Science, we have learnt about changes in materials; from solids, to liquids to gases and if these changes are reversible or irreversible. We really enjoyed investigating which type of chocolate melted the quickest and it had nothing to do with how tasty it was! In P.E, Year 4AH have been learning new skills in Hockey and Year 4KS have really enjoyed their weekly swimming lessons. In our English lessons, we have been reading the story 'Operation Gadgetman'. We have described new spy gadgets and created a missing poster of Mr Conran using lots of description. We really loved our Lego Robotics session recently, where we had to programme and debug a playground ride! A great start so far - we hope it continues!



# Year 5

This half-term, Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. In English, they have created some excellent pieces of writing based on the text such as, an informal letter from Michael to his best friend Eddie, about living on a boat and exploring the world. They have also produced a missing person poster of Michael focusing on their detailed description to help locate him and a newspaper article about his disappearance. In Maths, the Year 5s have approached their learning of place value, addition, subtraction and geometry with an excellent resilience. In Science, they have enjoyed exploring key facts and ideas about Space. They have also shown an excellent understanding of their Geography key knowledge and skills when exploring the USA and what makes it so special. They thoroughly enjoyed the Lego Robotics workshop too, where they programmed a Lego Monkey!



# Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful start to the year. We have developed our skills in Writing through getting into the role of the characters from our book The Watertower. From this, we created diary entries and discursive arguments to explore these roles 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 the attributes of plants and animals and have designed our own fertiliser brand. We have been very lucky this half term as we have had two visitors: JuniorSTEM who helped us develop our skills when coding or creating algorithms and Time Productions who taught us about Mayan artefacts and how their lives differed to ours.



**School reopens on Monday 28th October 2019.**