



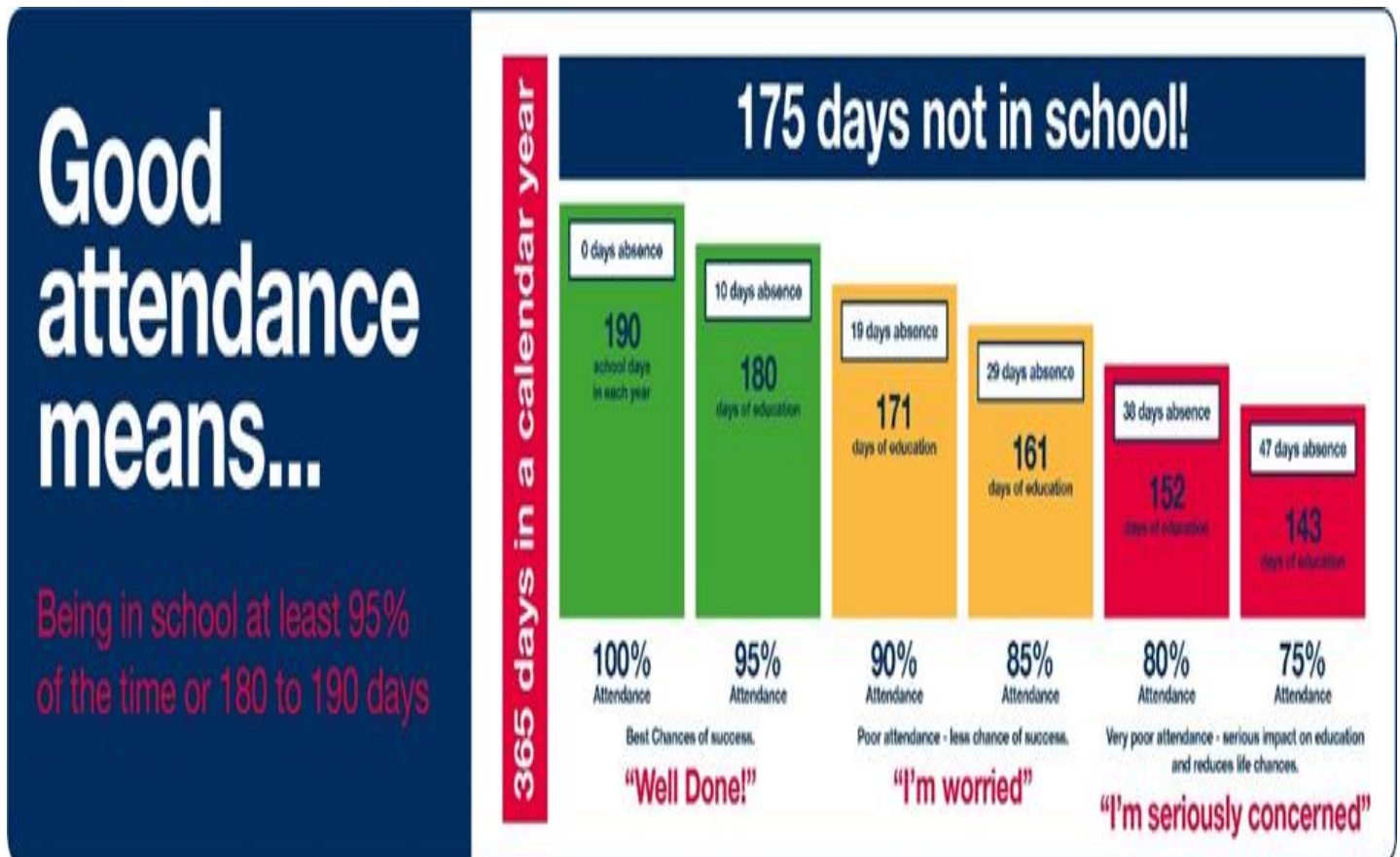
Dear Parents/Carers,

Incredibly, we are now halfway through this half term, time is flying! It has been fantastic to see pupils working so hard since the Christmas break, and they have come back refreshed and willing to learn.

We continue to work with the local authority to plan for the Industrial Action taking place next Wednesday, and as a Partnership we have sent home a statement to families, underlining our intentions. It is important to note that the situation can change over the course of the next few days, however we will ensure that we keep you up to date with the latest news.

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week: 92.6%





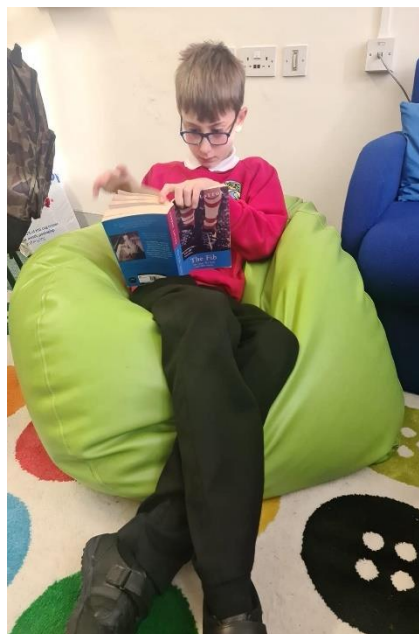
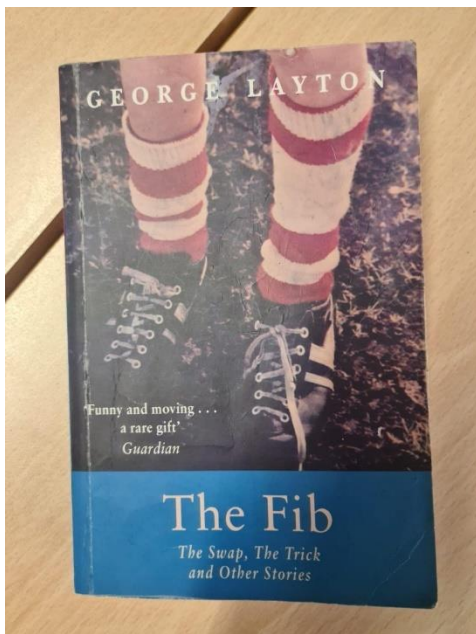
Play it by ear

In music, Year 6 have been developing their 'playing by ear' skills on the electric keyboards. What a talented bunch!



The Fib

Year 5 are really enjoying reading The Fib during Reciprocal Readers! The Fib is a series of short stories based on views of growing up in the 1950s through the eyes of 'the narrator' a 12yr old boy. Each short story offers opportunities to use skills taught during Reciprocal Readers: predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising. They really recommend this book, they have laughed out loud and it has given them ample opportunity to talk about what life was like just after the war. A solid 10/10!





Top dribblers

Key Stage 2 have been braving the cold this week, with Year 5 and 6 focusing on the push pass in hockey, in PE.





Youth Clubs

TUESDAYS @ RTC OTTERBURN

6.00-7.15pm: Juniors (school years 4-6)

7.30-9.00pm: Seniors (school years 7-13)

WEDNESDAYS @ REED HALL BELLINGHAM

6.30-8.30pm every first and third Wednesday of the month: Seniors (school years 9-13)

THURSDAYS @ REED HALL BELLINGHAM

6.15-7.15pm: Juniors (school years 4-5)

7.30-8.30pm: Inters (school years 6-8)

AND OUR FRIENDS AT KIRKWHELPINGTON HOLD AN 8-18S YOUTH CLUB, EVERY WEDNESDAY 6.30-8.30PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL!

Email Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk or call/text/WhatsApp for more info and to register



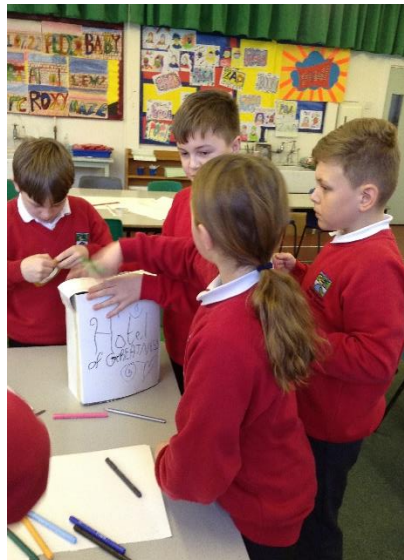
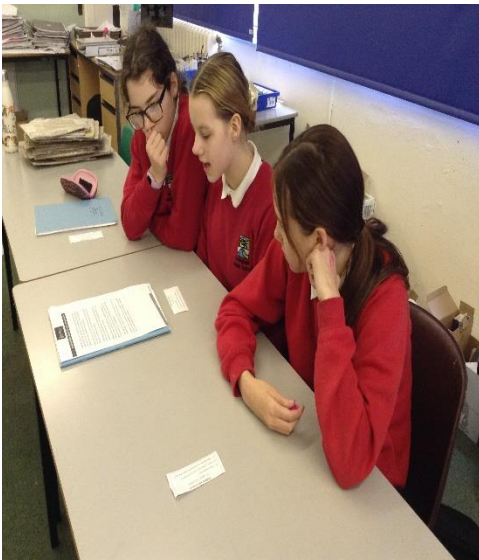
“Year 5 played guitar”

Last Friday saw Year 5 participate in their first guitar lesson with Mr Tait. They learnt 3 chords and showed tremendous enthusiasm and ability. They thoroughly enjoyed it!



The answers to all of our problems

Year 7 are doing a topic on goals and dreams in PSHE. They are learning how to set achievable goals for themselves and more importantly, how to problem solve when things don't always go to plan. Students have had to look at a range of scenarios and find solutions. These have included everything from finding a solution when there is a difference of opinion and even designing a hotel for the moon that can withstand an asteroid strike!





Seiken Ryu Karate



We are delighted to announce that the school will be hosting an exciting opportunity to try a new skill.

Wayne Bond, of Seiken ryu karate, will be holding a karate taster day at BMS on Saturday 4th February. Times are 10-12 and 1-3 and children can come for either one or both of the sessions. If staying for both, children must bring a packed lunch as no food will be provided.

The session is open to all abilities, from the age of 5 upwards, and parents are also welcome.

Places are limited and available on a first come basis. If interested pupils need to hand their reply slips into Mrs Fletcher

Further information on Wayne and Seiken ryu can be found at www.seikenryu.co.uk

Weekly maths puzzle

12. Two Circles Into a Square

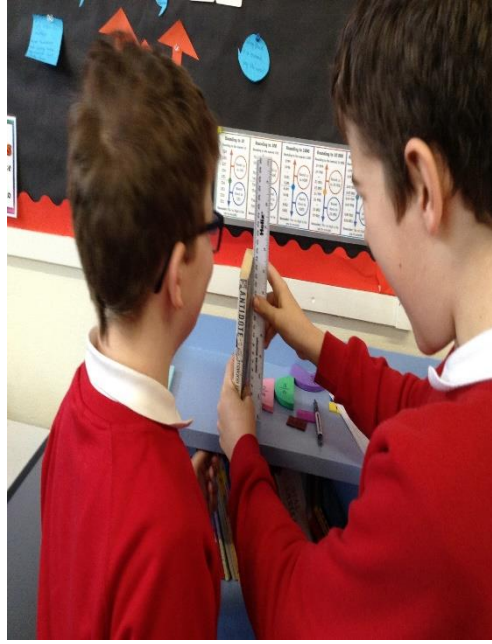


Given two loops of a paper chain and a pair of scissors, can kids figure out how to change them into a single square?



Measuring up

Year 6 have been measuring the length of items around the classroom this week using both metric and imperial units. They worked in pairs and threes and used rulers and tape measures to work out how long things were.



In a very busy week of maths for them, Year 6 have been working out fractions of amounts. They have been sharing cubes into equal parts and using bar models to help





School news

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils to access, especially as the mornings get more wintry. It's also absolutely FREE! If you wish for your child to attend Breakfast Club, please can you contact Mrs Thompson directly on 01434 220235.



This year, we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting our first school production since 2019! The 'Rocky Monster Show' will take place in the Summer term, showcasing the talents of our amazing performers from Mrs Esposito's and Miss Pearson's Thursday evening club. Any further pupils who wish to participate need to see Mrs Esposito or Miss Pearson to get a form to complete.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 31 st January 2023	Y5,6 && 7 Marine Engineering STEM Workshop
Wednesday 1 st February 2023	NEU Industrial Action (School open)
Saturday 4 th February 2023	Seiken Ryu Karate Taster Day at BMS
Tuesday 7 th February 2023	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 14 th February 2023	Careers Event
Wednesday 15 th February 2023	Valentine's Disco