



Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

Welcome to our first bulletin of the school year. We have changed to a monthly bumper version this year to cram in everything that is going on both inside and outside of school.

Incredibly we are already four weeks into the year and the Summer holidays feel like a distant memory. Our Year 5s and new pupils in Year 6 and 7 have settled in straightaway making new friends and impressing staff hugely with their polite manner and excellent effort in everything they do. Standards have been set and we would love to see this carry on for the entirety of the year.

We are also delighted to announce that all of the brand-new carpets have now been laid down in response to May's flood damage. This miracle turnaround has only been possible thanks to all of you who helped out on that Sunday morning four months ago. Once again, we are forever grateful for your support!

It was lovely to welcome so many visitors to our Open Evening on Tuesday. Staff had worked very hard to plan some wonderful activities for our visitors - it was quite an evening! Our own pupil helpers were incredible and a wonderful example of what great young people we have here. I would like to thank parents for kindly dropping them off and picking them up on a dark Autumn evening. It was also great to see our existing parents on Wednesday making the most of the chance to speak to form tutors and see the developments made over the Summer.

In this bulletin we will show you what we have got up to in September, as well as detailing some of the many highlights we have got coming up in the Autumn Term.

Attendance this week: 93%

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days





Dogs Trust visit

We would like to thank the Dogs Trust for visiting us. The whole school and Primary School participated in an assembly that covered important advice such as when it wouldn't be safe or fair to stroke a dog, as well as what to do if approached by a dog you don't know.

Then Years 5, 6 and 7 had the opportunity to work with Rachel to focus on what is safe and appropriate behaviour around both the dogs they share their homes with, as well as those belonging to other people.



Ground Force

It was great to see so many pupils helping out at gardening club pulling leeks. Pretty impressive!





Time Team

Year 7 have been furthering their understanding of what it takes to be a good historian. They have been taking a close look at chronology, accurately dating when famous events took place and putting them in order. They then created their own timelines.



It's all Latin to me!

Year 5 have been working on Roman numerals in maths. We are so impressed by how quickly they've settled into life at BMS.





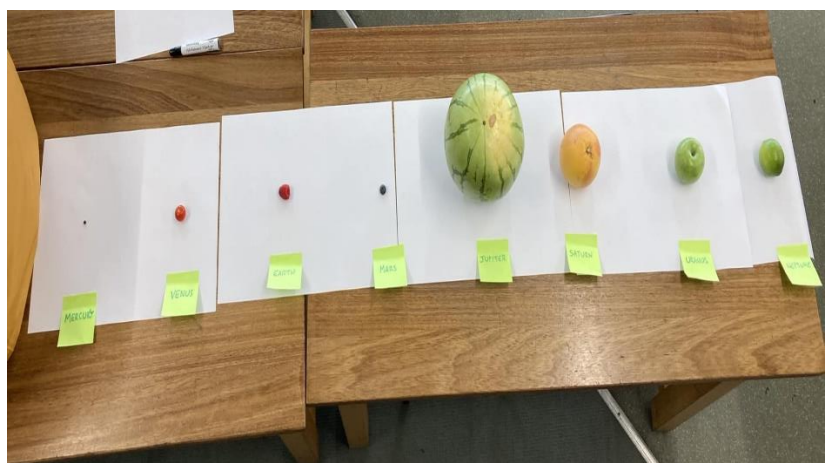
The library lives again!

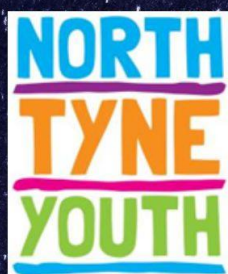
The resurrection of the library is getting there! Thanks to Mrs Batey and her helpers for the miracle they have achieved! Books are being delivered, new bookshelves and lots of activities are also being planned including a Barrington Stoke young editors club. We'll be sent a manuscript of an unpublished book, have a chance to send feedback and help shape the final book! Children are already loving chilling in the area, it's so good to see them back in and reading. Year 5 in particular, are thrilled with the new delivery of books, with Dogman proving very popular.



Space explorers

Year 5 have been looking at our solar system and discovering the size of the planets and the order in which we find them. We compared the scale size of the planets to fruits with Jupiter being compared to a watermelon and Mercury to a peppercorn. The pupils discovered how to group the planets into rocky planets and gas giants while building an appreciation of the size of our solar system.





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



Seeing the light

Year 6 have been investigating into how we see and reflection. They used wool to create a freeze frame image of how light travels and how we are able to see objects.



Joining the dots

Year 7 have started looking at sequences in maths. In their first session, they made patterns using different things like shapes, numbers and coloured counters.





c'est magnifique!

In Food Technology, Year 8 made French Toast. They developed their skills in coating, frying, presenting their dish, as well as working hygienically and safely. They all enjoyed eating them at the end of the lesson!





Christmas Truck Run

IN MEMORY OF DAVID LAMB

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

STARTING IN KIELDER VILLAGE 5.15
THROUGH; LEAPLISH, BELLINGHAM, WARK, HUMSHAUGH,
WALL, ACOMB AND FINISHING AT HEXHAM MART

**RAISING FUNDS TO HELP
FAMILIES IN THE NORTH TYNE &
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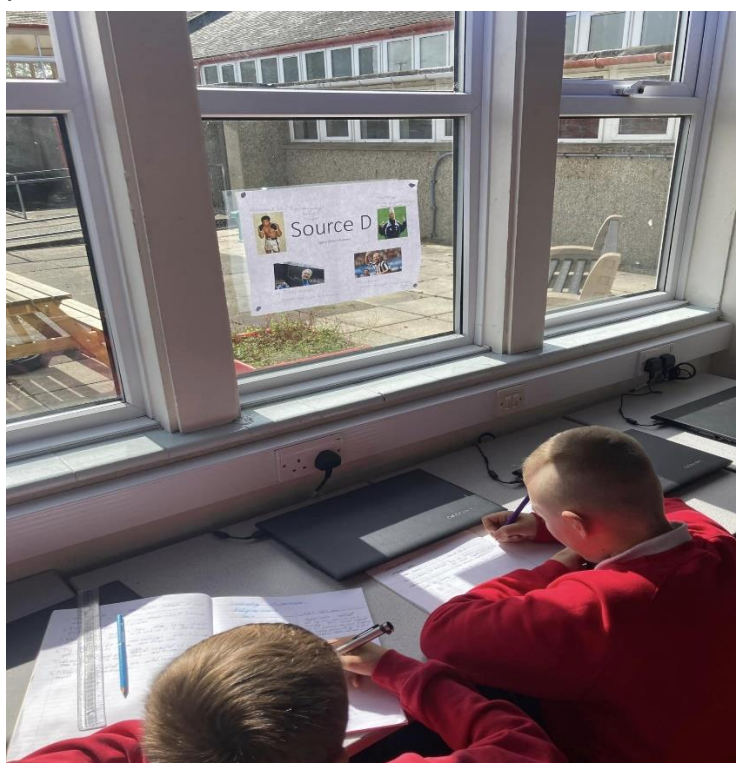
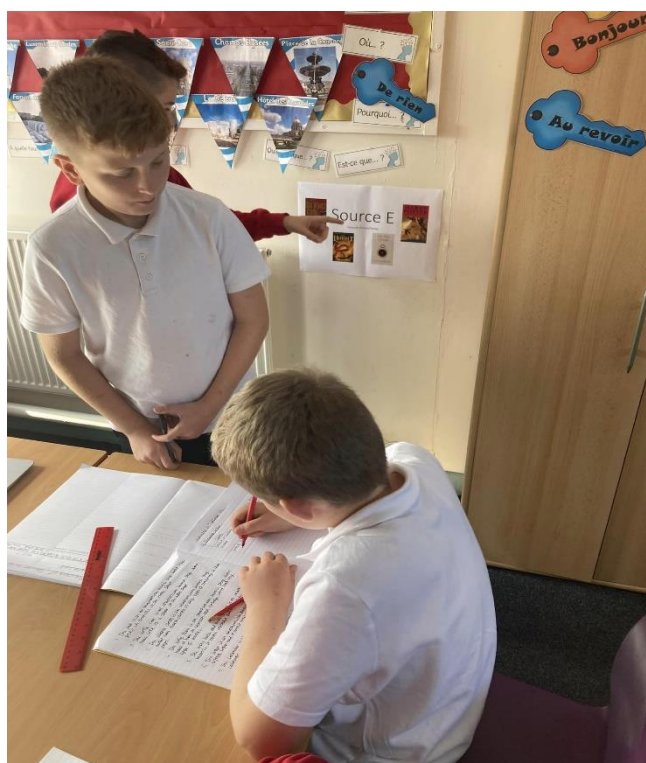
Year 7 Sleuths – Part 1

Year 7 in English enjoyed playing detective while studying Sherlock Holmes! Each team had to use the picture clues to solve the case!



Year 7 Sleuths – Part 2

Year 7 have been learning to analyse source materials in history. The pupils were asked to gather evidence from 6 sources relating to one person. The pupils were able to successfully decide that all of the evidence related to Mr Ramshaw. Top work!





Bake Sale

The Bake sale proved a huge success. Thank you to Mrs Batey and Mrs Fletcher for their organisation and unbelievable cakes! We made £120 which will go straight into the school. We plan to run one every half term. Thank you for all of your support.



Accelerated Reader

All pupils have now completed their STAR assessment and have been given their ZPD range (details in their diary) They should all have a reading book from school and once the book has been read, the children will need to quiz within 48 hours or may forget details and therefore not pass. Ideally your child should have read the book within two weeks. If your child has a book from home they want to read it is easy to check whether it is in their zone by looking online at:

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk>

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:



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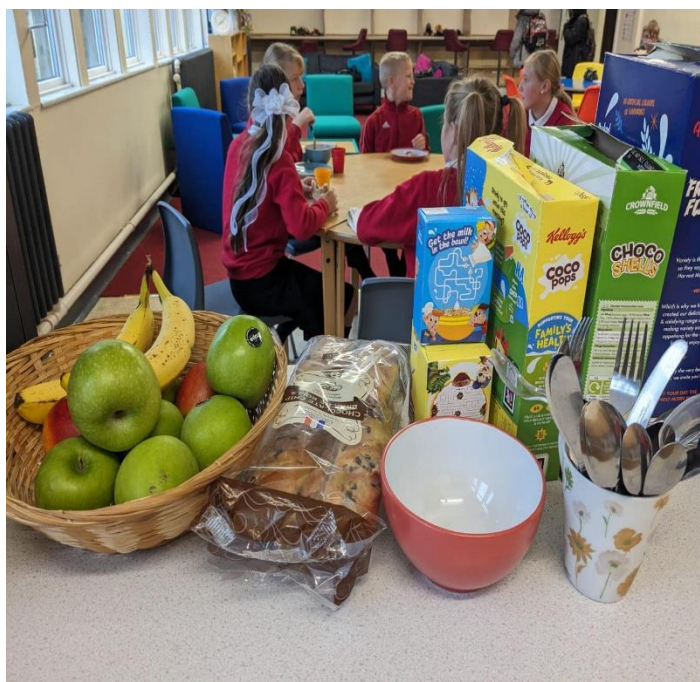
We had a fantastic time celebrating the European Day of Languages in school, sampling cuisine from the likes of France, Greece, Poland and Germany while learning to speak Italian. In Computing the pupils participated in an Adobe session focused on different languages, while every pupil had to learn a particular European greeting. Well done to pupils and staff for dressing up in the colours of their chosen nation and Grazie to Madame Davis for organising the day!





Nice bit of brekkie!

Plenty of pupils have been enjoying Breakfast Club this year. A reminder that this provision is available to all for free.



Soccer stars

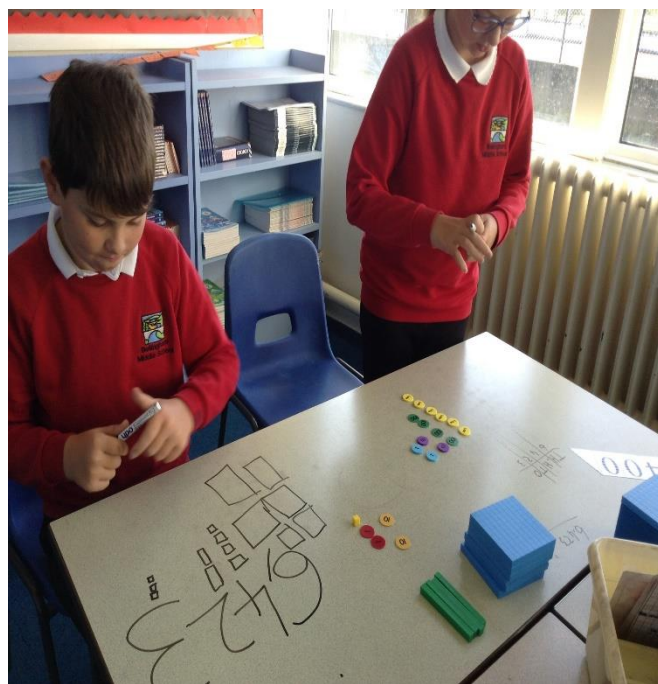
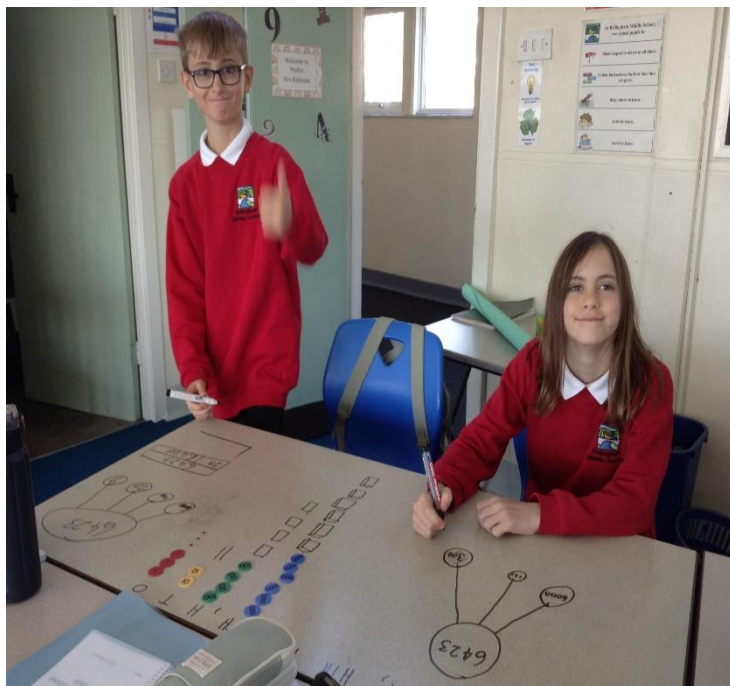
It was fantastic to see so many attendees for the first football training session of the year. Some amazing skills and fair play were on show and we see even more pupils turn up in the upcoming weeks.





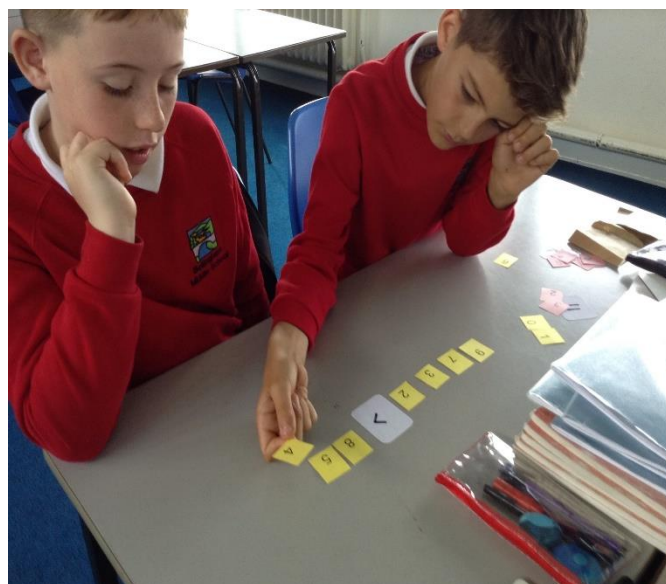
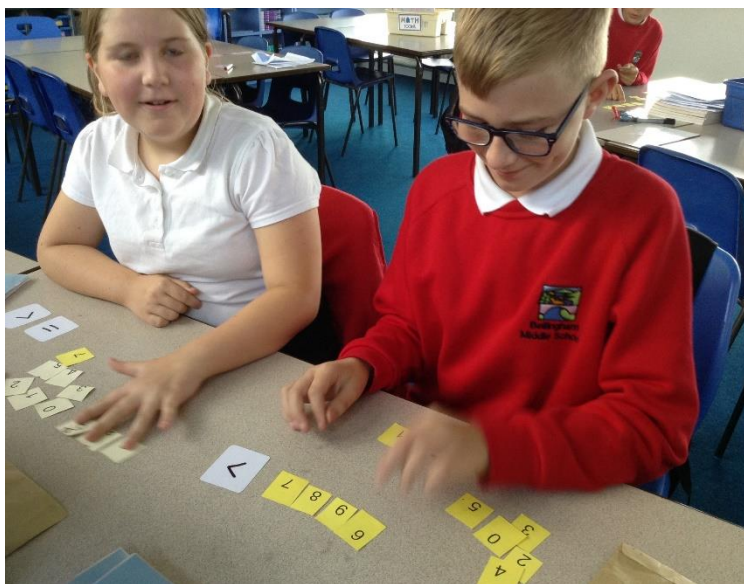
Year 6 Number crunchers – Part 1

Year 6 have been exploring lots of different ways a number can be made. They've used part-whole models, bar models, dienes and place value counters to name a few.



Year 6 Number crunchers – Part 2

Year 6 have been working hard at comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000. They've been lining the numbers up one above the other to help them see which number is the greatest.





Learning through games

Year 8 have found a new maths game to play called Numberhive. Who doesn't like connect 4 / winning / times tables?!?



Reading music

Year 7 pupils have been learning to read staff notation and have been performing on keyboards.





Something for everyone

Our club offerings are beginning to take shape with more to be added soon!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB
Lunch Time	QUIET CLUB LUNCH TIME CLUB WARHAMMER CLUB	QUIET CLUB LUNCH TIME CLUB PODCAST CLUB	QUIET CLUB LUNCH TIME CLUB MATHS CLUB	QUIET CLUB LUNCH TIME CLUB ART CLUB	QUIET CLUB LUNCH TIME CLUB GARDENING CLUB
After School	FOOTBALL CLUB	PERFORMING ARTS CLUB			

Playing a tune

Y5 pupils are developing their knowledge of orchestral families. Last week they looked at the string family.





A new start

It has been amazing to welcome our fabulous Year 5 pupils to the school. Here are some of their thoughts on their first few weeks:

"I enjoy PE and Computing with Mrs O'Kane...and play time's toast tray!"

Joseph

"What I like at Bellingham Middle School is cooking, maths, reading and science. This school is biiiiiiiiig, has longggggg break times, manyyyyyyyyyy books, and art!."

Nikita

"I love school because I like art and food tech - they are very fun and I enjoy them a lot. I also like science because I can learn about planets. I also enjoy all of the clubs."

Chloe

"I love that we can learn different subjects in Bellingham Middle School, for example cooking."

Ellie

"I enjoy that every teacher knows who I am and I can talk to them all. All the staff are very caring and easy to talk to."

Emma

"My favourite thing about Bellingham Middle school is that all the teachers know every person very well and I really enjoy the pool table in lunch time club"

Finlay

I think it's fair to say they've had a good start!



School news

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils to access. 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.



Letters were given out two weeks ago to gauge interest for a KS2 residential to Dukeshouse Wood in Hexham and a KS3 one to Edinburgh. Thank you to everyone for getting their replies in promptly. We are currently in the process of finalising details, with the aim to get as good value for money as possible. We are aware of the financial pressures that families face in these times, therefore we feel it is only fair to do this. We hope to be able to give out more information next week.



We are concerned by recent spates of trespassing and vandalism that have occurred in the grounds of the Primary School in recent weeks. We ask that if you have any information on this, please could you contact the school.



Wednesday 4th October we are planning to hold an informal get together in The Cheviot to discuss starting up the PTA. Everyone is welcome, message Mrs Batey for details





Dates for your diary*

Monday 2 nd October 2023	School photos
Friday 13 th October 2023	Hello Yellow Sponsored walk
Monday 23 rd October 2023	Flu vaccinations
Monday 23 rd October 2023	Enrichment homework 1 deadline
Tuesday 24 th October 2023	Y7/8 Job Centre Employability Skills workshop
Friday 27 th October 2023	Halloween Coffee Afternoon
Friday 27 th October 2023	End of Autumn 1
Monday 6 th November 2023	Start of Autumn 2
Monday 18 th December 2023	Enrichment homework 2 deadline
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Christmas Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Christmas Fair
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Pantomime Trip to Theatre Royal
Friday 22 nd December 2023	End of Autumn 2

*More dates to be added as term progresses