



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first bulletin of 2023!

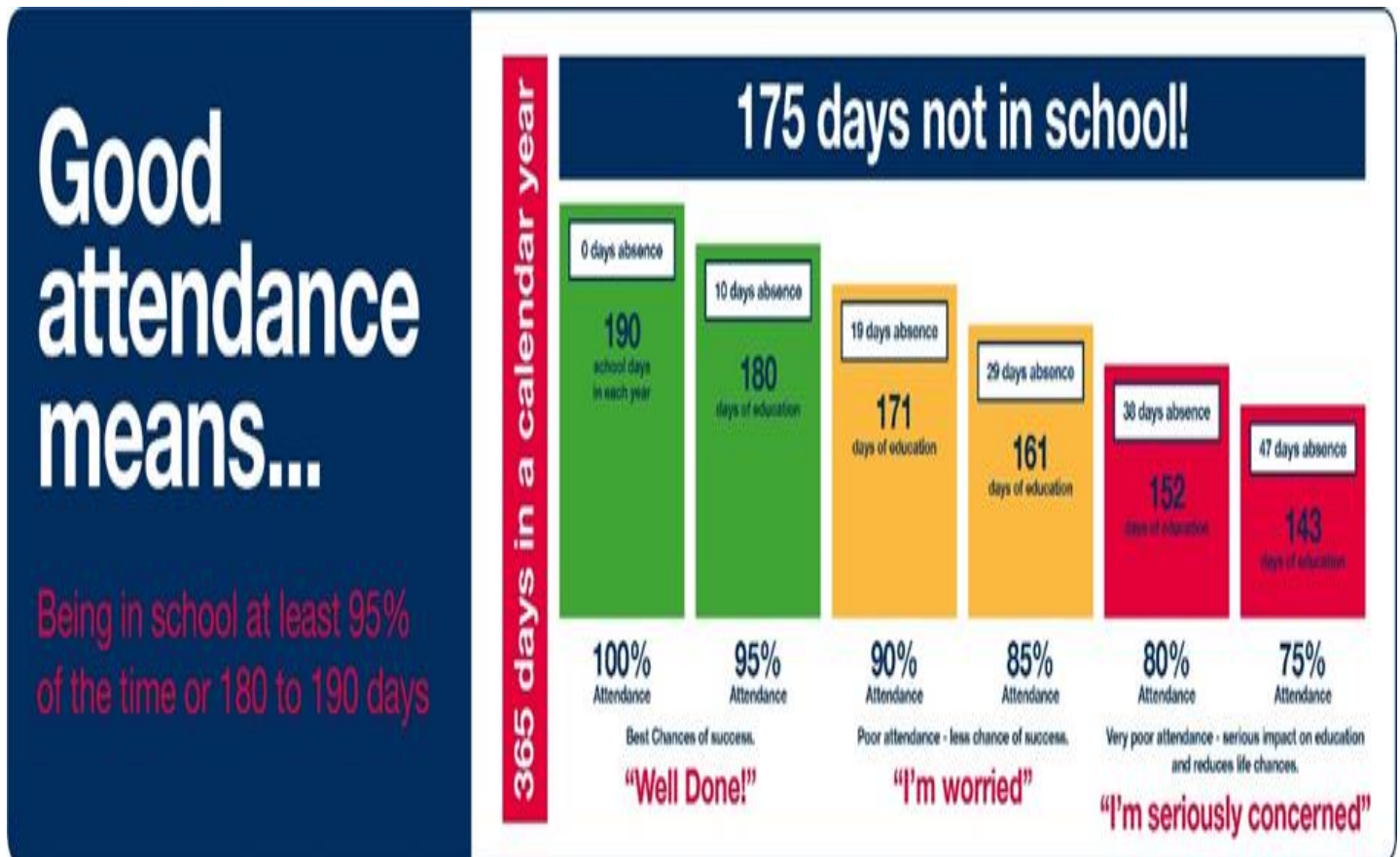
As you will see we have got straight back into the swing of things in our lessons, and that all pupils are working as hard as ever. Thank you for all of the support everyone gave us on Monday, it was a very difficult decision to close the school and we appreciate the efforts everyone made on the day.

This term we have lots of visitors coming into school to deliver workshops across a variety of subjects and we are continually updating our extracurricular offer.

As you will have read on the news, the NEU have chosen to take Industrial action, with the first strike day occurring on Wednesday 1st February. As it stands, we are still planning on opening school on that day, albeit with reduced staffing and a modified timetable. This is subject to change, as the situation evolves. Rest assured we will keep you up to date with developments.

Dan Ramshaw

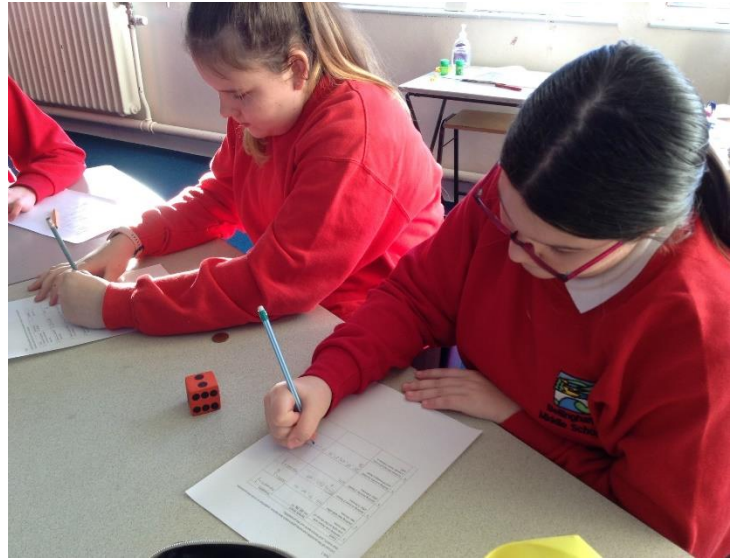
Attendance this week: 94.4%





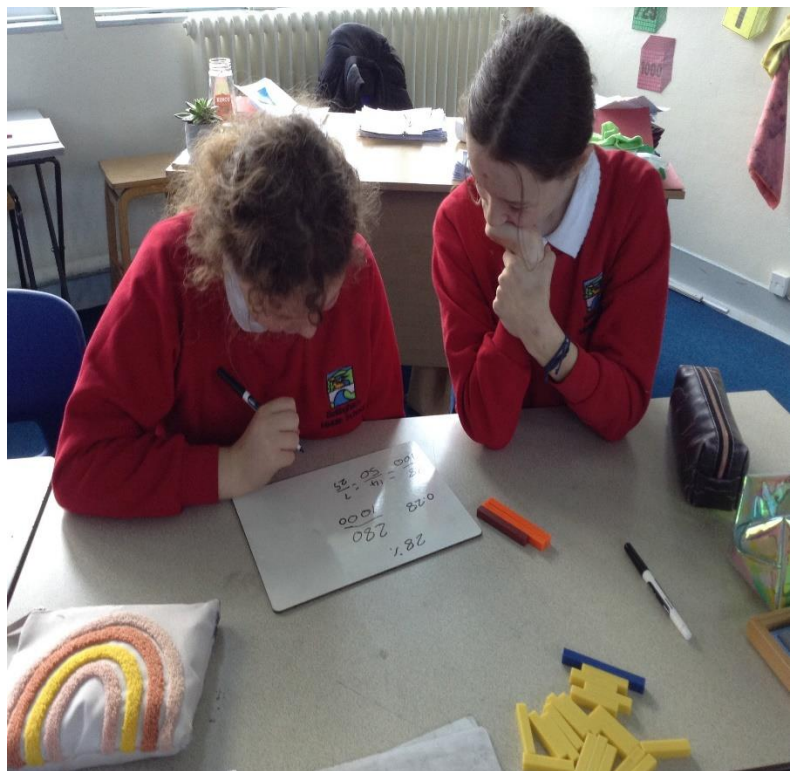
Expectation or reality?

Year 8 have started a new maths topic on probability. They have been investigating what the chances are of certain things happening - like tossing 2 heads on two coins or rolling a 6 on a fair dice and tossing a tail or picking a Jack from a pack of cards. They've also been looking at what we should expect to get versus the reality.



The rod to success

Year 7 have been using the Cuisenaire rods to help them work out equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages





Saving the planet, bit by bit!

A thoroughly engaging morning at Haydon Bridge High School on Tuesday, as George and Freddie represented BMS in the Haydon Bridge Partnership Eco-Council meeting. This gave local schools an opportunity to share their sustainability objectives for the year and current projects. Our pupils communicated our priorities brilliantly and there was also an opportunity to ask Matt and Hazel from NCC ideas about potential partnership-wide projects. Watch this space!



Weekly maths puzzle



Send all answers to Mrs Robinson at Lyndsey.Robinson@bellinghampartnership.uk



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



An Inspector Calls

Year 7 have been trying a little bit of improv in English. They were given an interaction between Inspector Goole and Mr Berling in 'An Inspector Calls' and were asked to continue it completely off-the-cuff, ensuring that tone and subject remained consistent. I was hugely impressed by their efforts in attempting such a difficult skill.



Acting up

Grace, from the theatre group 'Theatres sans frontieres' joined our year 7 class for a fabulous workshop. We played some interesting drama games and then were introduced to some of the characters from the show they are doing at the weekend in Bellingham 'Sherlock Holmes: the speckled band'. We then got a chance at acting some of the characters. Be sure to check them out this week (details on the next page).





Théâtre Sans Frontières

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Sherlock Holmes: The Speckled Band



Delve into the highly deductive mind of a super sleuth in
this atmospheric and thrilling production of
the popular Sherlock Holmes story

Sherlock Holmes: The Speckled Band

'It is not cold which makes me shiver.'

'What, then?'

'It is fear, Mr Holmes. It is terror.'

Delve into the highly deductive mind of a super sleuth in this new production of one of the most popular Sherlock Holmes stories. Be enthralled by this exciting and thrilling mystery, featuring a feisty heroine, struggling with and overcoming a domineering presence in her life.



With everything we've come to expect from a Sherlock Holmes murder mystery set in 19th century England, this is also a story that confronts many issues relevant to a 21st century audience. Young people aged 10+ years will be fascinated by Holmes' processes of detection. Adults will be equally enticed into a world of suspense with Gothic motifs, melodrama and an impressive score from Tim Dalling.

Sherlock Holmes: The Speckled Band toured the UK in March 2022 to great acclaim

"...sparkles from curtain up to shocking denouement."
David Whetstone, Cultured. North East

"Really engaging, was absorbed throughout. Made Conan Doyle very accessible."
The Exchange, North Shields

"Thoroughly enjoyable, effervescent performance. Just so clever."
Alnwick Playhouse

UK TOUR DATES 2023

18 January, 7pm
THE CUSTOMS HOUSE
SOUTH SHIELDS

0191 454 1234 | customshouse.co.uk

20 January, 7.30pm
BELLINGHAM LIBRARY (TOWN HALL)
01434 220495 | nlandlibs.eventbrite.com



Feed the birds

Riley and Ruairi in Year 5 have enjoyed making recycled bird feeders from plastic bottles this week to hang in our school garden with Mrs Ions. Top work boys!



Tickling the ivories

Year 5 pupils are developing their keyboard instrumental knowledge this term. This week they have been exploring the inner workings of a piano.





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.



We are delighted to share that from today, Year 5 will be receiving free guitar tuition from James Tait, who has worked with us on many occasions. We are very lucky to have this support from such a fantastic teacher.



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

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Y5 Computing event – Energy Saving Week

Tuesday 31st January 2023

Y5,6 && 7 Marine Engineering STEM Workshop

Wednesday 1st February 2023

NEU Industrial Action (School open)

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 14th February 2023

Careers Event

Wednesday 15th February 2023

Valentine's Disco