



Dear Parents/Carers,

Credit this week has to go to our amazing Y6 pupils! They've not only survived a week of SATs but have achieved great results and we're very proud of them. Well done, Y6, and to all of the staff who supported pupils this week during the actual tests and with extra sporting opportunities.

Mrs O'Kane popped into school this week to say 'hello' before her return to school on Monday, following her maternity leave. We're looking forward to welcoming her back.

Our plea for a piano last week was successful and by Saturday morning, we had received the kind offer of a brilliant piano, free to a good home! Thank you very much to Lynda Bull for organising this for us – we can't wait to pick it up. If anyone would be able to help us transport it from Wark to Bellingham, we'd love to hear from you.

Next week's forecast looks set to be scorching so please can we remind pupils to ensure they have a water bottle each day, perhaps a cap for lunchtime and PE, and if it's really hot, some sun-cream to pop on before long spells outside.

Have a lovely weekend!

Lindsay Hamilton

Attendance this week:

96.2%

Thank you! We really appreciate all your efforts in getting to school on time, ready to start our day promptly.



Did you know...?

Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
98 – 100%	Excellent	0 to 4	Less than 1
95 – 98%	Good	5 to 9	1 to 2
93 – 95%	Satisfactory	10 to 13	2 to 3
90 – 93%	Unsatisfactory	14 to 19	4 to 6
>90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4

**The government expects your child's attendance to be 95% or better.
Schools are held to account for your child's attendance.
Please remember holidays in term time will be unauthorised.**



Perfect Props!

Here's some work in progress from Year 8 who've been working hard on designs for casino-themed prom decorations, including their own giant playing card. Well done, Y8 – can't wait to see them all in the hall!



Well done, Y5!

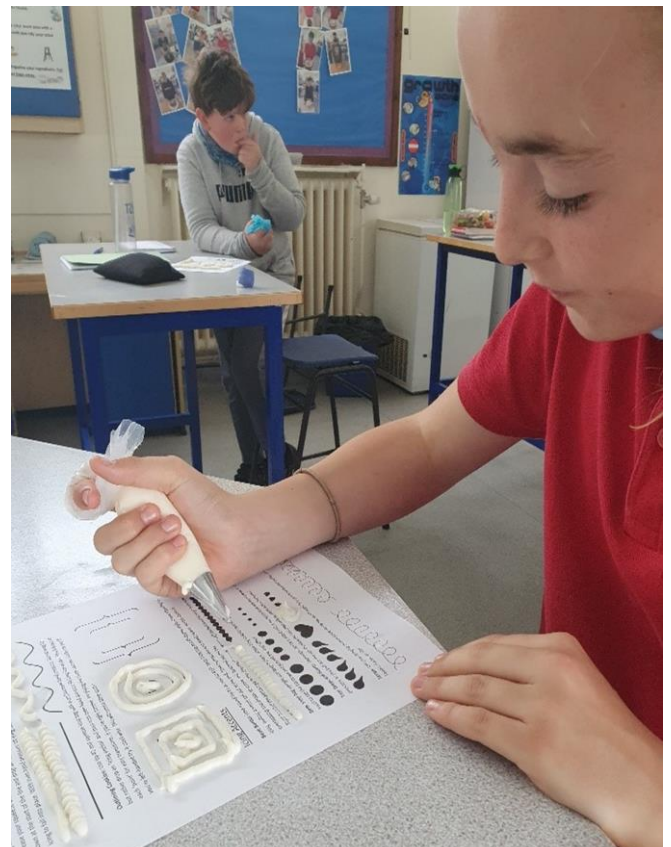
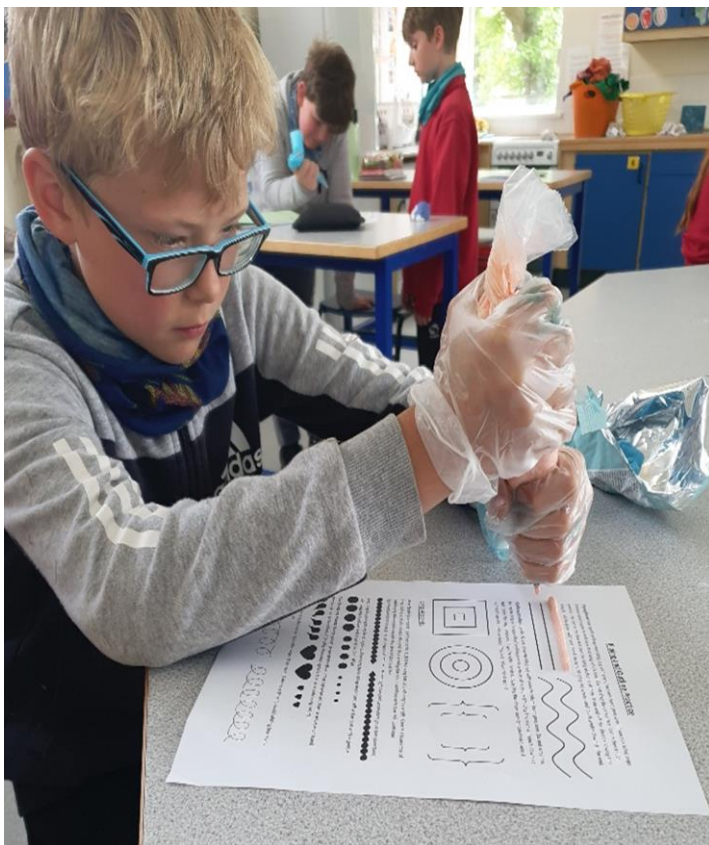
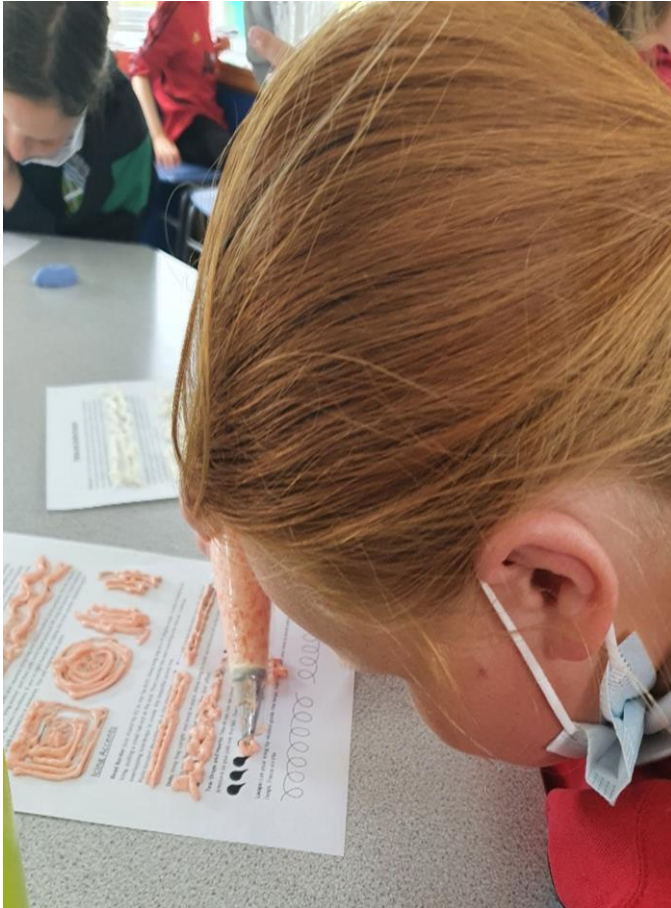
Last week, Y5 found lots of ways to be active as well as trying really hard to drink lots of water and to eat five portions of fruit and vegetables each day as part of Healthy Eating Week 2021!





Precise Piping!

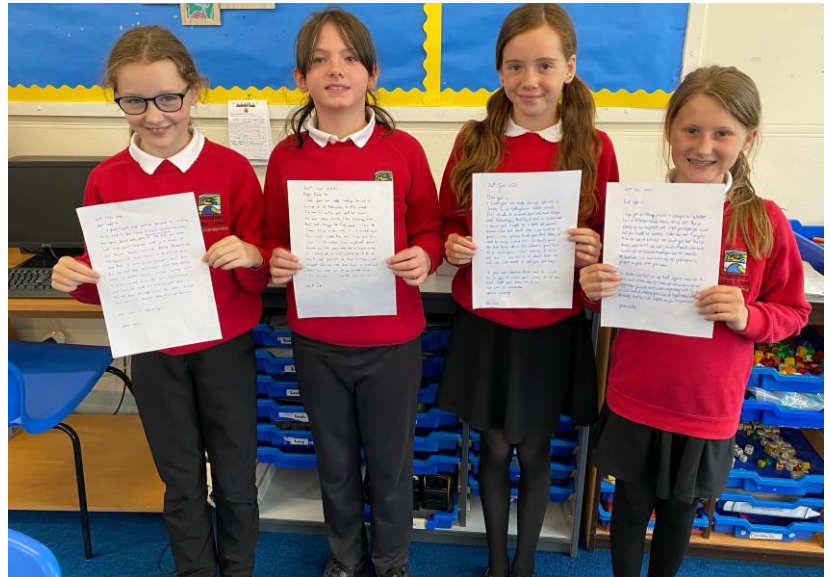
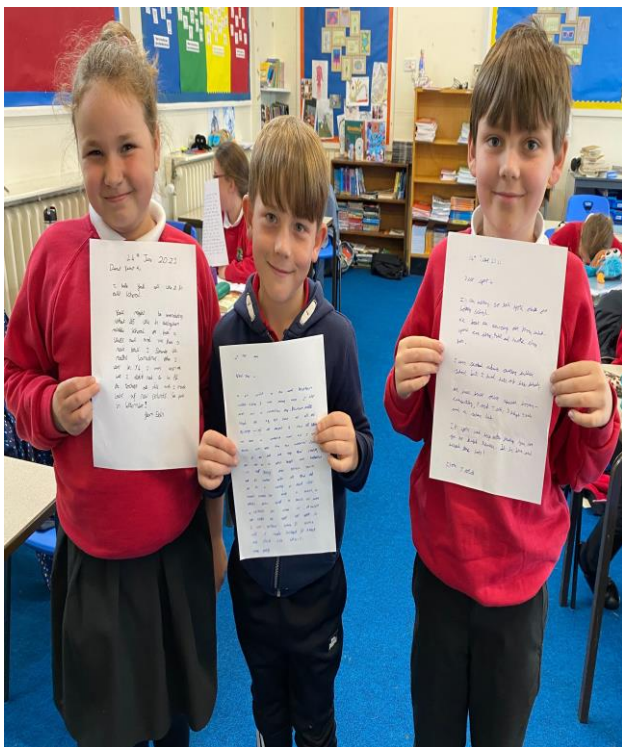
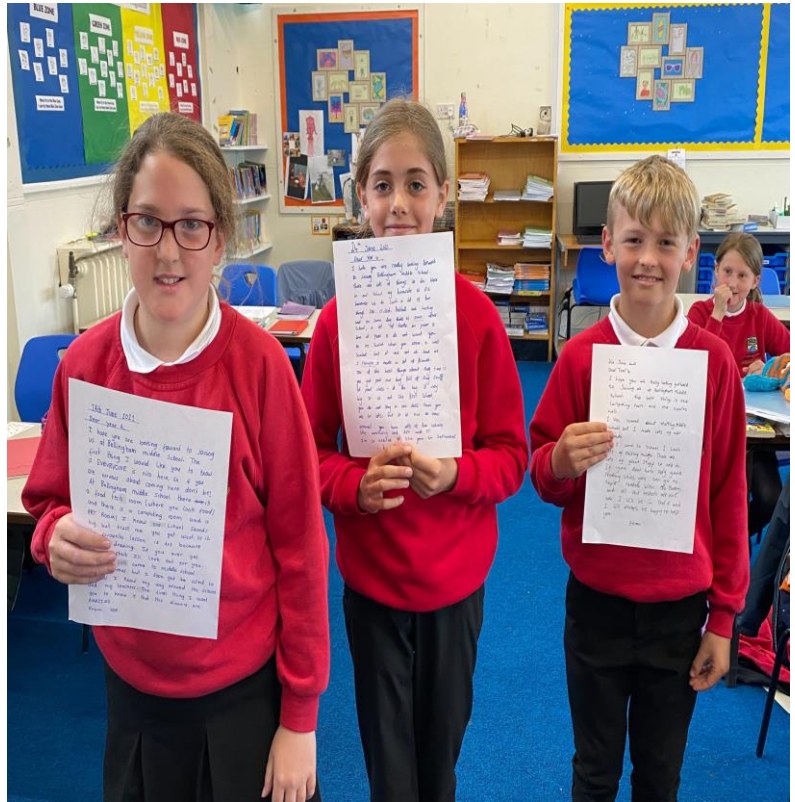
It's Y7's turn to master the piping techniques in preparation for their celebration cakes. Here they are demonstrating a lot of skill and concentration!



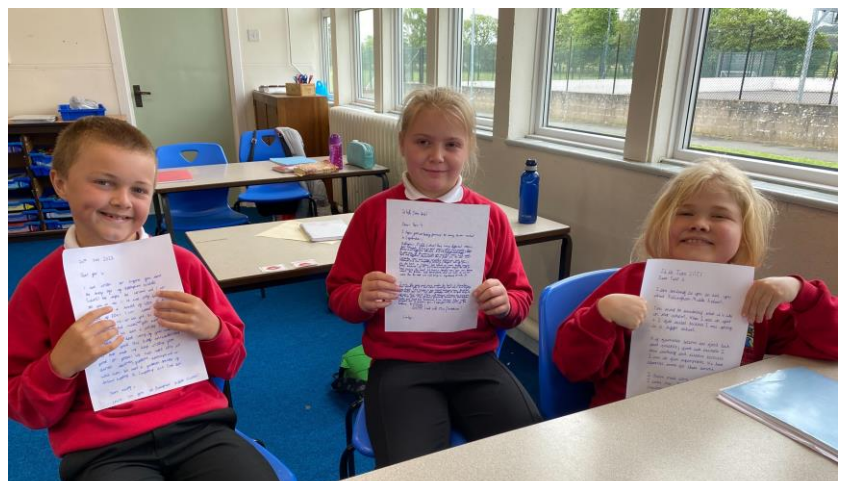


Kings & Queens of Kindness!

What a kind, thoughtful bunch our Y5 pupils are! Having realised that new pupils joining us in September wouldn't be able to benefit from a transition day this year, Y5 decided to write letters describing their own experiences of their first year at BMS, describing all the great things they'll have to look forward to.



We'll post them out to our new pupils next week and we're sure they'll appreciate hearing from those who were in exactly the same position as them, this time last year. Thank you, Y5, (and Mrs Parkinson) - you're all very, very kind!





Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 7th July 2021

BMS Sports Day

Thursday 8th July 2021

KS2 Visit – Hexham Book Festival

Thursday 15th July 2021

Y8 Prom

Friday 16th July 2021

Final day of summer term



Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device Home testing guidance for school children.

(DAY 1) Showing Symptoms OR Positive Home Test

Whole household to self-isolate & tell school

Get confirmatory PCR test

Call 119 or book a test online at
www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Negative result

Return to school
if child is well

Positive result

(Day 1-10) Continue self-isolating for 10-days from first day of symptoms.

NB: Isolation period is 10 full days from onset of symptoms (or date of test if no symptoms).

Return to school
if child is well

Close contacts should continue to self-isolate for 10-days.

Children 16 or under should not be taken to symptom-free testing sites for an LFD test.



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