



Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

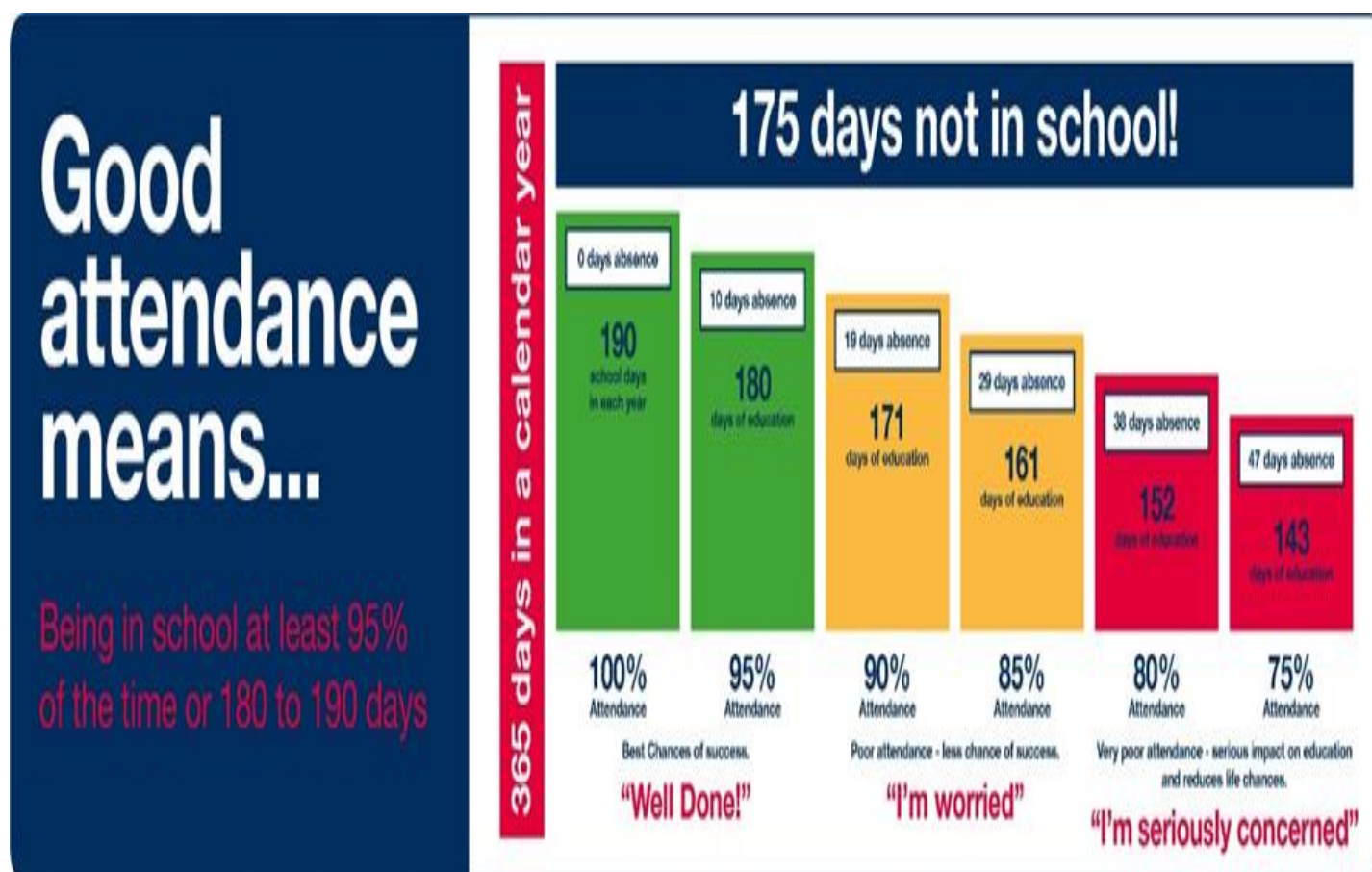
It is fair to say that the first four weeks back have flown over and it's hard to believe that January is over. Despite the gloomy weather, there have been plenty of bright lights in school, with lots of good work taking place.

In the next week, we will be sharing details of our Year 6 SATs evening, where we will go through the key dates that you need to know and other pieces of important information.

Thank you to everyone for their patience and co-operation in response to the storms that hit us earlier this month. It was a freak situation with communication impossible to many families. Your support was very much appreciated.

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week: 92%





Prime(ary) numbers

As part of numbers day, we joined the primary school for some times table fun.

All the way up to and including this Friday, we are having a times tables battle, with Years 5 and 8 taking on Years 6 and 7. The primary school are also doing a battle between Years 3 and 4. To score points pupils need to answer as many questions as possible by playing in any game type, with the winning team will having highest number of correct answers per pupil.

Pupils' homework is to join in and play in the battle. Mrs Robinson would like the pupils to play a minimum of 10 games before next Wednesday.

Good Luck and may the best team win!





Fragile Earth

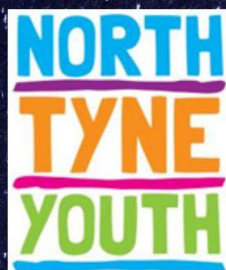
Earlier this month we welcomed the 'Fragile Earth' team in to school to raise awareness of the fragility of this precious planet and what we can do to help. The team will be visiting us again later this term to carry on the work and spread further awareness.



Coping well

Year 7 have been working hard in the DT room, designing and making their own phone holders based on the art of Keith Haring. Learning how to cut out shapes with a coping saw, they have been met with many challenges. Watch this space for the final result!





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



Hip hop

In Performing Arts, KS3 pupils have been creating their own routines using some simple hip hop dance steps.



Cross-country queens II

A huge well done to Alice and Sophie who competed in the District cross-country event at South Shields. Both girls ran really well in a very big field of runners, in freezing weather with very hard, uneven ground. They were brilliant.





Chinese Zodiac

The year 5s have just started a new topic in ADT where they are learning about the Chinese New Year. They learnt all about the Chinese Zodiac, took part in a dragon dance and had received a fortune in a fortune cookie.



NDAS

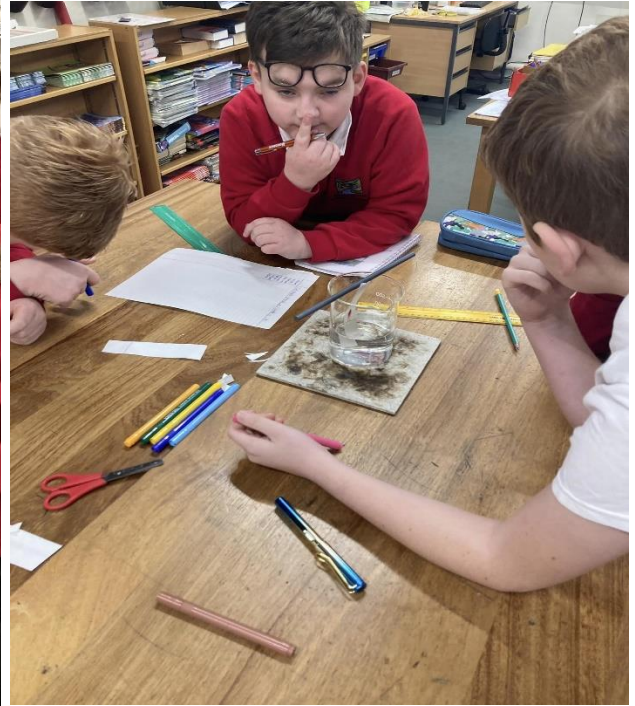
This month, Year 5 and 6 have been lucky to work with the NDAS team. They come in as part of the PSHE curriculum and have worked with KS2 running workshops about: kind hands and voices, gender stereotypes, promoting healthy relationships, self-esteem, domestic abuse and confidence.





Colourful science

Year 7 have been learning about chromatography in their mixtures and separations unit. The pupils tested various inks to discover which individual colours they contained.



Sports Leaders

As part of their Sports Leaders programme, KS3 were given the brief to create their own dodgeball tournament, with agreed rules and scoring system. We were hugely impressed by the use of initiative and organisational skills that the pupils used. A fantastic effort!





Flying high!

KS3 have been learning about aerodynamics and construction in DT. Lots of fun was had when testing out a range of aeroplane models, looking at speed, design and time spent in the air.



Making a difference

Our School Council continues to meet fortnightly to discuss issues and work together in making our school even better!





**Bellingham
Middle School**



Careers Fair 2024

***Could your organisation
inspire our students'
next step?***

Our students love to hear from people who have experienced the roles, industries and settings that they're considering for their future. Could your organisation help our students to Aim High with their ambitions and help shape their plans?

If you are interest in talking to our students, being part of our careers fair or have any questions please contact school on
middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk
or 01434 220235.



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Hexham Abbey Choir an incredible opportunity for Boys & Girls of all ages!

Wednesday or Thursday 5pm - 7pm

+Sunday morning or evening each week

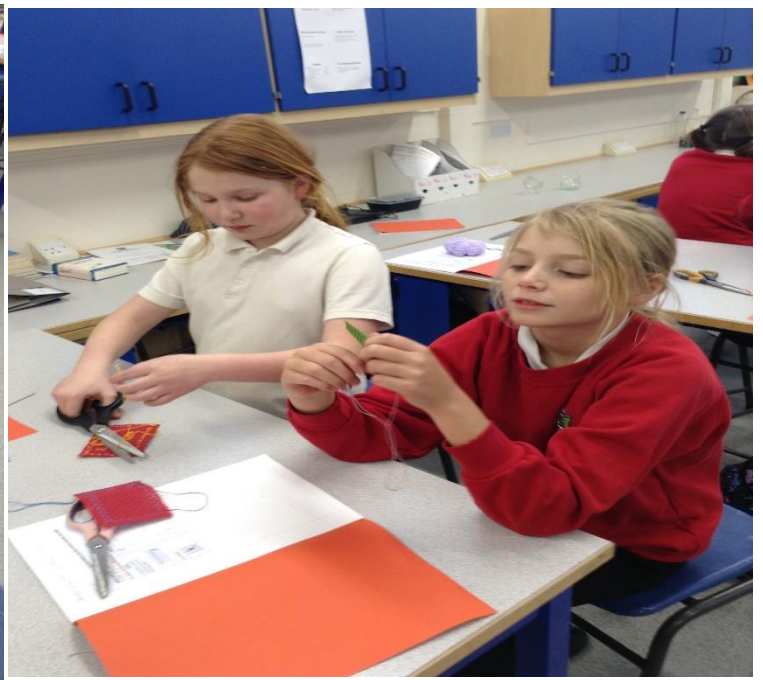
contact michael haynes - Director of Music

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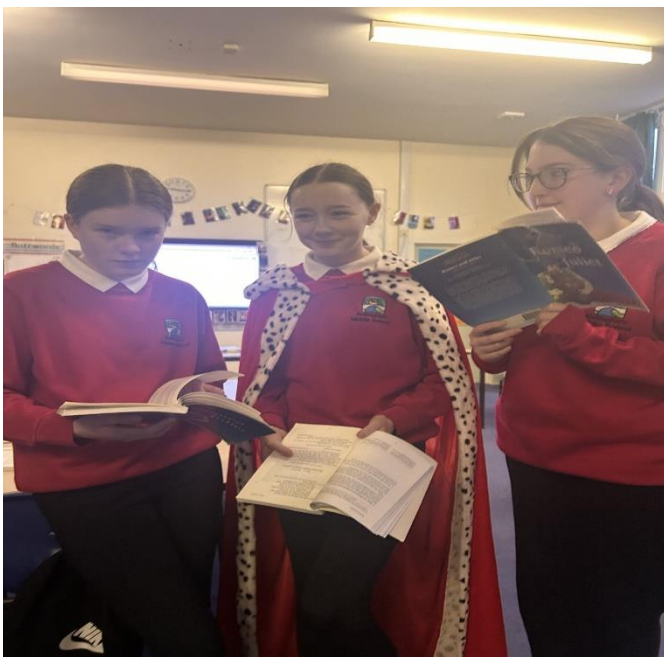
Stitched up!

Year 5 have been learning how to sew this last two weeks, they are doing very well threading their needles, tying knots, doing a running stitch and a cross stitch.



It's miserable out there!

It's fair to say that the weather this month has been awful. However, indoor break doesn't stop Year 6. If it rains, they just dance! On the other hand, Year 8 gallantly performed the infamous Capulet Ball scene from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet!





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.



Dates for your diary*

Monday 5 th February 2024	KS3 Josh Green Road Safety workshop
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 15 th February 2024	Bake sale
Friday 16 th February 2024	Valentines Disco (during school day – PM)
Friday 16 th February 2024	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 26 th February 2024	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 27 th February 2024	Start of Spring Term 2
Wednesday 28 th February 2024	Y6 SATS evening
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day
Tuesday 19 th March 2024	STEM Day
Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Parents' evening
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Parents' evening