



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another non-stop week at BMS, with pupils and staff working hard in the build up to Christmas, which is still somehow over five weeks away!

Next week, we will be allowing pupils to watch the England v Iran world cup game on Monday afternoon. Year 8 have an NHS careers workshop scheduled for that time, although they will be able to watch the second half (and we may provide them with a treat to make up for it!).

Appointments for our online parents evening have gone 'live'. Thank you to those who have already booked times; if you need any help in doing so, please get in touch. We look forward to talking about how hard our children are working this term and the great progress they're making.


Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week:

94.6%

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

Did you know...?



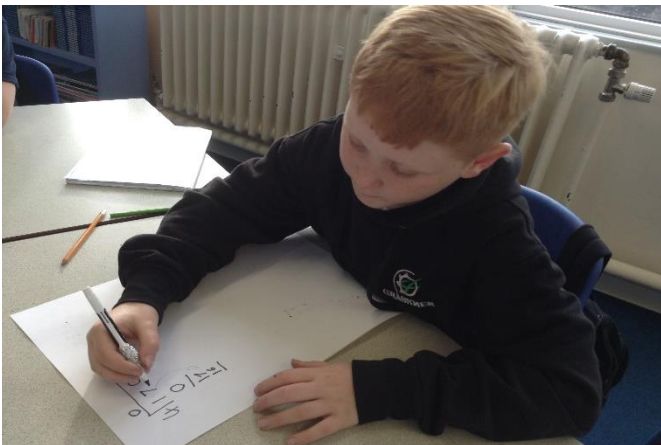

Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
98 – 100%	Excellent	0 to 4	Less than 1
95 – 98%	Good	5 to 9	1 to 2
93 – 95%	Satisfactory	10 to 13	2 to 3
90 – 93%	Unsatisfactory	14 to 19	4 to 6
>90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4

**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.**



Top division

Year 6 have been looking at dividing. They have been using the normal method of short division and then have progressed to long division, which they are starting to get the hang of. We are delighted with the rapid progress the class have made in a short period of time. Keep it up!



Who wants to be a millionaire?

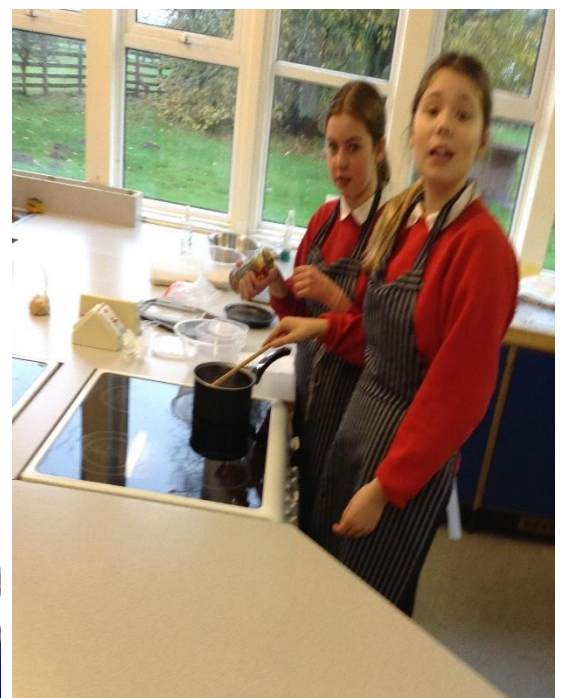
Well, we've got our first word millionaire in Year 7! A huge well done to Erin, who has read a whopping 1,006,622 words so far this year. She is a star and an inspiration to other pupils throughout school.

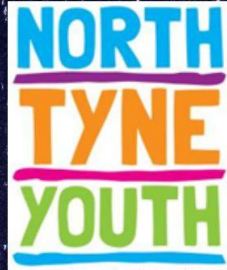




Food, glorious food!

An action-packed week in Food Technology, with lots of amazing food being cooked and prepared. Year 8 have been working together to produce a flapjack, they are then going to be designing and creating their own unique flapjacks. Year 5 have been practising their slicing skills by making delicious fruit salads, they have learnt the bridge hold and the claw grip. The smells wafting down the corridor this week have been tremendous!





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



World cup fever

We held a World Cup Day at school today where every pupil came to school wearing the colours of their adopted nation for the World Cup. Top marks to Y6 for the variety of different colours!



Give me a B, Give me an M...

The pupils (and staff!) had so much fun in performing arts club this week. One of the activities the children were tasked with was creating letters of the alphabet (in the most inventive ways as possible). Can you guess what letters they made?





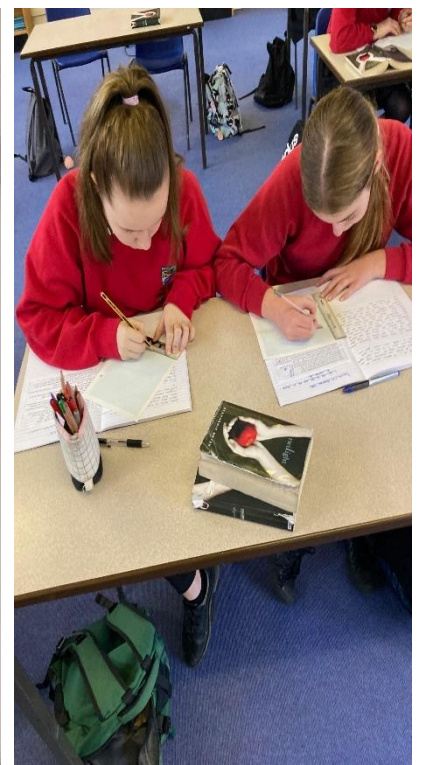
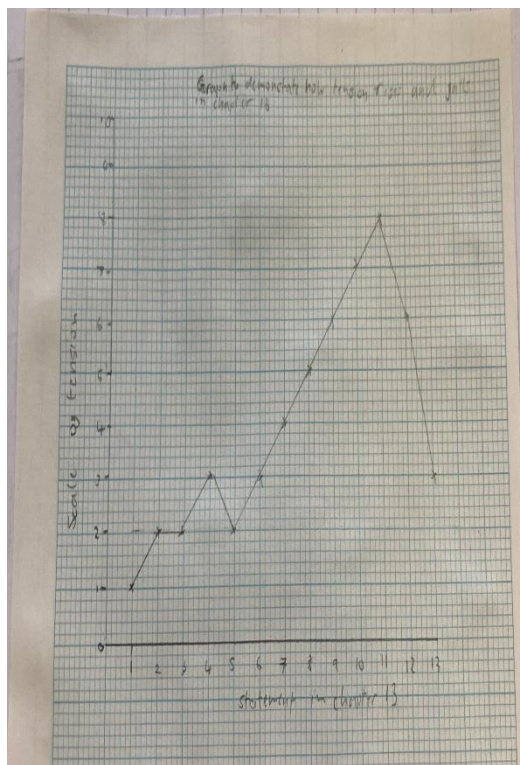
Best Buddies

Year 5 and 8 buddies have met this week to share their reading. The children read aloud to each other and asked questions on the books they were reading. It has been amazing to watch our Y8s helping to mentor our younger students.



Cross-curricular work

English met maths this week, when Y8 studied the patterns of tension in Chapter 13 of 'Twilight'. Pupils plotted a graph to demonstrate how tension increased and decreased throughout the chapter, before writing an explanation of why their graph looked like it did. Fantastic work!





CHRISTMAS WAGON RUN

5.30pm Starting at Kielder -
Bellingham - Wark - Chollerford -
Wall - Acomb - Hexham

9th December

Raising funds to help families in the North
Tyne & North East Air Ambulance

Food, Drinks and entertainment
will be available at most
villages, more details to follow.



Need for speed

We are absolutely thrilled to hear that our magnificent motorcyclist, Alan, has won the shield award for Rider of the Year with Falcon MXC.

This is a special award that is given to riders who have excelled and improved over the past year.

What an amazing achievement, well done Alan!





School news

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils to access, especially as the mornings get more wintery. 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.

Miss Pearson and Mrs Esposito have started the BMS Performing Arts Club on Thursday afternoons. Sessions take place after school for 1 hour, and if interested pick up a form from school, fill it in and return it. If numbers remain consistent, we would like to present a performance around Easter time 2023.

Please make sure you read through the timetable for Christmas events that were sent via ParentMail earlier this week. More details will be shared about individual events closer to the time.



Dates for your diary

Monday 21 st November 2022	NHS Careers Workshop (Y8)
Tuesday 22 nd November 2022	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23 rd November 2022	KS2 Nasal Flu immunisation
Thursday 1 st December 2022	Parents Evening
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	Road Safety Workshop (Y8)
Friday 9 th December 2022	National Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 19 th December 2022	Careers/Enterprise Challenge Morning
Monday 19 th December 2022	Enrichment homework deadline
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Pantomime Trip - Cinderella– Newcastle Theatre Royal
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	BMS Christmas Fair
Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Christmas Carol Service at St Cuthbert's
Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Christmas Party
Friday 23 rd December 2022	Christmas Lunch
Friday 23 rd December 2022	School ends for Christmas holidays