



Dear Parents/Carers,

It feels slightly surreal to be writing this bulletin the day before Christmas Eve, but given it's been such a busy term, we probably needed all this time to fit in all the activities that have taken place. It's been a very enjoyable week in school with lots of events to help us mark this festive time and staff have worked incredibly hard to make sure all our pupils enjoy their final week. Our Christmas Fayre was phenomenally successful and raised a scarcely believable £868 – thank you to everyone who contributed! We also had an amazing time at the Pantomime on Tuesday, with the staff finding some of the jokes even funnier than the children did at times...

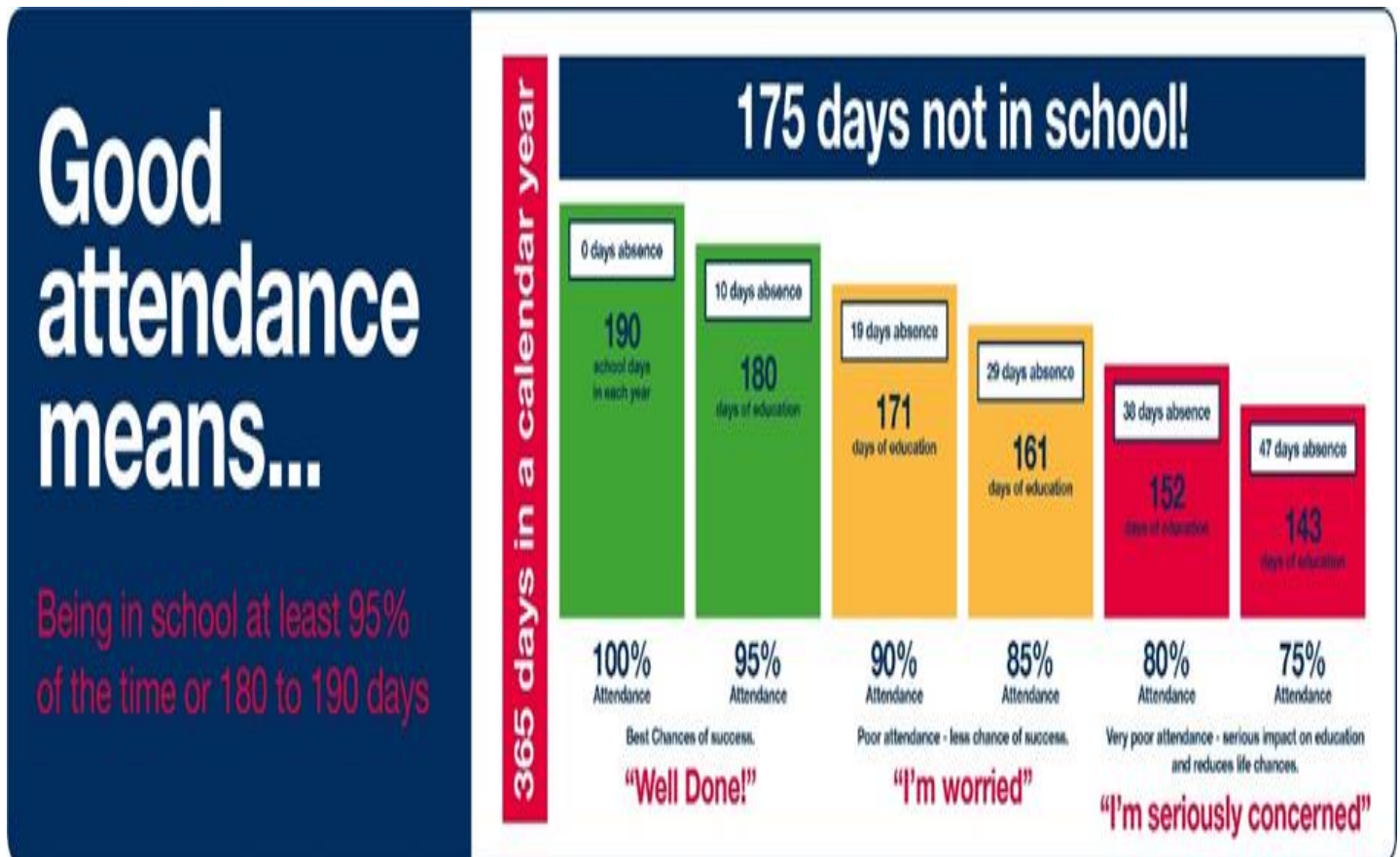
Yesterday's Carol Service at St Cuthbert's was wonderful and if you haven't yet seen some of our photos and video snippets on our Facebook page, do check them out. Our readers were fantastic and read with great clarity, Brooke sang brilliantly, while William performed admirably on the guitar.

Staff return to school on Monday 9th January for a training day and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back into school on Tuesday 10th January.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, a good rest, and, enjoy spending time with loved ones!

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week: 92.9%





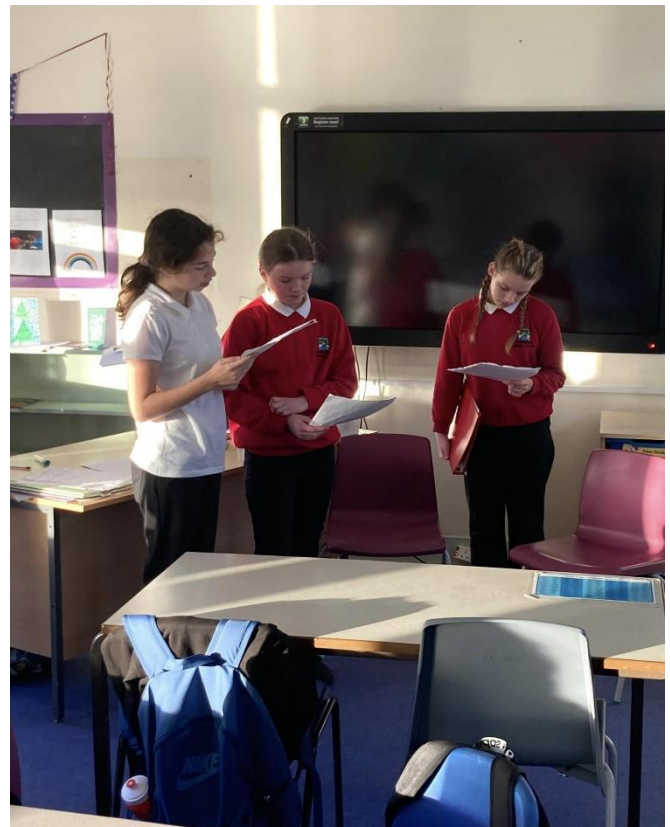
Enterprising pupils

During our Enterprise careers event on Monday, our pupils worked in groups to form a new company of producing paper cups. They were responsible for deciding on their job roles, producing their products, managing their own budget as well as negotiating a price for their product. The focus of this event was to work as a team, develop their communications skills and experience life within a work environment.



This is your Life

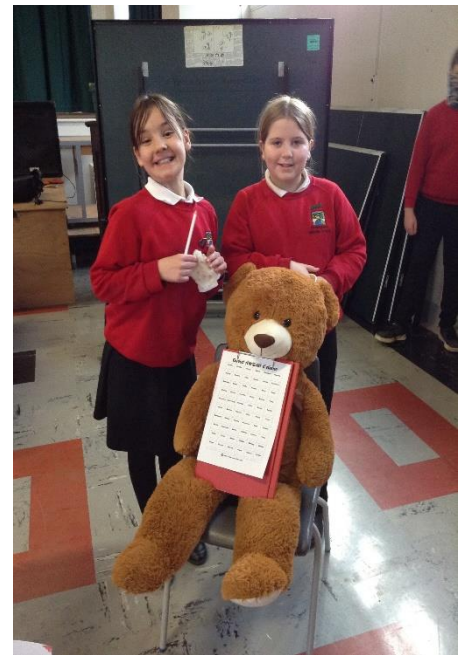
On Tuesday, Y7 enacted their own version of 'This is your Life' (complete with big red book) to commemorate the life of Adeline Yen Mah, the protagonist in 'Chinese Cinderella'. The scripts were detailed and entertaining and demonstrated an excellent understanding of the story





Christmas Fayre

Well, what an afternoon we had on Wednesday for our Christmas Fayre! We were humbled by the truly incredible support we received from families and the Bellingham Community, in donating gifts and spending huge amounts of money. Our pupils and staff worked so hard on their stalls and to see those efforts rewarded was a truly proud experience. Thank you as well to the BMSPTCA for supporting us to raise money. To say we were stunned to raise over £800 would be an understatement!





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



Carols at St Cuthbert's

Another fantastic event took place on Thursday morning with our Carol Service at St Cuthbert's. Our readers spoke with clarity and confidence while we were blown away by Brooke's last-minute solo effort and William's superb guitar playing. Thank you to all parents and members of the community who turned up to participate in a very special service.



Party Time!

If that wasn't enough for Thursday, the Christmas party took place in the afternoon, complete with songs, party games and questionable dance moves! It has to be said though we have a lot of pupils who are eerily good at musical statues!





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Bellingham Middle
School

1030am Thur 5th January

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Time to celebrate

As the term comes to an end it's important to recognise the achievements of our pupils throughout their time at school. Today we celebrated those who have achieved 100% attendance this term, our reading champions, cooking competition winners and quiz winners, plus many more. A fantastic way to end the term.



4th week of Advent



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour.

This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolises peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The generosity and behaviour displayed by our pupils this week is a great testament to this.



Christmas Dinner

A real end of year treat today, with the Boe Rigg supplying us with a delicious Christmas Dinner. It went down brilliantly with pupils and staff alike! Thank you to Neil and the team.



Blankety

A very different end to the year, with Mrs Robinson taking on the Terry Wogan/Les Dawson/Lily Savage/Bradley Walsh role in presenting BMS' very own version of Blankety Blank! A fantastic afternoon of bizarre answers and plenty of laughter!





24th December

Twisty Roads Christmas Eve Santa Route

Once again Santa will take a break from his hectic schedule and make his annual visit to parts of the North Tyne we understand he hopes to be at the following places at approximately:

5.00pm	Otterburn
5.30pm	West Woodburn
5.40pm	Ridsdale
6.00pm	Bellingham
7.00pm	Wark



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.



BMS will be hosting the 'New Adventures of Peter Pan' pantomime, run by Northumberland Holiday Provision on Thursday 5th January in school. Details were sent out by ParentMail and hard copy earlier this week, with consent forms to bring back into school. If you still wish for your child to come along, please visit the link or scan the QR code on the poster attached to this bulletin, to book a space.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th January 2023

'New Adventures of Peter Pan' pantomime at BMS
(10.30)

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Pupils return to school for Spring Term

