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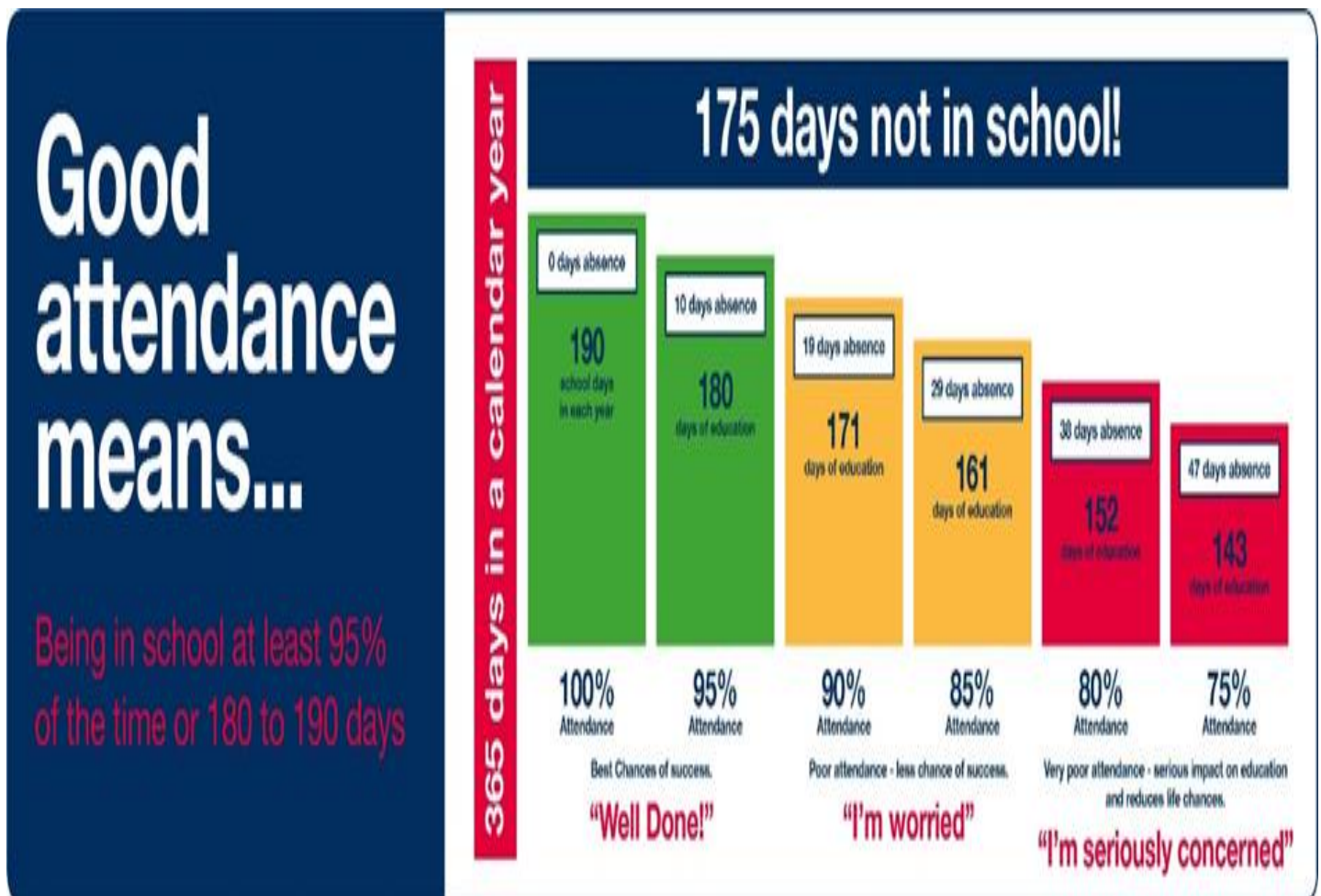
Only one week to go in this grueling, mammoth term, however we are still full steam ahead at BMS. As you will see, pupils have been getting up to all manner of activities across the curriculum, and continue to produce fantastic work.

We have an action-packed week next week, including our enterprise challenge, Pantomime trip, Christmas Fayre, Carol Service and Christmas Party. Staff and pupils alike will need a break after all of that!

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our fayre on Wednesday, and it would be fantastic to see some familiar faces at the Christmas Carol Service on Thursday morning.

Dan Ramshaw

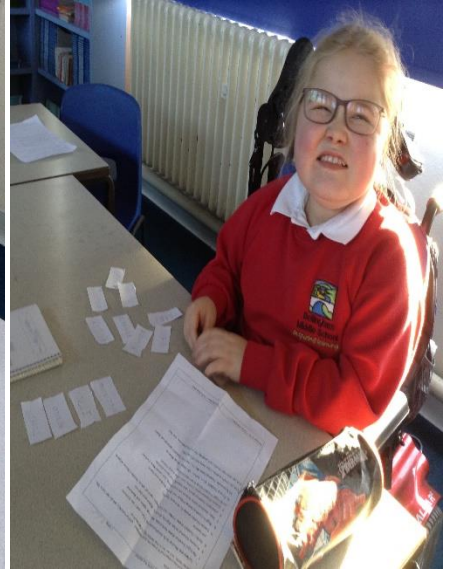
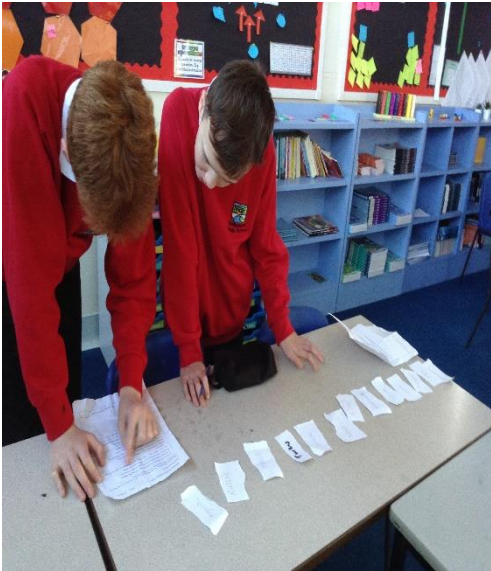
Attendance this week: 93.8%





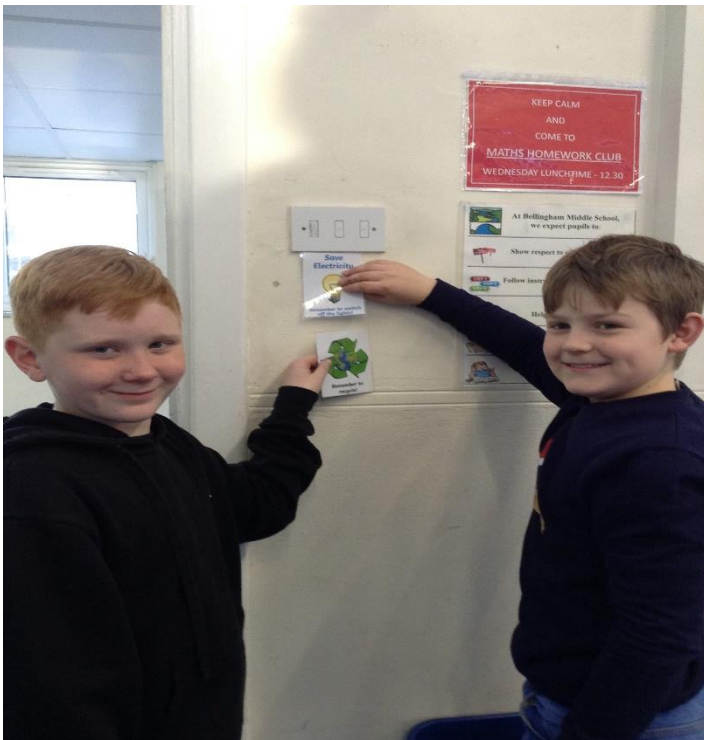
I get knocked down, but I get up again...

Our pupils have been enjoying the maths puzzles at maths club. Pupils have been using their logic, resilience and teamwork to try and solve the puzzles. It took quite a bit of discussion and getting things wrong before they eventually got it right! Top effort!



Getting the message across

Our Eco warriors have been going around school reminding everyone about the four things we can do every day, very easily - turn off the lights; turn off the computers; recycle; don't waste water. We're going to start the New Year doing the simple things.





Playground in the classroom

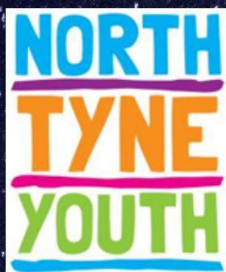
During Friday wellbeing, Year 5 have been participating in Singing Playground, an oracy activity used to develop self confidence and communication skills. On top of all that, we got to see some pretty amazing dance moves!



Christmas Crafts

Superb work by our Year 8s have done a fantastic job making reindeers to sell for our Christmas Fair. These would look amazing next to the tree!





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



Cooking for Christmas

There has been a hugely festive theme this week in the Food Room. On Monday Year 7 made mince pies or jam tarts, on Wednesday Year 5 created their own version of a melted snowman biscuits. Outstanding skills by everyone!





Year 8 Christmas Bake off

However, the undoubted highlight of the baking week was the now annual Year 8 Christmas Yule Log Bake Off Challenge. The standard was tremendous again this year with amazing skills on show across the board.

However, BMS' resident Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith tribute act, (don't tell them I've called them that!) Mrs Batey and Mrs Fletcher, judged each bake and decided that the top three yule logs were as follows: 3rd place – Chantelle, 2nd place – Lucy, 1st place – Brooke. Well deserved, girls!





Bellingham Middle School Christmas Fayre

A festive extravaganza for all
the family, including:
Christmas cake stall,
Christmas craft stalls,
Christmas cards, raffle,
wooden reindeers,
refreshments, and much more.



21
DECEMBER
1:30pm - 3pm



Join us...



3rd week of Advent



We are now into the third week of advent – the week of joy.

The pink candle is lit to represent this on the advent wreath.

Next week we have many joyful activities taking place both inside and outside of school, including our Christmas Fayre, Christmas part and trip to the Theatre Royal to see Cinderella. A very happy and fun week lies ahead!



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.



Thank you to everyone who has brought in prizes for our Christmas Raffle hampers. Letters were given out two weeks ago to specify the types of prize that each year group was donating, these include:

Year 5 - something for a man
Year 6 - something for a woman
Year 7 - something silver
Year 8 - something gold



The Performing Arts Club will run as normal next Thursday, 22nd December.



BMS will be hosting a 'Peter Pan' pantomime on Thursday 5th January in school. More details will come out about this next week.



Dates for your diary

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 Fayre
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
Tuesday 10 th January 2023	Pupils return to school for Spring Term