



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing week! It was lovely to welcome so many visitors to our Open Evening on Tuesday. Staff had worked very hard to plan some wonderful activities for our visitors who had the opportunity to build towers with marshmallows and spaghetti, create their own French ice cream, try out our musical instruments, experiment with watercolours, decorate biscuits and participate in fun interactive maths activities. It was quite an evening! Our own pupil helpers were incredible and a wonderful example of what great young people we have here. I would like to thank parents for kindly dropping them off and picking them up on what was such a cold, rainy evening.

We had a fantastic time on European Languages Day, learning new languages, trying out new sports and international cuisine, while developing our knowledge on obscure European items. This will definitely become an annual event!

Dan Ramshaw

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.

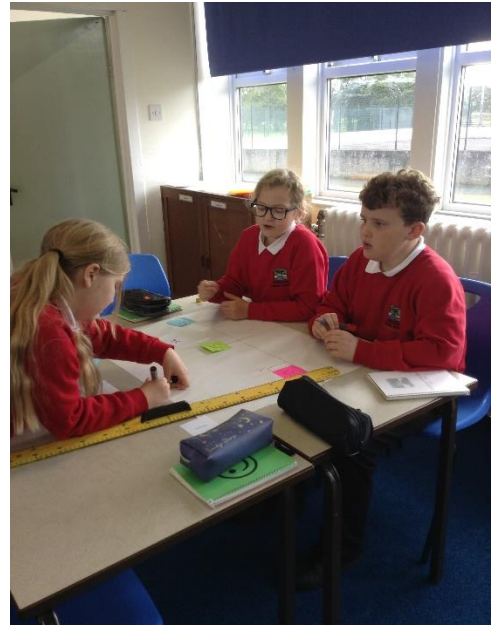
Schools are held to account for your child's attendance.

Please remember holidays in term time will be unauthorised.



A positive start

Our budding mathematicians have been learning to round up and down to a hundred this week. The enthusiasm and ability they are showing is very encouraging as they start their journey at BMS.



Weekly Maths Puzzle

Our second weekly maths puzzle...

Weekly Puzzle 2

A 24"x24" metal plate needs to be fixed onto a wooden board.

The carpenter uses nails along the edges of the square such that there are 25 nails on each side of the square. Each nail is the same distance apart.

How many nails does the carpenter use?



Send your answers to Mrs Robinson at: Lyndsey.Robinson@bellinghampartnership.uk



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Learning the lingo

We had a fantastic time celebrating the European Day of Languages in school, sampling cuisine from the likes of France, Greece, Italy and Germany while learning to speak Spanish. In PE the pupils played French cricket, while at the end of the day everyone participated in the European mystery objects quiz. Well done to pupils for dressing up in the colours of their chosen nation and muchas gracias to Madame Davis for organising the day!



A Cinderella story

In English, Year 7 have been reading 'Chinese Cinderella'. They have been looking at the cultural differences in 1940's China compared to the UK in 2022, discussing issues such as foot binding and family life.





Eggcelent investigations

Year 7 carried out an Egg investigation to see if they could tell the difference between caged hen eggs and free range hen eggs. They boiled, fried and scrambled eggs as well as carrying out sensory testing on each.



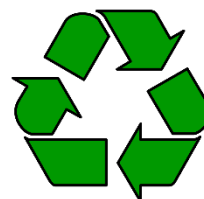


School News

One week later than planned, we will be starting up our Pupil Council for this year. Two class representatives from each group will be selected to form our 8-person council. Please write to your form tutor if you are interested, highlighting the key skills and values you possess to be an effective team member.



Mrs Robinson is looking to start an eco-team in school next week to look at how BMS can play their part in recycling to slow down climate change. If interested, pupils need to write to Mrs Robinson detailing the key skills and qualities that would allow them to be a good member of the team.



We have a number of pupils who would like to develop their musical skills further and learn to play an instrument. We are looking for instrumental tutors to deliver one-to-one and small group instrumental lessons. Please contact Mrs Esposito, (Music Lead) at sharon.esposito@bellinghampartnership.uk for further details. Applicants will need to have a current DBS certificate and references will be required.



On Tuesday next week, Y5 and 6 will be out of school in the morning to visit Safety Works in Newcastle, where they will learn about the importance of keeping safe in public via interactive activities. School uniform must be worn and a packed lunch must be taken.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4 th October 2022	KS2 Safety works visit
Friday 14 th October 2022	Hello Yellow Sponsored Walk
Friday 21 st October 2022	School Closes for half term holiday
Monday 31 st October 2022	School re-opens