



Dear Parents/Carers,

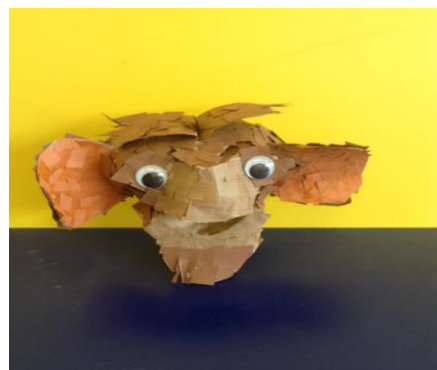
What a great afternoon we've had which has rounded off a great half-term! Pupils have enjoyed demonstrating their excellent skills in a variety of team games, with of course a visit from our favourite ice-cream van. I hope all pupils, and staff, have a good rest over the half-term break and come back to school raring to go next term – it's going to be a busy one! In school, next week, our corridor floor is being repaired along with some much-needed painting to spruce up certain areas ready for when pupils return. Details about next year's residential have been shared – London & Shropshire, here we come. It's lovely to have some plans in the diary at last.

Have a great week!

Lindsay Hamilton

## Excellent Enrichment!

Wonderful examples of sculptural modelling (including a working volcano!) from Angus, Sam, Grace, Maisie, William, Zoe, Lily and Phillip.







## The Great Bellingham Bake Off!

After weeks of designing and preparing, Y8 finally got to finish their celebration cakes today! The results are fantastic. Miss Read was impressed with the maturity, determination and resilience shown by all pupils. A special 'well done' to Dean for his spectacular piped icing! Check out our Facebook page to see the full range!



Perfect  
piping,  
Dean!







## Marvellous Muffins!

Y6 have been at it again in the kitchen! This week they've produced some wonderful fruit muffins!







## Kwik Cricket

This week's Kwik cricket house tournaments culminated on Wednesday with Year 5 and 6 participating in their competitions exhibiting great sportsmanship and no shortage of skill. Peregrine were the ultimate house winners, winning 3 of the 4 tournaments with Kestrel not far behind. Well done, everyone!



## Staffing Update



Last week we appointed a music teacher, Miss Esposito, who will join us in September. For the last few years, our music has been delivered by Music Partnership North so we're looking forward to having our very own resident music teacher! She writes:

*Hello to everyone!*

*I'm so excited to be joining your amazing school.*

*Had a terrific music lesson with Year 6 last week that included Dinostomping, (yes really!) playing instruments, and singing and I met a lovely group of Year 7 pupils who asked me some very challenging questions.*

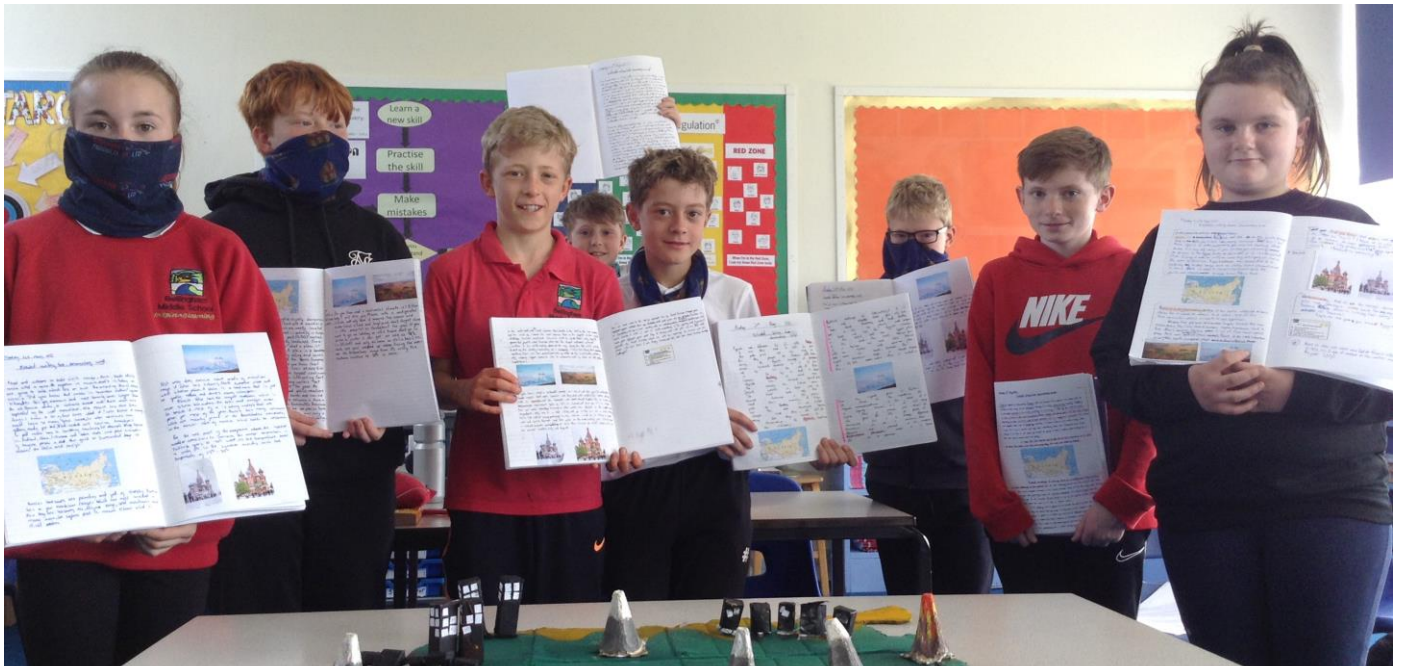
*Really looking forward to meeting you all properly in September. Through singing, playing, improving, composing and performing, we are going to learn lots about the universal language of mankind – Music!*

Miss Esposito



## School News

In Geography this week, Year 7 have been writing their own scripts for a TV documentary about Russia. They have done a superb job of combining facts with an engaging tone to keep the audience informed and interested. Well done Year 7, you should be very proud of your work! In addition, Harry has made a fantastic 3D map of Russia as part of his Enrichment Homework and Ms Taberham is looking forward to using it with the class next half term as they learn more about Russia's population and landscape.



As a practising Thrive school, we are delighted to bring you some free Thrive resources to use during the holidays. You will find wellbeing kits tailored for different age groups, self-care ideas for parents and carers, a great list of books to support emotional development, and much more!

<https://www.thriveapproach.com/resource-type/activities-for-children-up-to-16/>



## A message from Mr Ramshaw

As the end of this very unusual school year approaches, we are busy making preparations for our Y8 pupils who are leaving us. So far, we have arranged:

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Y8 Breakfast from 8:30am onwards

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Y8 Prom, beginning at 7pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Morning bowling at Wentworth, Hexham

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Assembly, beginning at 2pm.

Further details will be shared after half-term.

## Dates for your diary...

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

### **School re-opens**

Theatre Sans Frontieres – KS2

Y6 SATs week

Post-SATs treat – Y6

Transition Day (Haydon Bridge Partnership)

BMS Sports Day

KS2 Visit – Hexham Book Festival

Y8 Prom

**Final day of summer term**