



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Friday again and we're now well into our first term! I've had a very busy week meeting lots of potential new parents and pupils after school each night, and it's been great to be able to showcase our wonderful facilities here at BMS. Senior leaders have been monitoring behaviour for learning this week and we've been most impressed with pupils' positive, caring attitudes in lessons towards their learning.

Our sponsored walk letter and form went out earlier this week in support of our event next Friday in order to support Young Minds and our own Enrichment Programme. Please support us by collecting sponsors and don't forget that next Friday, pupils need to arrive in school wearing their walking clothes and preferably something yellow. We have contacted the Hexham Courant and requested that they pay us a visit during this afternoon to show how our partnership is supporting this wonderful charity.

New, enrichment homework options are now on our school website under our 'Learning' page in the section marked, 'Homework'. School expectations are that pupils complete one enrichment homework piece of their choice. The deadline for this half term is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Enrichment homework is a fantastic opportunity for you to become involved in your child's learning and provides an opportunity to work together.

Lindsay Hamilton

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### LEARNING, LEARNING EVERYWHERE...

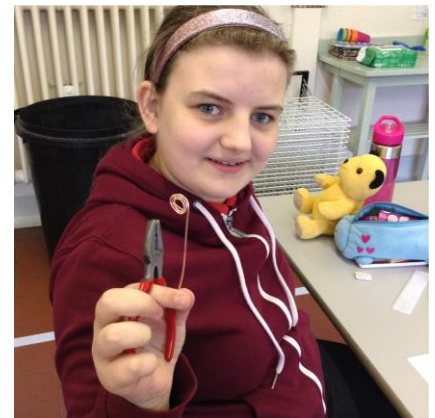
Just a sample of some great snapshots taken this week of our pupils' positive behaviour for learning attitudes!



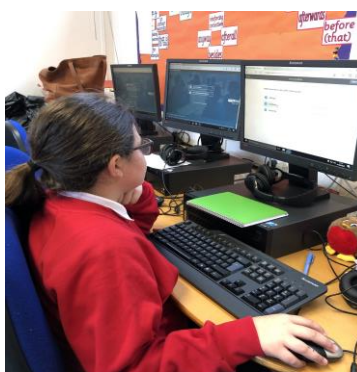
Some impressive work in Y7 English exploring layers of inference and deduction!



Concentration and creativity in Y8 Textiles.



Learning new skills in Y7, DT.



Demonstrating creative flair in English.



Developing musical talents in Y6 keyboarding sessions.



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### SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS



Bag 2 School is back! After being such a success last year, bags will be sent home with your children from the **12th October**. You can use black bags too so don't be shy in filling as many bags as possible. Money raised will go towards much needed resources for our school and who doesn't love a clear-out at this time of year?

They accept the following items:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Household curtains, Household towels, Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).

**Please DO NOT send:**

*Duvets and blankets, Pillows and cushions, Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, School uniforms with and without logo, Corporate clothing and workwear, Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.*



At Bellingham Middle School, we strive to develop a love of reading within school and dedicate a daily reading lesson within our timetable. All pupils now have completed their Accelerated Reader assessment and have been issued with a reading book matched to their reading level. Please encourage your child to read this at home and keep their reading log up to date as well as completing their reading tasks. Thank you.

Our wonderful BMSPTCA have set up our very own school lottery and we are asking for your support. It's simple! All you have to do is choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot!

Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to BMSPTCA. Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice. The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card. It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to BMSPTCA!

**For every £1 ticket sold:**

- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

If you're interested, please follow the link below to register and set up your tickets:

[BMSPTCA School Lottery](#)

**The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means**  
= £30 weekly cash prize  
= £2,080 a year for our school





## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Open Week – by appointment only after school</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Sponsored Walk - #Hello Yellow – Mental Health Week</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Open Week – by appointment only after school</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Flu Vaccinations in school</b>
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Wear pink day in support of Breast Cancer Awareness</b>
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day – no pupils in school</b>
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Start of second half of Autumn term</b>
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of Autumn term</b>

Watch this space! Hopefully we'll be able to add more events as the term progresses!

Have a lovely weekend!

