



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have packed a lot into the last two weeks of this short, but very busy half term. From trips to the First and Last brewery to World Book day, it is fair to see we have had no time at all to get bored!

As things stand, the NEU are proposing to strike on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Like last time we are looking to keep the school open to all pupils with a modified curriculum on those days. All details about this will be sent out early next week.

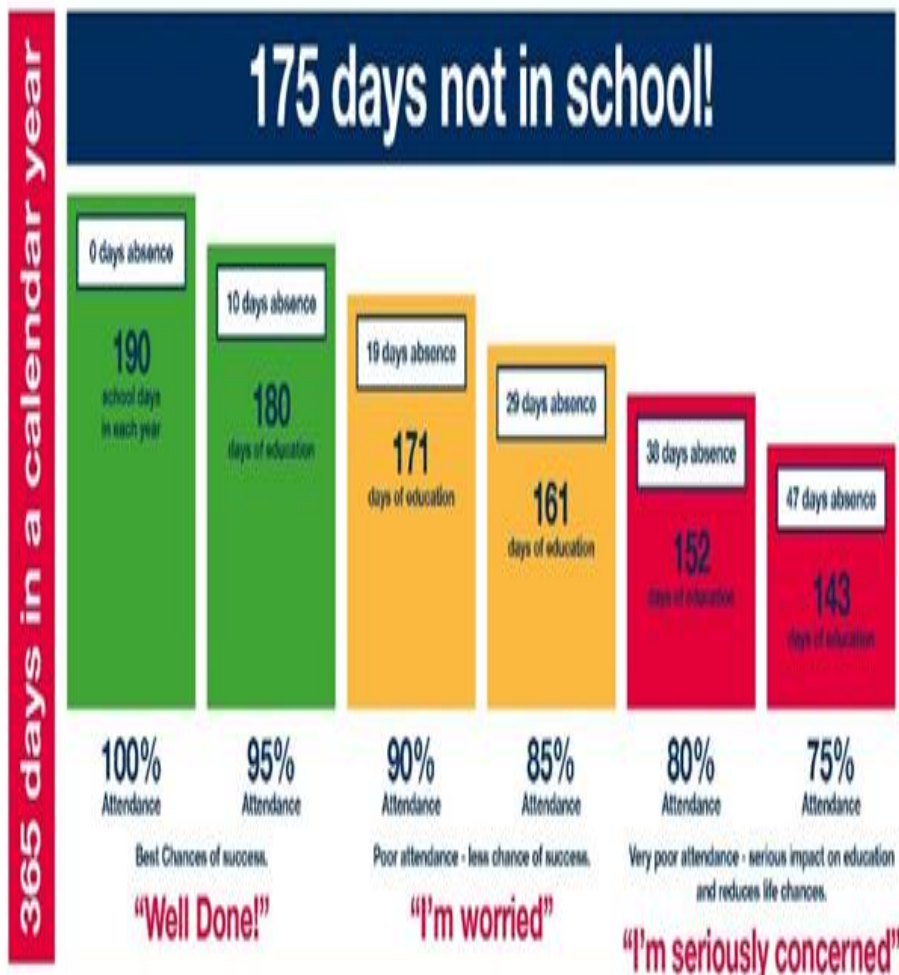
Thank you to all families who attended the Y6 SATs meeting last week, and also to those who have sent back parents' evening forms. End of term reports will be sent out in the middle of next week to update you on your child's progress.

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week: 93.1%

**Good
attendance
means...**

Being in school at least 95%
of the time or 180 to 190 days





World Book Day

Everyone participated in a fantastic World Book Day celebration at BMS last Thursday, which included our House Literature quiz. Well done to Kestrel for their victory! We also commemorated the event by dressing as our favourite characters from literature and participating in 'Drop everything and read', which consisted of pupils and staff taking time out of various parts of the day to read their books. This is something we wish to implement during various parts of the year.

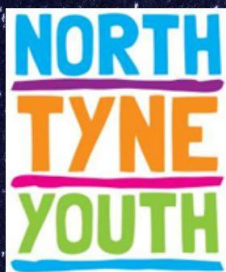




Hareshaw Linn expedition

Last week we took the whole school up Hareshaw Linn for some fresh air and exercise. We were ably led by Mrs Batey, or in the words of Harry, “The Gaffer”!





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



First and Last

As part of our careers curriculum, our Year 8 students were given the opportunity to visit a local business, The First and Last Brewery, on Tuesday. We learnt about the different aspects of running your own business and how a hobby can turn into a business.

We were also given an opportunity to link our visit with food studies. We developed our understanding of why certain ingredients are used and how they are sourced as well as learning about the brewing and fermentation process, the children were also given the opportunity to carry out sight and aroma sensory testing on samples of products and were involved in taking gravity readings.

The First and Last Brewery commented on how amazing the children had been.





Going for goal!

Earlier this week KS3 participated in a well-being morning, taking part in different sports and team building activities. The pupils learnt how to play various inclusive sports such as goal ball which tested communication skills and teamwork.



Karate Korner!

A huge well done to Hugh who participated in the 'War on the Floor', Seiken Ryu karate event at Queens Hall last weekend. Hugh performed in front of 300 people and in the words of his mother, he "nailed it". Amazing work Hugh!





What has happened to Lulu?

Y7 have been analysing the Charles Causley poem, "What has happened to Lulu". As well as annotating and learning the meaning of the poem, the pupils have written a letter reimagining the events leading up to the poem, and producing their own dramatic pieces in small groups. Fantastic work!



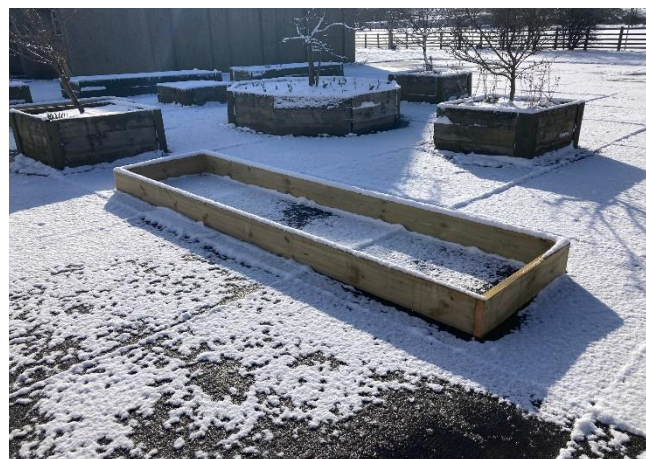
Coming soon to BMS...

Family ceildih
Sat 20th may 1730-1930
The fabulous Tarsset Ceilidh Band
Details soon.....

The year 8s have started their wall murals in the dining room in collaboration with the school food champions, who have provided the funding to spruce up the dining hall. After having learnt about street art, Banksy and Tom Bob the artist, the students have designed and developed their own picture. Working as a team and coordinating their designs, the students will be layering up the colours and adding outlines to make their mural pop. Watch this space for the final result.



Many thanks to Max and Alan Graham for coming in during the holidays to fix and build some new planters from the garden. Mr Graham also donated some wood to school which the students can't wait to get cracking with!





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.



Please take your time to look at the BMSPTCA page. Over the years, they have supported the school by fundraising to provide us with amazing equipment such as goal posts, books and ADT tools, amongst many other resources. They also did an amazing job at painting the yard and the cloakrooms. The group are looking to recruit new members to keep it running into next year and beyond. It is integral that it does. The link is below:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BMSPTCA>



On Saturday 20th May, the BMSPTCA will be hosting a Family Ceilidh at BMS from 5.30-7.30pm. This event will be supported by the Tarsset Ceilidh band. More details will be shared soon...



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Proposed NEU Strike Action

Thursday 16th March 2023

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Tuesday 21st March 2023

Parents' Evening (Face to Face)

Monday 27th March 2023

NSPCC Speak Safe Workshop

Thursday 30th March 2023

Parents' Evening (Face to Face)

Friday 31st March 2023

End of Spring Term