



Dear Parents/Carers,

There is not long to go in this half term but we show no signs of slowing down at Bellingham Middle School.

We have had a fantastic day raising awareness of Mental Health through our 'Hello Yellow' sponsored walk in partnership with Bellingham Primary School. Our pupils have walked their socks off to raise money and as an added bonus have been treated to a delicious ice cream and sunny weather! Thank you to all families and friends for sponsoring and we will update you on how much we have raised when all the money is counted up.

A reminder that with the weather getting colder and wetter, it is hugely important for pupils to bring a warm, waterproof coat to school. For PE lessons, a spare pair of socks and warm clothing is advised as well. Thank you in advance for your support

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week:

94.9%

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.



Hello Yellow!

Friday saw the return of our annual Hello Yellow Sponsored Walk to raise awareness of Mental Health. All pupils came into school wearing yellow and somehow, we managed to hit lucky with the weather. We can't wait to find out how much money we have raised.





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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



Power to the pupils

Welcome to our new Pupil Council for this year, who will meet for the first time together next week. We feel that pupil voice is hugely important at our school, to identify any improvements that we can make and put in place to make it a better place to study.



Black History Month

As part of Black History Month, on Monday, Year 8 listened to a National lecture by Gateshead-born historian, David Olusoga. David has presented many programs on TV including 'A House through time' and 'Black and British: A Forgotten History'. The lecture focused on Britain's history with the slave trade and modern attitudes to BAME groups. This will be invaluable for Year 8 next term when they study the British Empire next term.





Culinary masterclasses

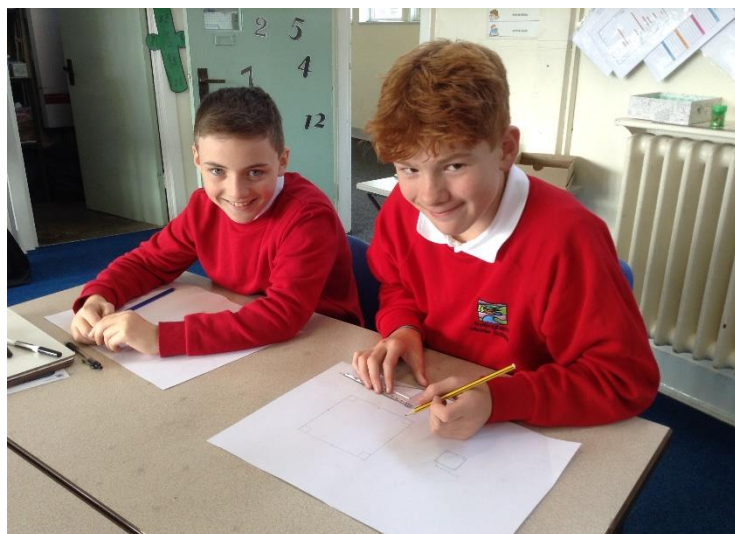
Amazing Food Tech efforts from Year 5 and Year 8 this week. Year 5 created overnight oats, while Year 8 made Scottish pancakes - delicious!





Everybody loves maths!

A very busy week for maths - Year 5 have been finding the missing number, by making sure that both sides of the equal sign give the same answer. Year 8 have been working on scale drawings and scale factors on things like shapes, maps and building plans. We have been using our knowledge of ratios to help us work out how big or small things really are.



Weekly maths puzzle

A block of wood is in the shape of a cuboid with dimensions $6 \times 8 \times 12$, and all 6 faces are painted pink.

If the wooden block is cut into 576 cubes each with dimensions $1 \times 1 \times 1$,

how many of these would have pink paint on them?



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



HALLOWEEN COFFEE AFTERNOON

At Bellingham Middle School

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 2022 1.30 P.M. TO 3.00 P.M.

Please come and join us for

Tea / Coffee & Cake sale

Parents / Guardians and Friends welcome

Please can pupils bring in any cakes or treats to support this event on Thursday morning.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPOOK TACULAR CAKE COMPETITION

For our pupils to take part in which will need to be either

4 CUP CAKES OR A CAKE SPOOK TACULARLY DECORATED.

(Please let school know if you do not wish your child's cake/cakes to be sold from the competition)

Pupils to bring in small amounts of money to buy cakes and goodies

All monies raised will go towards new release books for the library





School news

We are delighted to inform you that our Eco-Club has now been formed and staffed with eco-warriors who will come together to devise recycling and sustainability projects for the school. Well done to Abigail, Paige, Freddie, George, Skie, Elise, Jensen and Chantelle. We can't wait to hear about the ideas they come up with!



As you will be aware, we take reading very seriously at BMS! Our Accelerated Reader programme is now at full speed and it is incredible to see so many pupils reading books and then taking quizzes on them. A huge shout out to Year 7 who have read a simply unbelievable **1,406,935 words** between them so far this year, and are smashing all previous records! Absolutely magnificent!



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.



Thursday 20th October sees the return of our world...well village-famous coffee afternoons. We want to invite families and members of the community into school for a chance to chat and eat some gorgeous cakes!



Miss Pearson and Mrs Esposito are starting the BMS Performing Arts Club on Thursday afternoons. Sessions will take place after school for 1 hour commencing Thursday 3rd of November and letters will be given to interested pupils next week. If numbers remain consistent, we would like to present a performance around Easter time 2023.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 20 th October 2022	BMS Coffee Afternoon
Friday 21 st October 2022	School Closes for half term holiday
Monday 31 st October 2022	School re-opens