



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well it's fair to say a lot has happened since the last bulletin three weeks ago! From the highs of the Coronation party on the Friday, to the lows of the horrific floods which hit us the day after, the way the school and local community have worked together since has been incredible.

We are delighted to share that we will be back in school after the half term holidays, and will be working closely with Northumberland County Council and our contractors to ensure the building is safe for pupils and staff alike. Much of this is down to the people reading this bulletin, without your help on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May this would not have been possible, and we can't thank you all enough for your support.

Although the past three weeks have been challenging, our staff and local organisations have ensured that pupils have continued to receive an amazing education, continuing to develop their knowledge in core and foundation subjects, while participating in valuable experiences outside of the classroom. A huge thank you to Bellingham Fire Station, The Tasset Ceilidh Band and Bellingham Heritage Centre for the amazing workshops they put on for us. Thank you as well for the community allowing us the use of Town Hall, Masonic Hall and Reed Hall to work in, as well as Bellingham Fire Station and Riverdale Hall Hotel for the use of their facilities.

Throughout this time the behaviour and commitment shown by our pupils has been magnificent. They have shown a mature understanding of the predicament and got on with the task in hand. A special mention to Year 6 for completing their SATs in an unfamiliar environment. We are so proud of you!

Although we can't wait to get back into school, it is fair to say our superb staff deserve a nice break to recharge, ready for the final push after half term. We hope everyone has a great week off and that the weather stays sunny!

**Dan Ramshaw**

## Attendance this week: 92.9%

# Good attendance means...

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





## That's SAT then

Year 6 completed their SATs in very unusual circumstances. They showed fantastic resilience in completing some tough papers and we are confident that they have done well. Well done!



## Treat Time

To celebrate the end of exams, Year 6 had an awesome time at Pizza Express making their own pizzas. The group then went bowling, with Mrs O'Kane commenting on the "competitiveness" of the pupils!







## Joining the SAS

Year 7 practiced constructing triangles when not all of the information was known. They drew triangles using SAS, ASA and SSS.



## Reimagining the Bard!

Year 8 made the most of the local area and the good weather to learn about and perform the balcony scene in 'Romeo and Juliet'. I'm not sure whether it has been taught in such an unconventional way before!

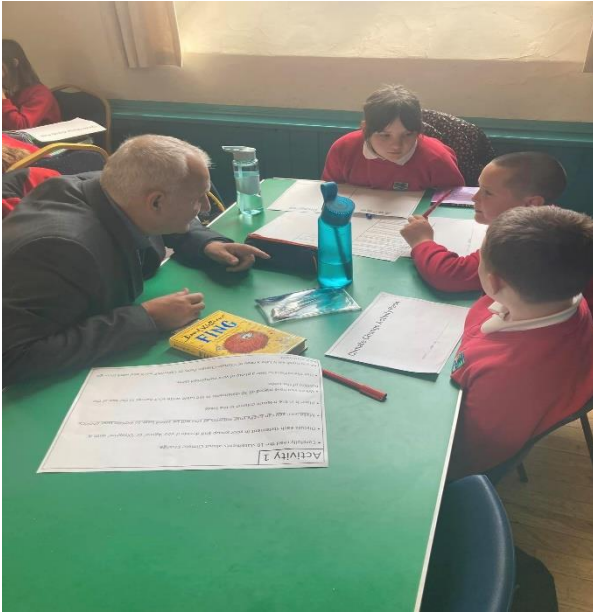




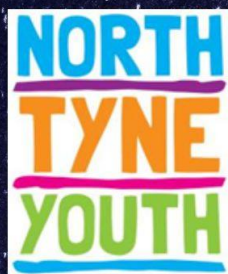


## Helping to save the planet

All pupils participated in a climate change workshop, focusing on the current dangers to the planet and how we could help to combat this. The topic prompted lots of discussion, and the hall was buzzing with talk and activity!







# 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](mailto:Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk) or call/text/WhatsApp for more info and to register





## Raga time

Year 8 pupils are developing their knowledge of Classical Indian Music. This week they have been performing ragas on Glockenspiels.



## Piping up

We can never be accused of a lack of resilience. Despite the lack of cooking facilities, Year 8 still had an opportunity to practice their piping skills. Thank you to Riverdale Hall Hotel for accommodating us and even allowing us a free swim!







## Seeking inspiration from all around us

We made the most of our beautiful natural surroundings to carry out a guided writing nature walk. This encouraged pupils to listen to the sounds and uses their senses, thinking of amazing adjectives in preparation for a writing piece



## Matisse workshop

All of the school participated in a French and Art workshop inspired by the artist, Henri Matisse. The pupils produced Matisse-inspired work after studying some of his paintings and giving their opinions in French.







## History Corner (Part 1)

We have been making the most of the time to learn about our local heritage. Thanks to painstaking research (and more than a little help from the Bellingham Parish Council website!), we took part in a history trail around Bellingham. Among the highlights were pupils learning about the Lang Pack and that part of Fountain Cottage used to be a morgue! Thanks to Reverend Claire for the information she shared on St Cuthbert's Church. A fascinating walk!







## History Corner (Part 2)

We enlisted the help of more expert knowledge to develop our understanding of Bellingham's history with a visit to Bellingham Heritage Centre. The staff were fantastic in sharing their knowledge of farming, mining and education in the town, encouraging pupils to develop their creative writing skills.

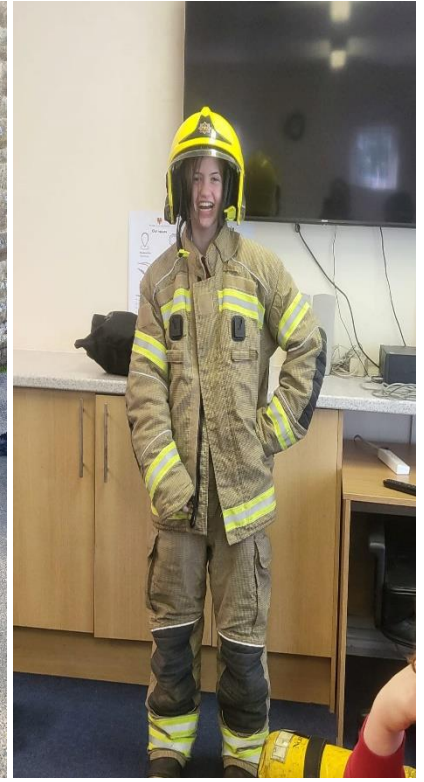






## Putting out fires

Year 5, 7 and 8 had a fantastic morning learning about the roles of a firefighter. Thank you to Bellingham Fire Service for arranging this, the pupils (and staff!) had a brilliant time!







## School news

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils to access. 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.



The BMSPTCA Family Ceilidh has been postponed until July. We will let you know when we have an exact date and time.



Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our Rocky Monster Show production that was scheduled for June. We hope to perform it at some point in the next academic year.



## Dates for your diary\*

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Start of Summer Term 2
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	NSA North Sheep Show
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Y6/7/8 Athletics at Wentworth Leisure Centre
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Y5/6/7 Sans Frontieres Workshop
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Commonwealth Games Legacy Sport Event @ HBHS
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Haydon Bridge Partnership Transition Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Sports Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Enrichment Homework Deadline
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	South Shields End of Year Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Y8 Leavers' Party
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Y8 Leavers' Celebration Assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	End of school year

\*More dates will be added as the term progresses



