



Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

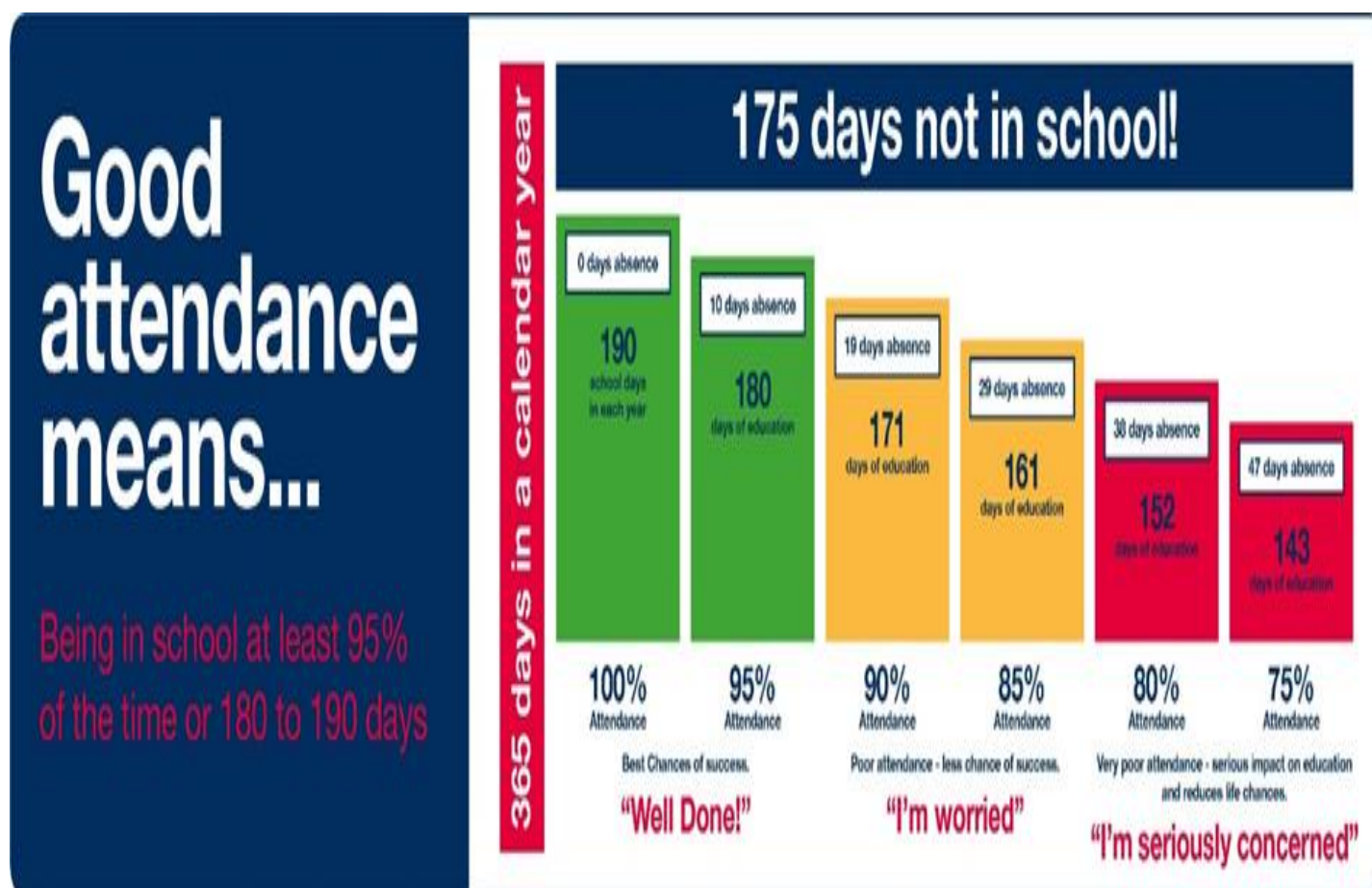
Things are getting exciting at BMS with Christmas just around the corner. We are eagerly awaiting our Christmas performance of 'The Grinch', the first time we have held a whole-school production since December 2019! We have so many special activities and events coming up, which you will see on the calendar at the end of this bulletin.

This month, as ever, we have done so much in school. We welcomed Guy Opperman who spoke to staff and met with the Pupil Council, regarding current priorities at the school. We also welcomed Sue Reed to the school for an author visit, which Year 8 found most valuable.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Miller, our new TA, to the Bellingham family. She has a wide experience of working in many schools all over the country and she will be a tremendous asset to our team.

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week: 92.2%





Author visit

We had a brilliant session with author Sue Reed, who brought her new book, 'The Rewilding of Molly McFlyn.' She gave a talk about the book, which centres around a young girl sent to live with her Grandmother in Northumberland, during the Covid Pandemic. While walking, Molly meets a girl who turns out to be from the 1800s and who is accused of being a witch. Sue then delivered a workshop where the children had to find out, through questions, who were the witches in the group. A thought-provoking session, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They discovered you could be accused of being a witch for simply anything!



Guy Opperman visit

We welcomed Guy Opperman MP into school. Mr Opperman had the opportunity to walk around the school and speak to staff and pupils. Our School Council spent time with him questioning him about his career and also about their priorities for the school moving forward.





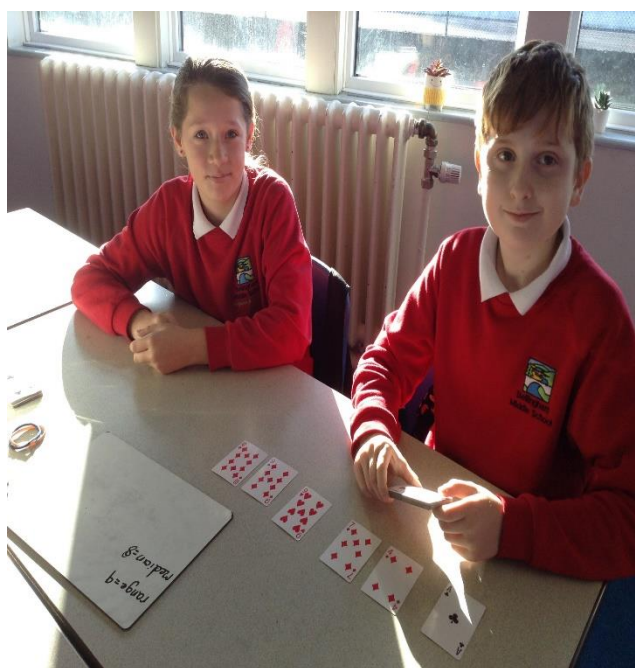
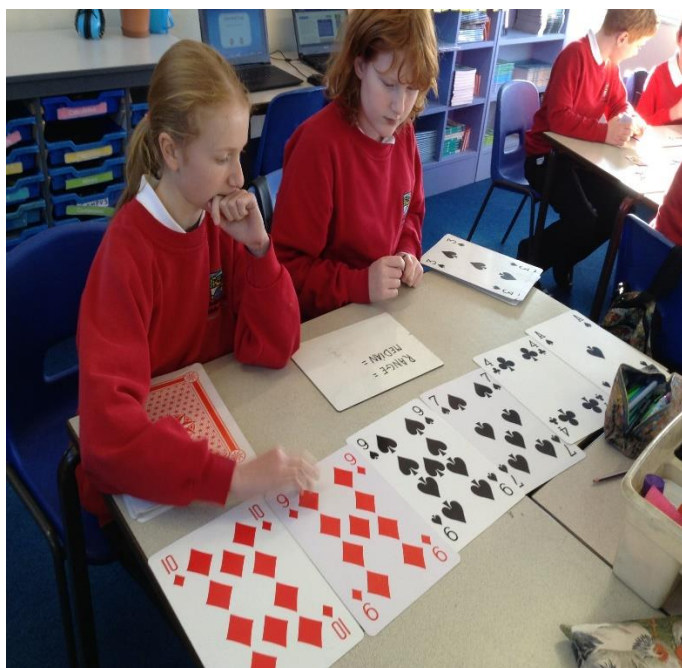
Axis powers

Our year 8 children have been looking at calculating and drawing straight lines. We've looked at lines like $y=3$, $y=x$, $y=4x$ and $y=3x+2$ and lines where x has a negative value. The pupils used a computer programme to draw these lines. We've started thinking about the gradient of the line and where it crosses over the y axis.



Distinctly average!

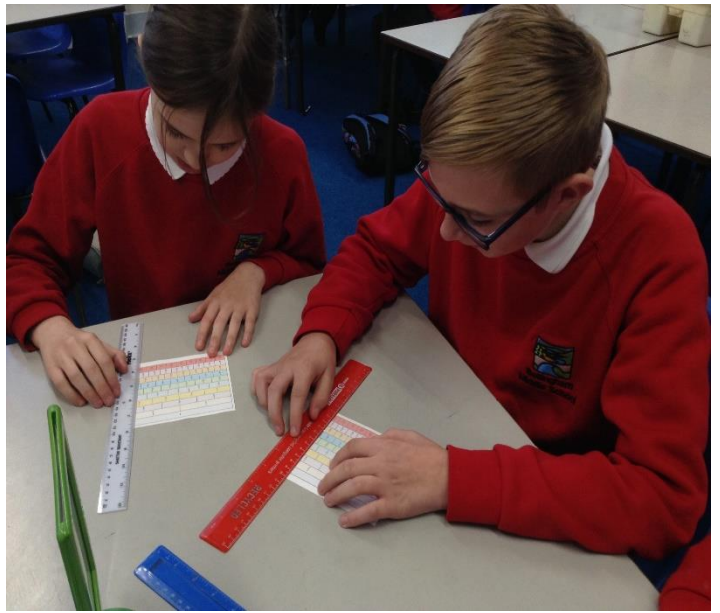
Year 7 have been looking at the range and the median of a set of data. They have been using playing cards to give some random data and then calculated the range and also the median.





Fabulous fractions

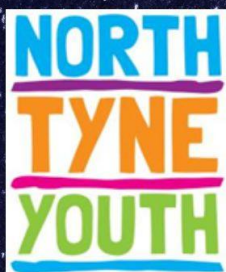
Year 6 have been exploring equivalent fractions. We've used a fraction wall and the multiplication grid to help us work out what fractions are equivalent.



Knitting club

We have had a good start to knitting club this year, the pupils have got the hang of it straight away!





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)

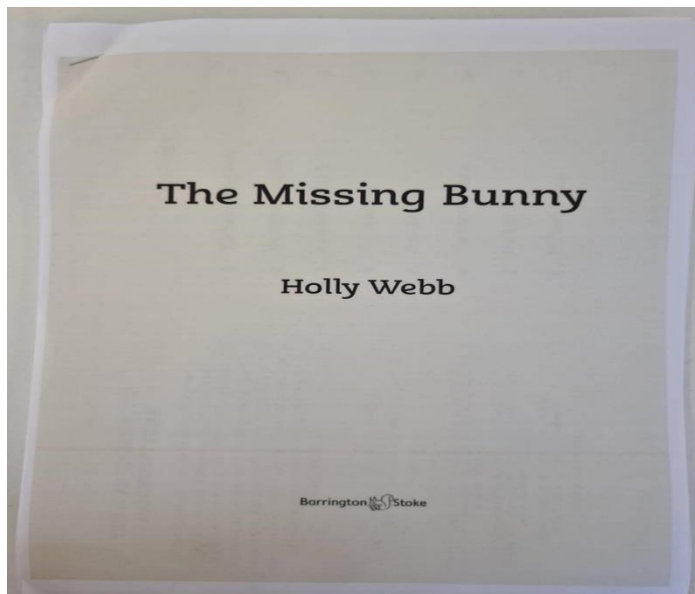
AND OUR FRIENDS AT KIRKWHELPINGTON HOLD AN 8-18S YOUTH CLUB, EVERY WEDNESDAY 6.30-8.30PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL!

Email Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk or call/text/WhatsApp for more info and to register



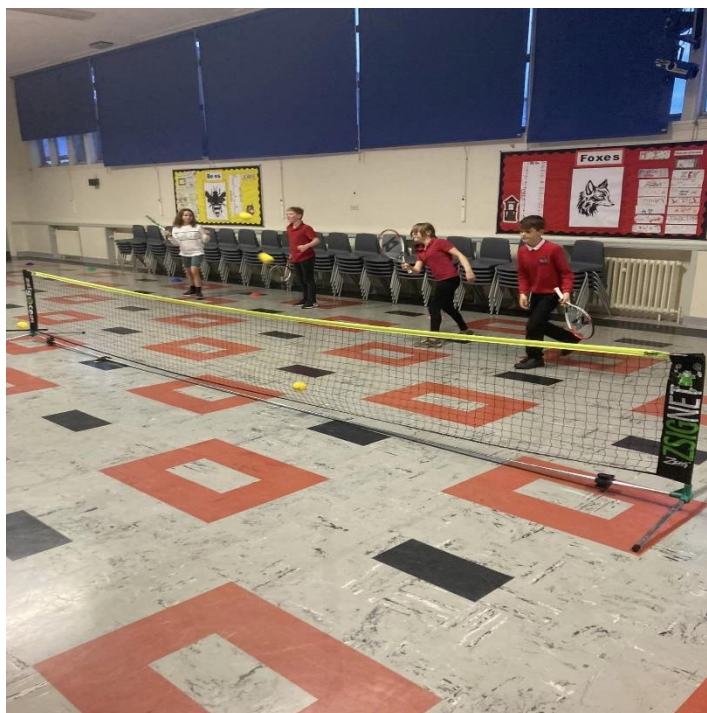
The editors

Cara and Grace are editing a Barrington Stoke unpublished manuscript and taking the role very seriously! They have already found errors and will continue to read the text until the end. It will then be sent back to the publishers with their recommendations prior to being printed. This is a fabulous opportunity for them and they look forward to seeing the finished result in print.



Short tennis

It was good to see so many pupils at short tennis club. This is a new sport to many pupils and it was great to see them practice new skills both individually and in pairs.





Theatre Space

Theatre Space visited us to deliver the 'Why Queue' workshop to KS3. The workshop discussed the importance of sustainability and the advantages of travelling from place to place on foot or by bike.



Bake sale

Our half termly Bake Sale is proving a real hit this year. Huge thanks to Mrs Batey and Mrs Fletcher for their smorgasbord of home-baked treats!





Christmas Truck Run

IN MEMORY OF DAVID LAMB

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

STARTING IN KIELDER VILLAGE 5.15
THROUGH; LEAPLISH, BELLINGHAM, WARK, HUMSHAUGH,
WALL, ACOMB AND FINISHING AT HEXHAM MART

**RAISING FUNDS TO HELP
FAMILIES IN THE NORTH TYNE &
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Christmas crafts #1

Book page Christmas trees 🌲 made in the library as part of our lunchtime clubs. They're coming along a treat and these will be for sale at the Christmas Fair in December. We think they look so effective!



Christmas crafts #2

Year 8 are enjoying using their D&T skills to make log snowmen this year for our Christmas Fair.





**BELLINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS CLUB PRESENTS**

The Grinch



6:30PM
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER
BELLINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

**£2.50 ADULT
CHILDREN FREE**

REFRESHMENTS, CAKES AND MINCE
PIES
SERVED DURING INTERVAL

RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD IN SCHOOL
FOR A SELECTION OF GREAT PRIZES
PLEASE SEE MRS THOMPSON
FOR DETAILS



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.



Dates for your diary

Friday 1 st December 2023	Area X-Country Championships @ OMS
Friday 8 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Christmas Performance
Monday 18 th December 2023	Enrichment homework 2 deadline
Monday 18 th December 2023	Christmas House Quiz
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Christmas Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Whole school Christmas party (enrichment treat)
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Christmas Fair
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Pantomime Trip to Theatre Royal
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Christmas Celebration assembly
Friday 22 nd December 2023	End of Autumn 2