BELLINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: 7TH OCTOBER 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, it is hard to believe what we have managed to fit in to this manic week, but we've got it all covered in this bumper bulletin! Despite the awful weather, we have not let that get us down, with trips out and amazing work going on all over school.

This week we have finalised the members of our brand new school council, while Mrs Robinson has been starting to build her team of eco-warriors. Key Stage 2 had a fantastic morning at Safety Works where they learnt how to keep safe in a variety of different situations, while all pupils have been putting tremendous effort into their lessons.

A reminder that next Friday is our Bellingham Partnership Sponsored Walk around the school site. All pupils must come dressed in yellow to support the 'Hello Yellow' initiative and sponsor forms must be returned to school beforehand, with the money raised brought in afterwards.

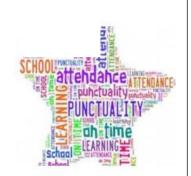
Dan Ramshaw



Attendance this week:

95.6%

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.



Safety first

Key Stage 2 visited Safety Works today where they were educated on how they can stay safe in various environments. Scenarios included water safety, being safe online, 'the most dangerous room in the house' - the kitchen and fire safety. Lots of children were surprised at how dangerous leaving your phone to charge overnight was! All pupils came away with a better understanding of what is safe practice and what isn't. Mrs Batey shared that the pupils acted impeccably and were really engaged throughout.

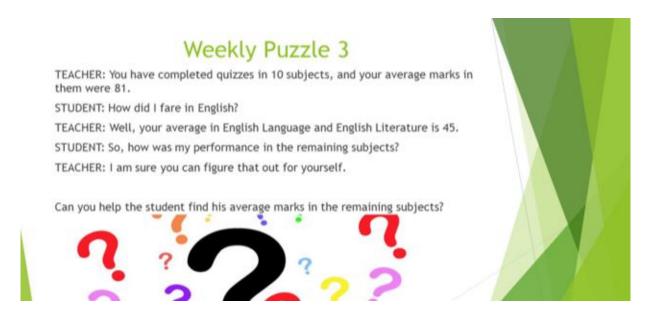






Weekly Maths Puzzle

Our latest weekly maths puzzle...



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





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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



IT wizards

In computing this week, Year 6 have been looking at how data packets are shared on a network. They began by looking at the main parts of a data packet

They then created their own data packets and imagined that they were computers and routers to send messages between each other.



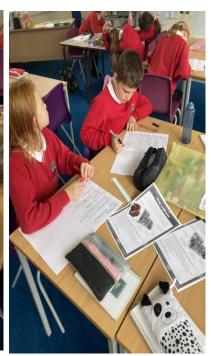


At home with the Vikings

Year 6 have been learning about how the Vikings lived and why they settled in Britain. They have started trying to advertise their own Viking longhouse, and we're seeing some budding estate agents in action!









Amazing art

Mrs McGregor has been holding drop in art sessions on a Wednesday for students who request to do extra work. Sophie has completed her painting of her horse jumping, inspired by the artist, Carolee Clarke and Maizie has finished her rainbow cat picture. We certainly have real talent!







Getting a tune out of Year 5

Year 5 pupils are learning about orchestral families. On Thursday they were looking at the percussion family. Pupils performed on a range of percussion instruments, following directions from a conductor.









Division in Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring the rules of divisibility. Now they can look at a number and easily work out which numbers go into it.

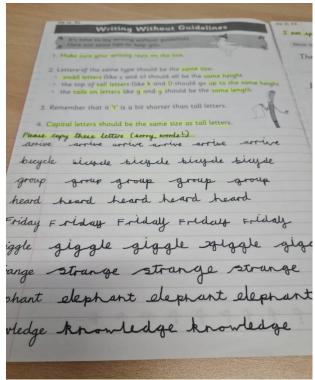




(W)remarkable Writing

Mrs Batey has been working her magic with her handwriting and phonics interventions. All of her pupils are showing tremendous progress and effort.







We are pleased to announce that our Pupil Council has been formed and will be convening next week. Well done to Gracie, Harry, Isla, Harry, Sophie, Lewis, Jensen and Chantelle in getting selected by their form groups.



Mrs Robinson is still looking to recruit for her eco-team in school. If interested, pupils need to write to Mrs Robinson detailing the key skills and qualities that would allow them to be a good member of the team.



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

Tuesday 4th October 2022 KS2 Safety works visit

Friday 14th October 2022 Hello Yellow Sponsored Walk

Thursday 20th October 2022 BMS Coffee Afternoon

Friday 21st October 2022 School Closes for half term holiday

Monday 31st October 2022 School re-opens