



Dear Parents/Carers,

The term is well underway and the staff and pupils are working hard. Staff are busy preparing for our Open Afternoon/Evening events and we may be seeking some help from some of our fantastic pupils to help showcase different subjects. If your child brings home a letter requesting that they attend, please could you sign and return their permission slip as soon as possible.

We are currently in the middle of building our enrichment offer to pupils, with some clubs already up and running and others in the pipeline – we have some amazing opportunities lined up!

I was delighted to meet with the new parish priest, Claire Maxim who is keen to come into school to carry out collective worship sessions, as well as helping to develop our RE offer and assist with our Christmas carol service – well there are only 100 days until the big day!

**Dan Ramshaw**

### Attendance this week:

**97.5%**

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.**



## It's all in the name

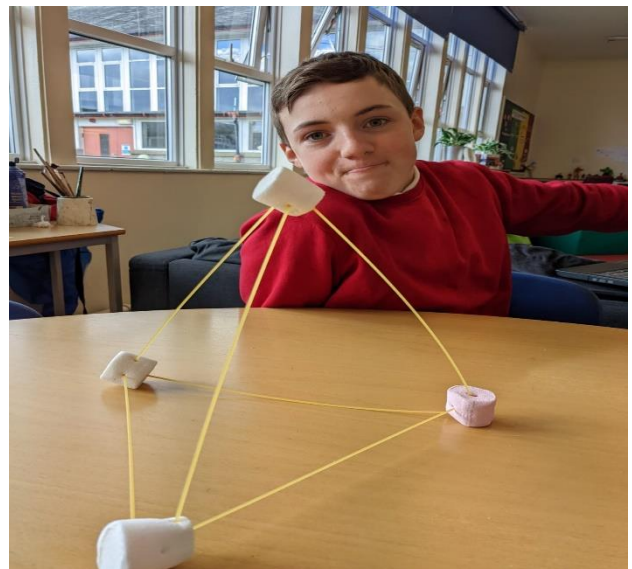
In ADT, Year 7 have begun their street art topic and were practicing creating fonts for their own names. We have some seriously talented artists!



## Model pupils



Mrs Fletcher has been busy with our pupils in Quiet club this week creating bookmark monsters, Lego and spaghetti marshmallow towers!







**SIGN UP NOW!**

**IN YEARS 6, 7 OR 8?**

**WANT TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL FOOD?**

- Sign up to School Food Champions, and work as a team to come up with your own ideas to improve the food at school and in our local community.
- Lead a social action campaign to put healthy options in the spotlight, learn leadership skills, and make a positive impact on the food you and your friends eat everyday.

**Who:** Year 6, 7 or 8 who are passionate about changing the world around them.

**What:** a new social action programme to improve access to healthy, affordable food in our school.

**When:** Monday's afterschool 3:30-4:30

**Where:** F&T room

**Contact:** Mrs O'Kane





## Ready for rugby

KS2 have started tag rugby this half term with Miss Pearson. They are learning skills such as passing and timing of their runs and are showing tremendous progress.



## Mind on mindfulness

No, our Year 7 pupils aren't asleep, they are simply taking part in mindfulness practice! Mindfulness involves paying attention to what is going on inside and outside ourselves, moment by moment, reconnecting with our bodies and the sensations they experience. This means paying attention to the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the present moment. Our PSHE curriculum follows the Jigsaw model with a key focus on improving mental health and wellbeing.

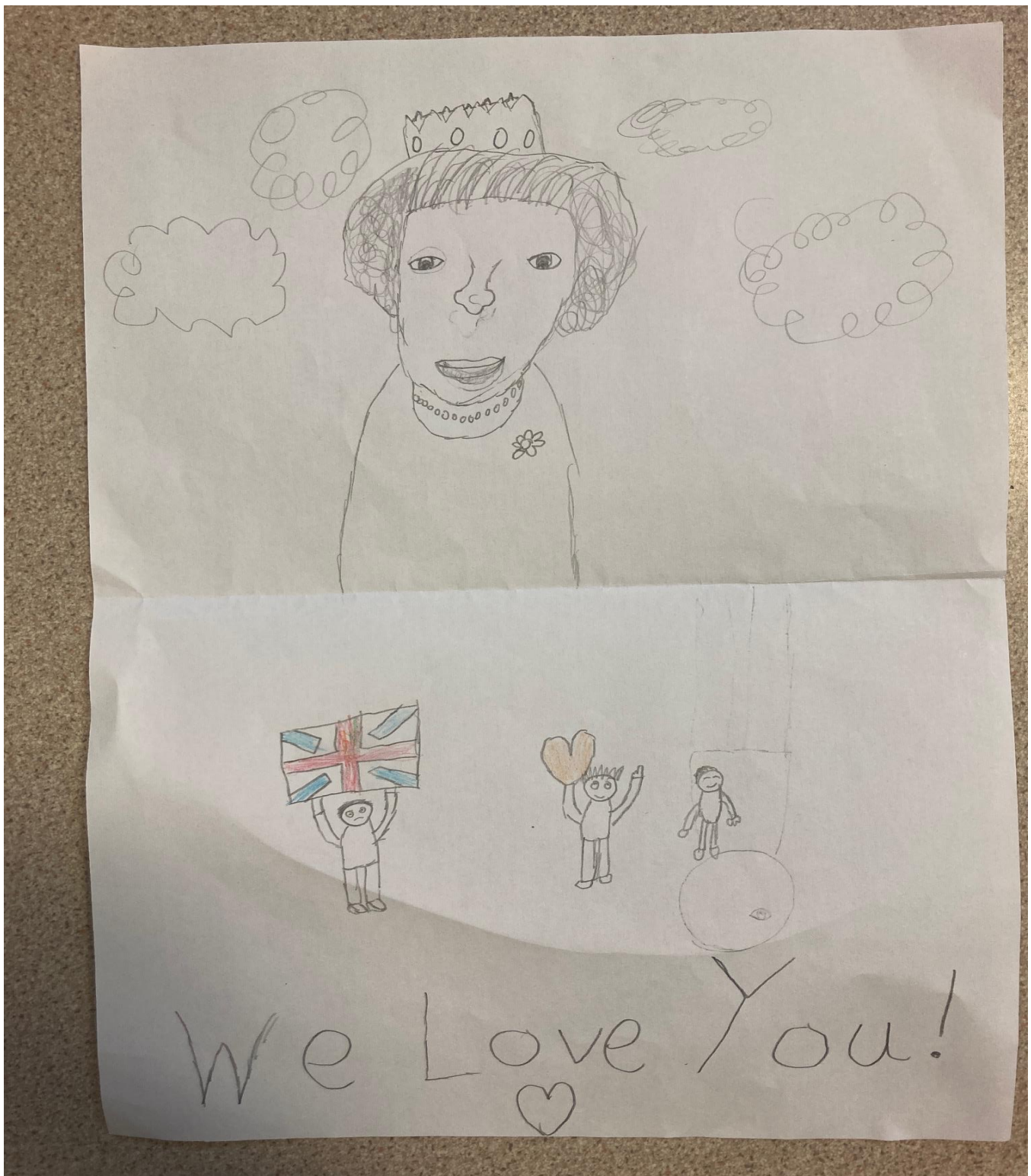






## A touching tribute

Like the rest of the nation in the current period of mourning, Bellingham Middle School has been continuing to come to terms with the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Lewis has celebrated her life in touching fashion, producing this brilliant poster. We couldn't have put it better ourselves!





# BMS Choir

## Thursday lunchtimes







## School News

We are delighted to announce two big events coming up in school soon:

Monday 26th September - 1.30-3.00pm - BMS Open Afternoon - a chance for Year 4 parents and carers to look around the school and to see our amazing staff and pupils in action.

Tuesday 27th September - 6.00-7.30pm - BMS Open Evening - a chance for Y4 parents/carers and pupils to have a look around the school and take part in many activities in different subjects, using our fantastic facilities. This will also give parents and pupils the opportunity to meet staff and ask any questions that they have about Bellingham Middle School.

We would be grateful if you can spread the word to any prospective parents thinking about bringing their children to BMS.



On Tuesday next week, we are hosting an intake evening for parents of pupils who have joined the school this year. There will be an opportunity to find out how your child has settled in as well as asking myself or Mis Pearson any burning questions you may still have. Please ensure forms that were handed out last week are completed and handed in to Mrs Thompson. We look forward to seeing you.



From next week each pupil will be issued with a purple biro pen to allow them to respond to marking in their books. It is important that these are looked after as there will be no replacement if they go missing.



We are noticing that some pupils have come into school recently wearing large, elaborate earrings. Pupils will be asked to remove them if they come into school wearing them. As the school rules state - only small, plain stud earrings are allowed as jewellery. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



A huge congratulations to Mrs Davis who completed the Great North Run in less than two hours despite sweltering conditions. A fantastic effort, well done!





## Dates for your diary

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Bank Holiday for Queen Elizabeth II's funeral – school closed
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	New Intake Evening
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Open Afternoon 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Open Evening 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	School individual and family photographs
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	KS2 Safety works visit
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Hello Yellow Sponsored Walk
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School Closes for half term holiday
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School re-opens