



Dear Parents/Carers,

After a week away, the weekly bulletin is back!

We are delighted to report that our heating and hot water is working now, thank you all for your cooperation and understanding throughout this period of time. The attitude of pupils and staff has been first class in challenging circumstances.

We have an incredibly busy half term ahead of us, with the potential for further events to be added to our extensive calendar, so please make yourself familiar with the key dates coming up.

Appointments for our online parents evening have gone 'live'. Thank you to those who have already booked times; if you need any help in doing so, please get in touch. We look forward to talking about how hard our children are working this term and the great progress they're making.

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week:

94.6%

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.



Future Leaders

On Tuesday, some of our year 6s were chosen to go to Wentworth Leisure Centre with Miss Pearson to learn how to become a sports crew. Alongside four other schools in the area, the pupils participated in yard/playtime games, skills, skipping games and techniques, to see what they could implement back at school, to make BMS more active. They have so many wonderful ideas, so watch this space! The children also discussed why it was important to stay active.



All singing and dancing

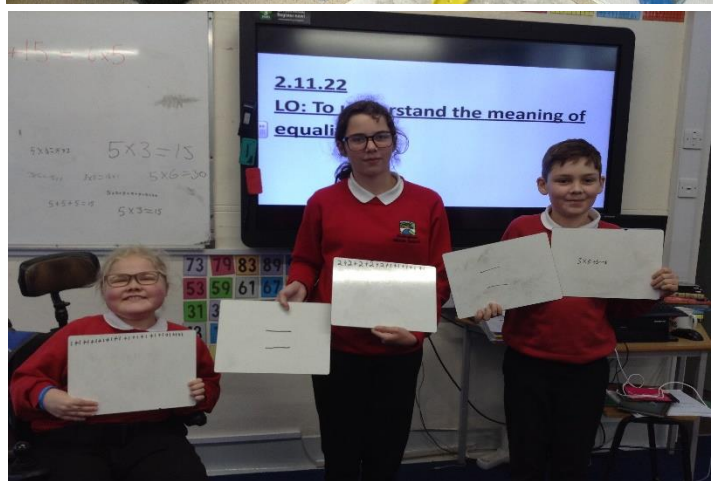
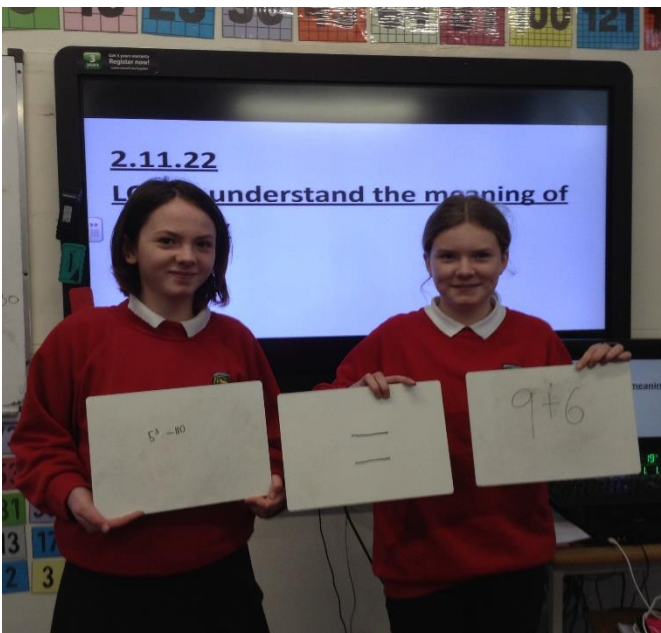
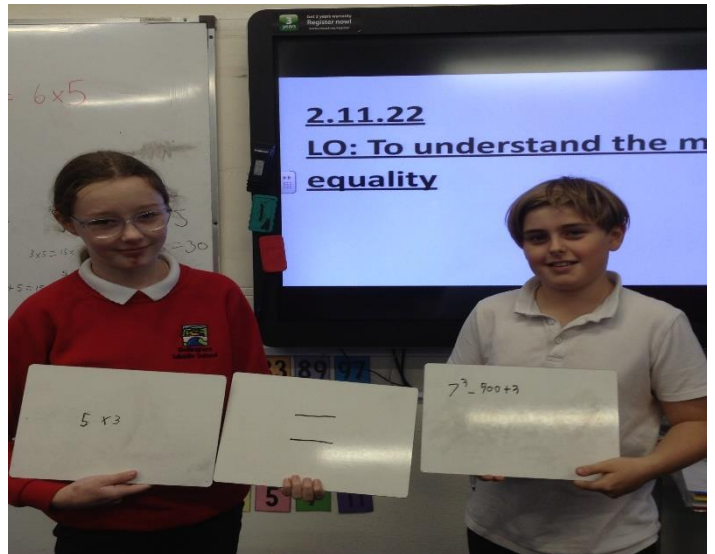
It has been fantastic to see so many faces at our new Performing Arts club. Thank you very much to Ms Esposito and Miss Pearson for organising, and for Mrs Ions, Mrs Urwin and Mrs Fletcher for helping out. We can't wait to see our pupils flourish!





Time for maths

In Year 6 this week, pupils have been working hard at telling the time on analogue clocks and have really impressed Mrs Robinson. They know they need to look at the big hand first when saying the time. Year 7 have been working at understanding the meaning of equality. We tried to make what was on one side of the equation equal to what was on the other side. Can you think of a different way to make 15?





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



Smooth operators

Year 6 have worked together to create smoothies. They have developed their blending skills and their communication skills. They then completed sensory testing on the smoothies. They described the smoothies as creamy, sour, bitter, sweet, delicious and amazing.



Rapidly making progress

Rapid Readers is a daily reading intervention which takes place in small groups with an adult, with a focus on developing reading fluency. Rapid Reader books include short non-fiction, fiction, poetry and a play section (which our pupils love!) The scheme is perfect for readers reluctant to read in large groups, and they have flourished! We have a 'Reader of the Week' which the pupils choose themselves after lots of peer discussion and feedback. This week Jared was our champion because of his fabulous recall and expression. Well done Jared!





Pop Art Pros

Year 5 have been busy this term learning about Pop Art. They have looked at colour theory, what the primary colours are and how to mix secondary colours. During our ADT lesson they found out about Andy Warhol's banana picture and created their own inspired designs for printing. They are going to be presenting their work in a unique way in the next lesson. Brilliant work year 5!



Spray away

Don't worry, Year 7 are being taught anti-social behaviour! The class have been using spray paints and stencils to create an animal piece of art. The results have been spectacular!





We will remember

A sombre and emotional assembly this week, with pupils and staff commemorating Remembrance Day. Thank you to Rev. Claire Maxim, for delivering a thought-provoking assembly and to Mrs McGregor for her poignant performance of the 'Last post'.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."





School news

Just a friendly reminder for pupils not to bring spray deodorants or other aerosols into school, as this can cause issues for pupils with asthma and other respiratory ailments. However, roll-on deodorants are absolutely fine.



Breakfast Club is available to all pupils to access, especially as the mornings get more wintry. 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.



Miss Pearson and Mrs Esposito have started the BMS Performing Arts Club on Thursday afternoons. Sessions take place after school for 1 hour, and if interested pick up a form from school, fill it in and return it. If numbers remain consistent, we would like to present a performance around Easter time 2023.

Dates for your diary

Friday 18 th November 2022	World Cup non-uniform day
Monday 21 st November 2022	NHS Careers Workshop (Y8)
Tuesday 22 nd November 2022	Parents Evening
Thursday 1 st December 2022	Parents Evening
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	Road Safety Workshop (Y8)
Friday 9 th December 2022	National Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 19 th December 2022	Careers/Enterprise Challenge Morning
Monday 19 th December 2022	Enrichment homework deadline
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Pantomime Trip - Cinderella– Newcastle Theatre Royal
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	BMS Christmas Fair
Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Christmas Carol Service at St Cuthbert's
Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Christmas Party
Friday 23 rd December 2022	Christmas Lunch
Friday 23 rd December 2022	School ends for Christmas holidays