



Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

What a fantastic end to the year! Our week has been very busy, but enjoyable, starting with our South Shields visit, Bellingham Show work, enrichment afternoon, leavers' party and ending today with our celebration assembly. It was lovely to see so many families there to mark the end of Y8s journey with us and celebrate the achievements of many pupils from across the school.

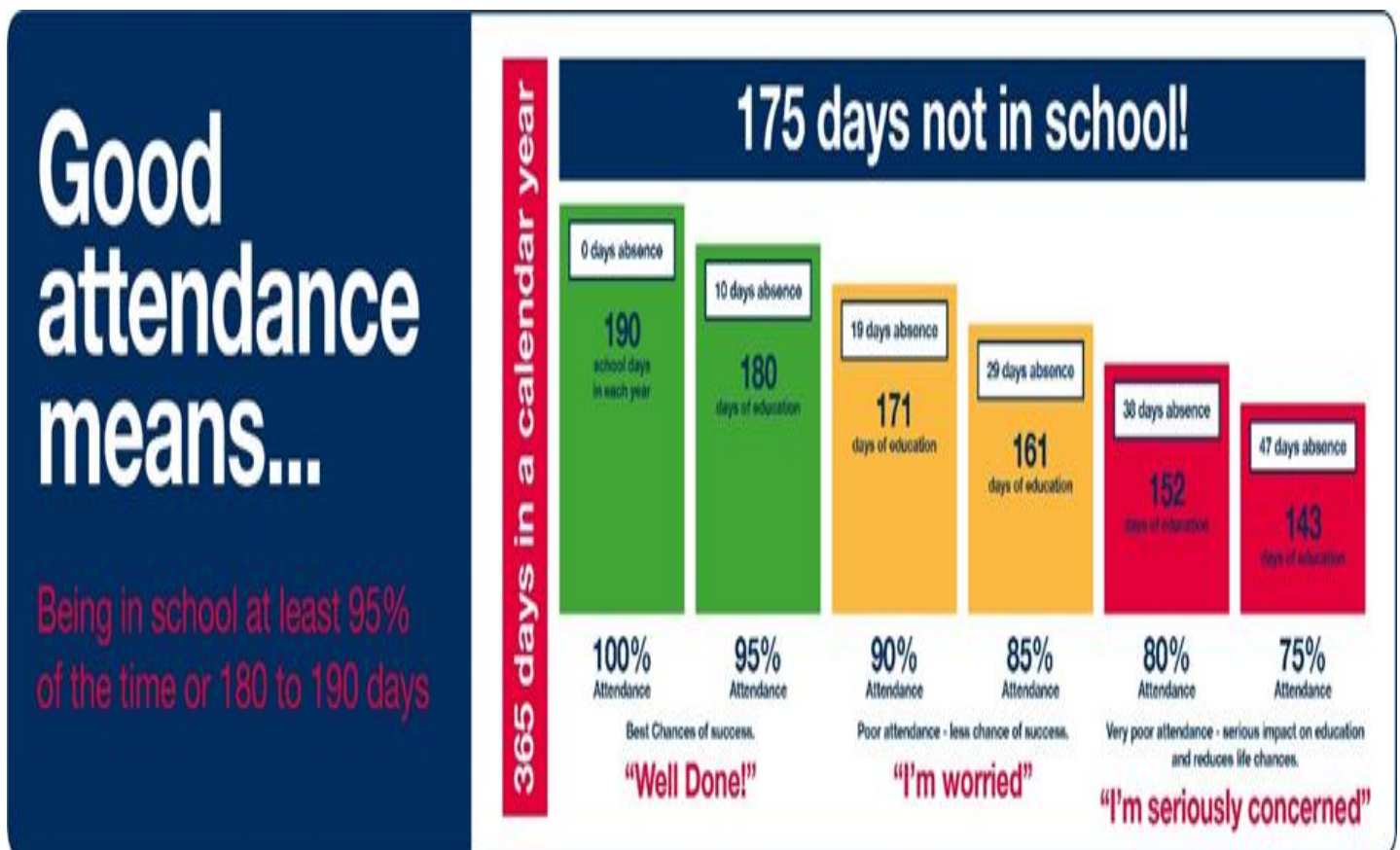
In my first year as Interim Head Teacher it is safe to say that this year has been a real baptism of fire. However, throughout the many challenges there has been so much to be proud of. We were delighted by the Y6 SATs results, which was a great reward to the efforts made by pupils throughout the year. Our choir group won their category at the Rothbury Music Festival and we have retained our School Games Gold Award! All in all, a very successful year!

We have an amazing group of staff, who are dedicated and committed in providing the very best for our excellent pupils, and we will continue to do this next year. A huge gratitude is owed to our families and local community who have stuck with us all year and have been amazing when we have needed them most.

I will be in touch towards the end of the holidays with arrangements for the start of term. Pupils are back at school on **Tuesday 5th September**. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and for all of those moving onto pastures new, I wish you all the best for your future.

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week: 92.5%





Time to say goodbye

This week sees us say a bittersweet farewell to our Y8 pupils. It is fair to say that they have been through a rollercoaster of emotions since they joined the school, coping with various COVID lockdowns and concerns regarding their futures. They have showed tremendous resilience over the four years and have grown into mature and responsible pupils. I have no doubt that they will succeed in whatever they put their minds to, and wish them all the best going forward.



SATs Stars

We were absolutely delighted with our Y6 SATs results. We scored 88% in Reading, 71% in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and 67% in maths. All the more remarkable considering the disarray we were in when the exams took place. This is a huge testament to the resilience and adaptability of our fantastic Y6 pupils who just got on with it in unfamiliar surroundings. We are so proud of all of you!





Fun at the fair

After last minute logistical changes, on Monday, the whole school visited Ocean Beach Theme park in South Shields for their reward trip. The late gamble played off as we were treated to fantastic weather and fun was had by all.





Singing stars

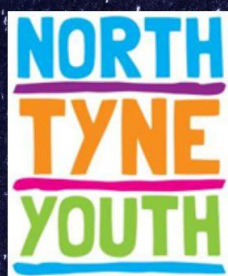
As most staff and pupils were enjoying a restful, yet very damp Saturday, our choir group along with Ms Esposito and Mrs Thompson were out winning their category at the Rothbury Music Festival. What an incredible achievement!



Bits and pieces

KS2 have been developing their computing programming skills by programming a physical device - the microbit. They programmed it to play a coin toss game and rock paper scissors. They worked brilliantly following the instructions carefully and precisely.





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



Sports Day

Sports Day was an amazing success. Thank you to all of our families who attended. There were plenty of fantastic sporting performances on show, with brilliant team work and sportsmanship added in. Well done everyone!





Setting up for the Show

Everyone hard at work this morning producing entries for the various categories in the Bellingham Show. We are going all out this year to support this important event for our local community.





SUMMER MULTI SPORTS CAMP

**FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL
ROUNDERS, DODGEBALL
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FUN GAMES**



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5-14**

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SPORTS
FUN FOR
EVERYONE**



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**CAMP 1: AUGUST 2-4
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BMSPTCA – Thank you #1

Thank you to everyone who attended the Ceilidh on Saturday evening. A huge thankyou to the BMSPTCA who organised the event and also to the fantastic Tasset Ceilidh band for performing. Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets all in the aid of a good cause! This enabled us to receive these fantastic picnic tables for our pupils to use at break time.



BMSPTCA (and Top Signs!) Thank you #2

A big thank you to Top Signs for producing our Year 8 hoodies once again this year. A special mention to the BMSPTCA who generously paid for them, they are fantastic!





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns



Bastille Day

All classes participated in the Eiffel tower building competition in French lessons this week to commemorate Bastille Day. Tasty French pastries were also on offer! Congratulations to our prize winners: Ruari, Riley, Robyn, Madi, Isla, Sophie, Ellie-Mae, Hugh, Rowan and Amelia. Tres bien!



Tasty burgers!

Earlier this term, Year 7 designed their own burgers, last week they got to make them. The smell was delicious. They definitely enjoyed eating them during their lesson.





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.

It has come to our attention that several of our pupils are accessing an app called 'Wizz', a social media app which allows children to talk to strangers. This app has an age rating of 16+.

The age-verification system for the app is very ineffective, and children can be presented with intimate images, mature content, and be exposed to predators.

I have attached a link which reviews the app, pointing out the worrying ease of how children can be exploited. I have also written out a link to a PDF which details features of the app and how parents can be vigilant.



<https://www.common sense media.org/.../wizz-make-new-friends>

https://www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/what-parents-carers-need-to-know-wizz.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2I60kQOdVIJNQFlwF3_ZHWmVYLqmahpyr8zOwKGzXFVHKCF9_cpJz3FPw

Wanted - Budding Musicians!

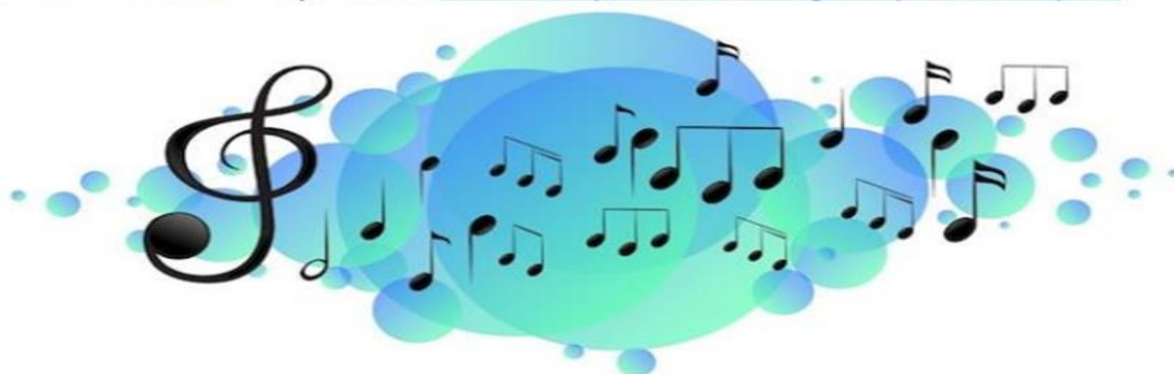
From September we would like to offer one-to-one and/or small group instrumental tuition in;

- Piano (one-to-one)
- Acoustic guitar (one-to-one and small group)

Prices start from only £6, per 25-minute lesson.

Available to all pupils across the school!

For more information and/or to book your child a place, please contact our music teacher Ms Esposito at sharon.esposito@bellinghampartnership.uk





Dates for your diary*

Monday 4th September 2023

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Start of Autumn term 1

*More dates will be given once term starts

Class of

