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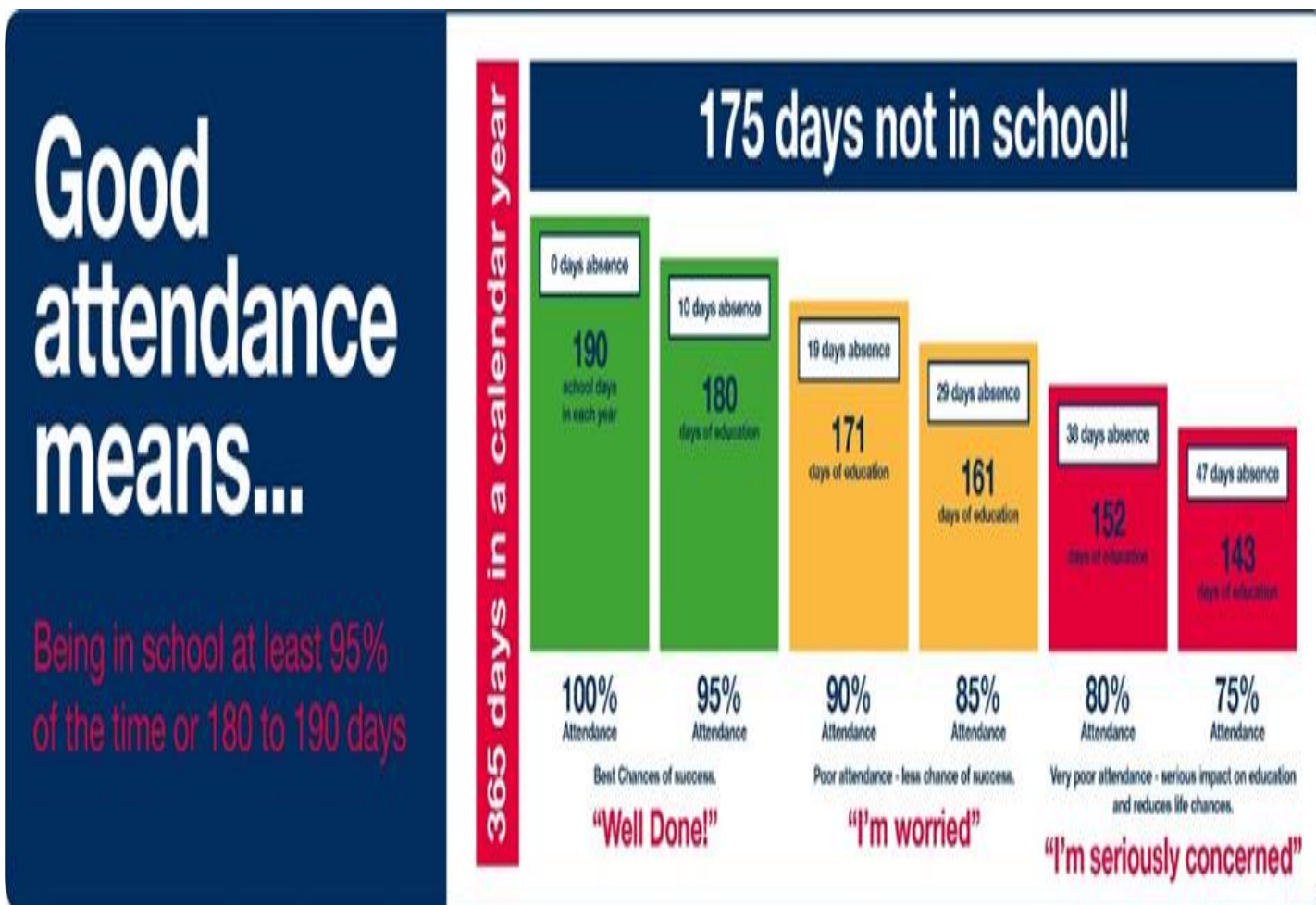
I hope you've all had a lovely week. It's hard to believe there's only four weeks left until the end of term! It's approaching fast and we've lots to share...

This week, we started off by watching England go goal crazy against Iran, with Bellingham scoring for England, and since then we've started preparing for Christmas (keep your eyes peeled next week for our tree for St Cuthbert's), as well as continuing to work hard in all lessons.

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening earlier this week. It was a pleasure to share your child's progress. A reminder that the second parent's evening is on Thursday 1st December.

Dan Ramshaw

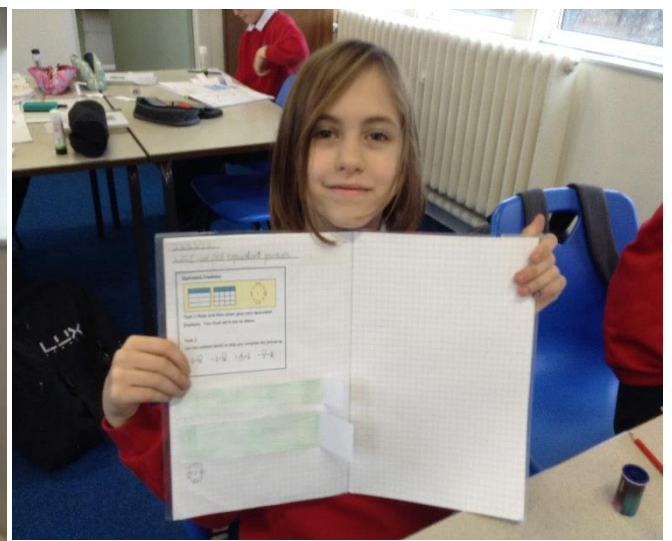
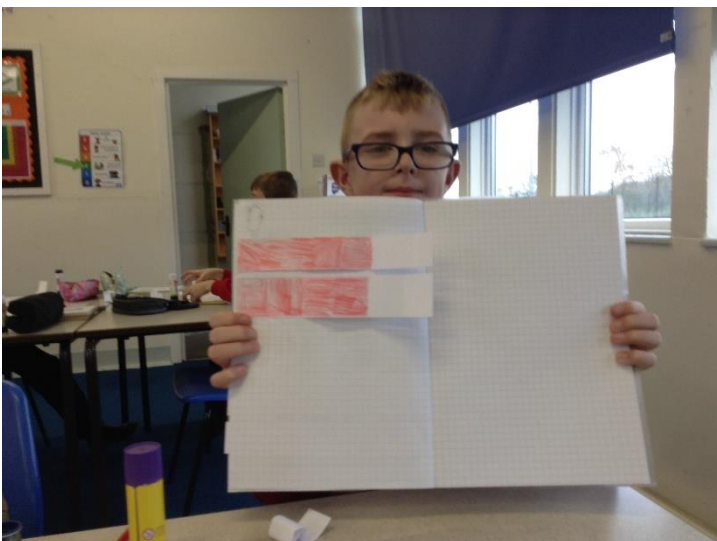
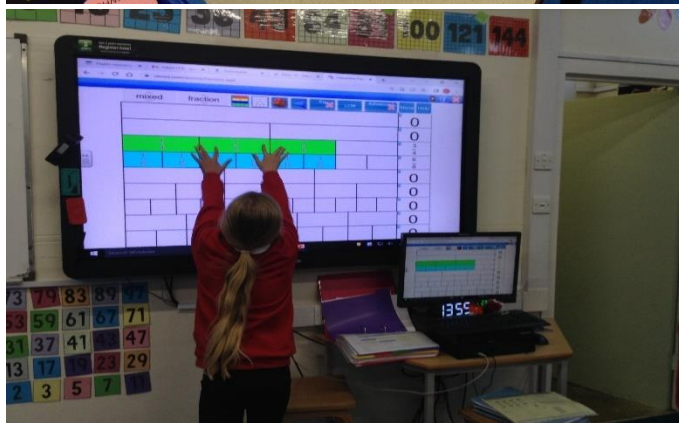
Attendance this week: 94.4%





Fantastic at Fractions

Year 5 and 6 have just started their topic on fractions. One of the first things they looked at was finding equivalent fractions. They used an interactive fraction wall, fraction blocks and lots of other resources to explore what fractions were equivalent to many unit fractions.





A familiar story

Year 7 have been hard at work this week, writing up their original narrative, that is based on the key features of the traditional tale of Cinderella. To get into the mood the class have been reading Cinderella tales from Serbia, Russia, Germany, Norway and more, some which have been very grisly indeed! Let's hope there is no mention of cutting toes off to fit in a shoe, in their versions!



Thank you!

A huge thank you to Alan Graham and Mrs Blackburn-Collins for their generous donations of bradawls and saw blades. These will come in extremely useful for our ADT lessons – Mrs McGregor thinks Christmas has come early! We are extremely grateful.





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



Getting in the rhythm

Year 5 had a great lesson on Thursday learning about rhythm, while playing the drums. There is no shortage of musical talent in the class!



Who wants to be a millionaire? (Part 2)

Word Millionaires are just like London buses, you wait ages (not really in this case!), then two come along at once! A huge congratulations to our second Word Millionaire of the year, Rowan, who keeps the unstoppable juggernaut of Year 7 powering along. The class are now over 4,000,000 words now! Well done to Year 6 for reaching a million as well!





Crafty pupils

Christmas Craft Club on a Wednesday evening is proving very popular with our pupils. The pupils have been creating Christmas decorations out of air-drying clay. We hope for some of these to be used as ornaments on our Christmas tree for St Cuthbert's and others to be sold at our Christmas fair. Incredible talent!



Pieces of art

We also have pupils who attend lunchtime art club. Here are the magnificent pictures that Sophie and Chantelle have finished during this time. They are amazing!





CHRISTMAS WAGON RUN

5.30pm Starting at Kielder -
Bellingham - Wark - Chollerford -
Wall - Acomb - Hexham

9th December

Raising funds to help families in the North
Tyne & North East Air Ambulance

Food, Drinks and entertainment
will be available at most
villages, more details to follow.



Careers in the NHS

Did you know there are over 350 different career roles within the NHS? Our Year 8 pupils have learned about some of these roles this week, thanks to a live theatre performance delivered by the NHS.

Year 8 students were invited to 'step into' the NHS by becoming a biomedical scientist or even an electrician within the service. Through the live theatre performance, they heard about some of the diverse roles available within the organisation. The performance also highlighted how different skills and passions for subjects not obviously connected with health, could provide career pathways into the NHS. The session gave students plenty of food for thought and introduced jobs and careers many had not previously heard of.

Students in all years who would like to explore opportunities within the NHS are encouraged to visit the Step into the NHS website. Here, students, parents and carers can find information about jobs, apprenticeships and work experience within the NHS and also explore real-life stories from people who work within the organisation.





Making a stand

At Bellingham Middle School, equality and anti-discrimination plays a huge role within our school values. White Ribbon Day occurs tomorrow and is focused on the challenges and dangers that women and girls can face in traditionally male-dominated contexts, and seeks to end domestic violence. We are traditionally supporters of 'Show Racism the Red Card' and pupils have put together brilliant displays to highlight both campaigns.



Weekly maths puzzle

Day 4 | Weighty problem



I have ten boxes, with a total weight of 75kg:

15 kg, 13 kg, 11 kg, 10 kg, 9 kg, 8 kg, 4 kg, 2 kg, 2 kg, 1 kg

I want to pack the boxes into 3 crates, but each crate can carry a maximum of 25 kg.

How can I pack the boxes into the crates?

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

(There may, or may not, be more than one way!)



School news

We are delighted to announce that we raised an incredible £1129.90 for our Hello Yellow Sponsored Walk, and a further £144.20 for the Poppy appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.



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



Performing Arts club will not be on next week due to it being on the same night as Parents' Evening

Sunday sees the start of Advent. We were delighted to welcome Reverend Claire Maxim into school on Thursday to deliver an assembly about this time of year. Please try to get yourself to St Cuthbert's or any of our local churches to celebrate the start of the 'New Year'. We will be running features in future weekly bulletins about Advent and the meaning behind it.



Dates for your diary

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