



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has flown by but it certainly could not be described as incident-free! We were delighted to welcome Sally and John from the Sea Cadets, who delivered an amazing STEM Marine Engineering workshop to Year 5,6 and 7. We look forward to seeing them again later this year to work with our Year 8s.

Thank you to everyone for your patience, support and understanding regarding the Industrial Action on Wednesday. Pupils were extremely well behaved given the different nature of the day and got on with their work, without any fuss. There is another strike day planned for later this month, we will keep you updated regarding our intentions for that day.

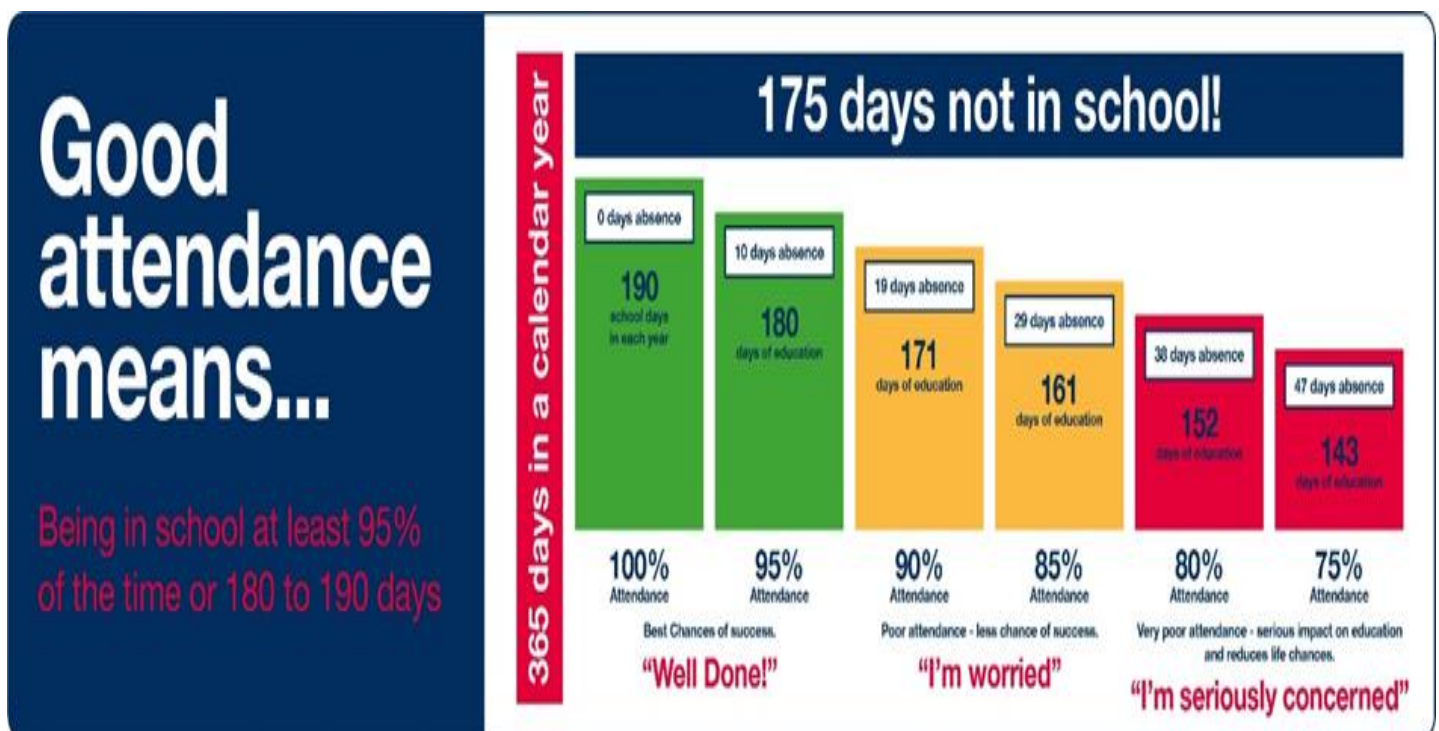
We are also pleased to announce that we will be hosting our first disco since 2019, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February! Details are provided later in the bulletin, we hope to see as many pupils there as possible.

On a sad note, we were horrified to hear of the awful events that occurred in Hexham last Friday. Today we have commemorated the tragic death of Holly Newton from Queen Elizabeth High School, as a school, we are holding a Purple Day. Today pupils and staff will be allowed to come to school wearing a purple item alongside, or in place of a piece of uniform to honour Holly's memory. We are aware that many of our students have been deeply affected by the events of the past week, and wish to give their own tribute. A link to the Just Giving page was posted on ParentMail earlier this week, if you wish to make a donation.

Our thoughts are with Holly's family and our friends at Queen Elizabeth at this sad time.

**Dan Ramshaw**

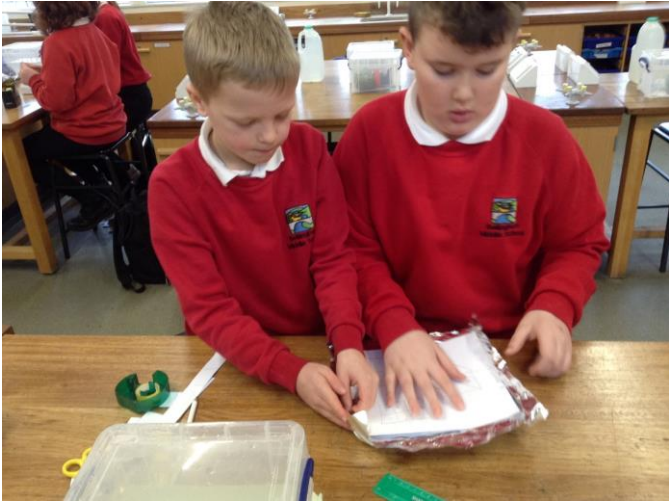
### Attendance this week: 92.6%





## Float your boat!

A fantastic day on Tuesday with Year 5, 6 and 7 taking part in the Sea Cadets STEM Marine Engineering workshop. Pupils were asked to build a craft, which was capable of holding as many marbles as possible without it sinking. This activity touched on maths, science and engineering, with the key message of sustainable travel and climate change reinforced.







## Getting in to character

This week our pupils found out which part they would play in the upcoming 'Rocky Monster Show' production. There were some very happy faces, and we can't wait for it!

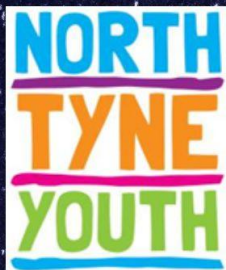


## Knitting club

We take immense pride in the variety of clubs we offer to all pupils. This term pupils are learning a new hobby at knitting club on Friday lunchtimes, where we are hopefully planning to make some woolly rabbits.







# 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!**

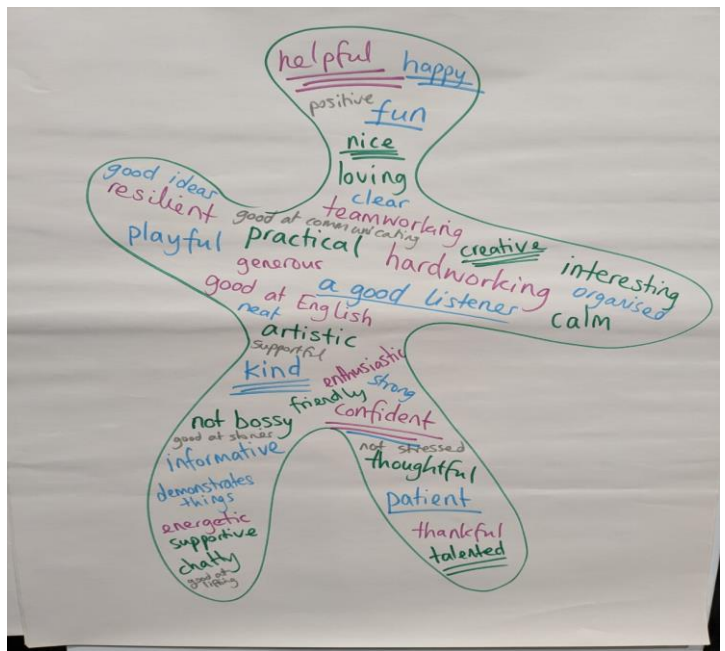
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## Beneath our Feet

On Thursday, Mrs Fletcher accompanied Gracie and Harry to Queen's Hall in Hexham, to take part in the 'Beneath our Feet' steering group meeting. 'Beneath our Feet' is a regional partnership initiative, which is getting local schools to research their local historical industry and how people in the local area lived in the past. In two week's time, Year 5 will be visiting Bellingham Heritage Centre to find out about this and present their findings to a local artist in March. The artist will then look at how this could be presented in a piece of work. Gracie and Harry thought hard about what they would look for in an artist – they know what they want!



## Singing and dancing

Just like in sport, a good warm up is essential for singing. Year 6 have been limbering up and getting those hearts racing in preparation for a singsong!





## **VALENTINE SCHOOL DISCO**

On the Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

£1.00 Entry Fee

Sweets and drinks will be available to buy so bring plenty  
of money

6-7.30pm



## School news

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.



With the first signs of spring joyously coming around the corner. The students are thoroughly excited to be going back out to their garden. Last year we had many hours of fun and huge success in growing all manner of things. Unfortunately, the planters are on their last legs and desperately need repairing. We fear that they will not make it to the summer, which would be devastating for the pupils. It would be fantastic if there was anyone who was able to come and help us fix them up? Some of the planters have already been shored up with braces, but we now need some new boards and permanent braces so that we can save them for many years to come. If anyone is able to help, please could you contact the school. We would be so grateful for your support.



## Dates for your diary

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Seiken Ryu Karate Taster Day at BMS

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Safer Internet Day

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Y5 visit to Bellingham Heritage Centre/Hareshaw Lynn

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Careers Event

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Valentine's Disco