



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed some time with loved ones.

As you can imagine, it's been a very eventful week with big announcements and several flurries of snow! Mrs Parkinson, who is our new SENCO, began on Monday but hasn't quite had the start to her new role as she had anticipated! I know she's going to get in touch soon and is looking forward to meeting you. Staff have been very busy preparing for remote learning and so far, after a couple of days, we're really impressed with how our pupils are embracing it! Long may it continue. We are aiming to deliver 'live', online lessons using Zoom from next week so that pupils can speak to their teachers and ask questions. From next week, we will begin contacting our families to ask how everyone is doing and if there's any further support we can offer.

Let's hope the snow stays away so that we can all enjoy some fresh air!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Lindsay Hamilton



### January-February 2021 What's On

North Tyne Youth is going digital! Lockdown #3 means we can't meet face-to-face, but there is still lots we can do in a safe and fun way online. Get in touch via email ([Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk](mailto:Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk)), or text or call (07826 020949) to find out more, get hold of a Registration Form, and book on to our FREE online sessions. And if you have any ideas for what activities you'd like to do online (social media challenges, party nights, competitions), we're all ears...We can't wait to see you!

#### TUESDAYS

[12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February]

6.00-9.00pm: Bookable time slots for young people aged 8-18 to "meet" and chat with a youth worker one-to-one or as a small group of up to six friends. Get in touch to book.

#### THURSDAYS

[21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February]

6.00-7.00pm: 8-12s Club  
7.00-8.00pm: Stargazers Drop-In with our very own Space Scientist!  
8.00-9.00pm: 13-18s Club

#### EVENT: VIRTUAL STAR PARTY Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 6.30-8.00pm

Our planned star party is still happening from the comfort of your own home...and our Space Scientist is even going to come back every Thursday until February half-term to catch up on everything night sky related! Virtual Star Party open to everyone aged 8-16, so book your "space" ASAP! All you'll need is a hot chocolate, a cosy blanket and an internet connection.

North Tyne Youth is a registered charity in England and Wales (1189025)

### North Tyne Youth

Lisa has asked me to share the PSA North Tyne Youth's digital What's On schedule for the period up to February half-term.

During lockdown, Lisa has also kindly offered to run our Y8 youth club, 'live' online each week. More details will follow next week to students in 360 as we look to getting this set up.





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### Our new bubble!

Our new bubble have ‘gelled’ very well this week and are getting to know each other better and build friendships! They’ve settled back into school quickly and staff have made sure they’ve had some enjoyable breaks away from the screen!





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We were all delighted to hear that Mr Ramshaw became engaged during the holidays after popping the question on Christmas Eve! This was lovely news to hear when we returned to school. We wish Mr Ramshaw and his fiancée all the very best and send our warmest congratulations!

## GOOD NEWS

We have a company scheduled to visit us on 14<sup>th</sup> January to fix our ‘forever-flooding path’! Hopefully after this date, pupils will be able to access school using the normal route. I’ll keep you posted.



We all know how difficult it can be during a lockdown and how lonely it can feel, especially for our children who aren’t getting to see their friends on a daily basis. We want to keep the BMS community going over the next few weeks and would love to see what you’re all getting up to! We’ve already heard from one pupil who is helping out with the horses as part of their daily exercise routine. So whether you’re on the farm, baking, or walking the dog, we want to know about it! Send us your pictures and we’ll share them in our newsletters so that we can keep a sense of community spirit going.



We’ve added a classroom onto our 360 platform called, ‘Whole School Challenges’, which staff are busy filling with school, as well as, national competitions – just the ticket to ease some possible lockdown boredom! The Tunnock’s Teacake Challenge is proving to be very popular!



## COVID-19 MASS TESTING IN SCHOOLS

You will, no doubt, have heard about the government’s plans to currently test pupils for COVID-19 in schools. At the minute, only children of secondary age are involved in the programme, which for us means only our Y7 and Y8 pupils. It’s been a whirlwind of a week getting ready for this, considering we only received deliveries of the testing equipment on Monday morning. However, I am pleased to say that our own on-site testing centre is ready to go from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January for the KS3 pupils we currently have in school as well as all of our staff. This has not only been due to an excellent team effort within school, but also within our community! We are incredibly grateful to Ken Lindup, Simon Irving and Brenda Huddleston who have volunteered to help us out with the testing process. We would have really struggled without their kindness and generosity. Thank you.





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the spread of COVID-19 by...



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Keeping your  
distance



Wearing a  
face covering



Getting tested if  
you feel unwell



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