



Dear Parents/Carers,

A short week comes to an end. Autumn is definitely here and we've experienced some really breezy break and lunchtimes this week. Can we ask that pupils bring a coat to school each day as the weather is definitely getting colder.

It was great to say 'hello' to so many of our new parents this week at our Intake Evening and share our views about how well everyone is settling in. All pupils are doing well at using the new school journals and we hope you feel they're a valuable tool of communication between home and school. Can we ask that they're signed each week by a parent or carer at home so that lines of communication remain as open as possible, thank you.

We have lots going on in school next week from open afternoons/evenings to European Languages Day. No rest for the wicked!

**Dan Ramshaw**

### Attendance this week:

**95.7%**

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.**



## Building a culture

In maths, Mrs Robinson is doing amazing work across her classes, including as many interactive activities as possible, to instil a love of maths in our pupils. It certainly seems to be doing the trick!



## Weekly Maths Puzzle

From this week we are starting a weekly feature in our bulletins.

We will be posting a weekly maths puzzle, with the aim being for the whole family to collaborate on solving it and then send us the solution. Encouraging the whole family to share puzzles and talk to each other mathematically is very important to us.

### Weekly Puzzle 1

Dad gives you money every day to put in your piggy bank. He gives it in such a way that the money in the piggy bank doubles every day.

If you start off with 1p, the next you get 2p, then 4p etc. Your piggy bank gets full on the 16th day.

On which day will your piggy bank be half full?



Send your answers to Mrs Robinson at: [Lyndsey.Robinson@bellinghampartnership.uk](mailto:Lyndsey.Robinson@bellinghampartnership.uk)





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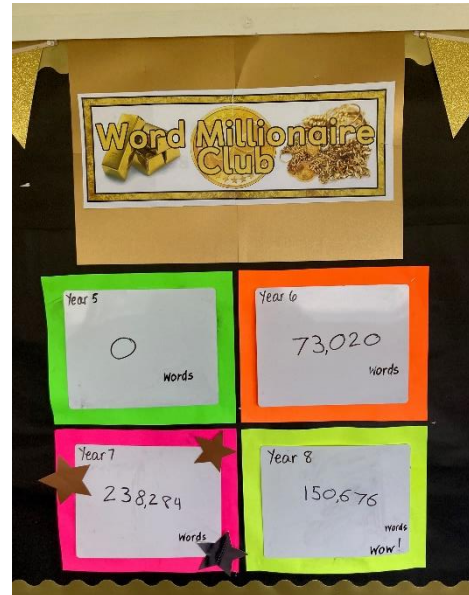
**TRAIN, PLAY, LEARN, CONNECT HAVE FUN !!!**



## Splendid spelling

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of Mrs Batey, our Accelerated Reader competition is up and running. Throughout the year pupils take quizzes on the books they have read, with the computer also logging the amount of words that they have read. These get tallied together in classes so we can see which class have read the most. As you can see Year 7 have read the most words, however Year 8 have managed an incredible 150,676 in just over two weeks! It is so important that pupils read at home as well as school, recording in their reading logs. Top work by everyone!

P.S. I'm sure Year 5 will be back with a bang in the next few weeks!



## Autumn Harvest

After months of growing and care, it was time to harvest the produce that our pupils and staff have grown from seed. We have lots of leeks, onions, carrots, celery, beetroot, rhubarb and apples. The end results are absolutely spectacular and there is so much still to pick! A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Wilkinson who have been helping the students grow and nurture the plants.







## Cooking up quality

In KS2, Y5 and 6 had their first experience of food preparation in Food Tech this year. Y5 have been making wonderful Weetabix Fruit Stacks while Y6 have been making delicious Danish Pastries. Warning, these pictures may contain traces of mouth-watering dishes!







**Spread the word!**



## **BELLINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Warmly welcome you to an

**OPEN AFTERNOON / EVENING**

1.30 – 2.30 p.m. – Monday 26th September, 2022

All prospective parents and their children who are considering places in our school are welcome to join us and enjoy an informal open evening, where you will have the opportunity to look around our school and meet some of the children and staff.

6.00 – 7.30pm – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

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01434 - 220235**

We are delighted to announce two big events coming up in school next week:

Monday 26th September - 1.30-3.00pm - BMS Open Afternoon - a chance for Year 4 parents and carers to look around the school and to see our amazing staff and pupils in action.

Tuesday 27th September - 6.00-7.30pm - BMS Open Evening - a chance for Y4 parents/carers and pupils to have a look around the school and take part in many activities in different subjects, using our fantastic facilities. This will also give parents and pupils the opportunity to meet staff and ask any questions that they have about Bellingham Middle School. Staff will be selecting some of our pupils to help out on the evening. Please can forms be signed and handed in by Monday.

We would be grateful if you can spread the word to any prospective parents thinking about bringing their children to BMS.



## School News

On Monday next week, we are celebrating the Day of European Languages in school. As part of the day pupils will be participating in Spanish lessons, trying out European sports as well as feasting on continental breakfast treats. Pupils can come to school dressed in the traditional wear of their chosen European nation or in the colours of their flag. International football tops or football strips relating to a team from a chosen European country (not the UK) are allowed, e.g. Paris St-Germain for France, but football strips without any relevance are not allowed.



Next week we will be starting up our Pupil Council for this year. Two class representatives from each group will be selected to form our 8-person council. Please write to your form tutor if you are interested, highlighting the key skills and values you possess to be an effective team member.



Like everyone we are concerned about the current stories in the news regarding climate change, and as a school we want to do something to help combat this global issue. Mrs Robinson is currently looking into schemes involving recycling batteries, plastics and clothing. Watch this space for more information coming soon...



We have a number of pupils who would like to develop their musical skills further and learn to play an instrument. We are looking for instrumental tutors to deliver one-to-one and small group instrumental lessons. Please contact Mrs Esposito, (Music Lead) at [sharon.esposito@bellinghampartnership.uk](mailto:sharon.esposito@bellinghampartnership.uk) for further details. Applicants will need to have a current DBS certificate and references will be required.



Miss Pearson and Mrs Esposito are looking to run an after-school music and drama club in the not too distant future. If you are a budding singer, actor, musician, dancer etc with a love of the stage, let them know.





## Dates for your diary

Monday 26th September 2022	Day of European Languages (non-uniform*)
Monday 26th September 2022	Open Afternoon 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday 27th September 2022	Open Evening 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	School individual and family photographs
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	KS2 Safety works visit
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Hello Yellow Sponsored Walk
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School Closes for half term holiday
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School re-opens

\*see school news