



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally got there. A half term that began with warm weather at the end of Summer has ended with the cold and damp of Autumn. However, the distinctly gloomy weather has failed to stop us working hard and doing amazing things.

Thank you all so much for the fantastic effort in supporting our school at the coffee afternoon on Thursday. It was the first time we had been able to host one of these events since 2019, therefore it was amazing to see so many faces enjoying themselves and giving generous donations to support the school. Well done to everyone who donated cakes and entered the 'Bake-off' competition, the standard was incredible and it was so difficult to pick a winner. I am very proud to announce that we have raised a staggering £340.30! This is an incredible amount and a testament of our wonderful community support. We are still in the progress of collecting in sponsor money for Hello Yellow, and the total will be shared once finalised.

As one half-term draws to a close, we look forward to a much-needed break before our busy build-up to Christmas. We've got so much planned during the next half-term with pantomime trips, carol services, parent evenings and workshops. But before all that, I hope you have a restful week and enjoy spending time with loved ones.

Dan Ramshaw

Attendance this week:

94.6%

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.



Coffee Afternoon

What an incredible afternoon Thursday was in school. We were truly humbled by the amazing support we received from families and the local community, both through their attendance and contributions. A big shout out to Mrs Batey, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Ions, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Robinson and Mrs O'Kane (on her day off!) for putting it all together. Also, it would be amiss to not thank our brilliant Y8 helpers and every pupil who contributed towards the event.

A huge well done to Samm, Harry and Ruairi for achieving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the bake off for their truly terrifying cakes!





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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)

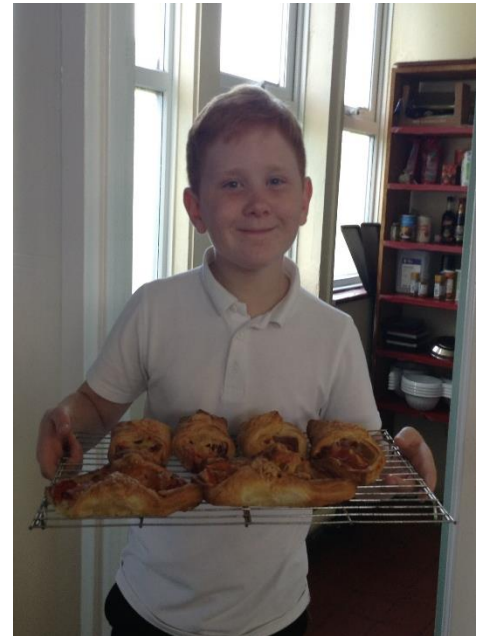
AND OUR FRIENDS AT KIRKWHELPINGTON HOLD AN 8-18S YOUTH CLUB, EVERY WEDNESDAY 6.30-8.30PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL!

Email Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk or call/text/WhatsApp for more info and to register



That's a wrap

It has been a busy week in the food room. Year 7 have been making omelettes, Year 6 have been making bacon, cheese and tomato wraps. The smells drifting down the corridors this week have been mouth-watering!





Failure to prepare...

Quiet Club has been amazingly popular this year, with pupils participating in various fun activities. This week pupils were tasked with preparing 'Pumpkin' decorations in preparation for the Coffee Afternoon. Simply Spooktacular!



Weekly maths puzzle

Weekly Puzzle 5

Last weekend I went to play in the park. I was playing on my new bicycle.

When I reached the park, I saw that there were a total of 15 bicycles and tricycles. If the total number of wheels was 39,

How many were tricycles?



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



Year 7 Record Breakers

Last week, we broke the news that Year 7 had astonished everyone by breaking the 1,000,000 barrier for words read this year. This year group continues to defy belief, and have now read 2,040,782 words this year – and we are only seven weeks in! Mrs Batey has never seen the like of this before and finds the effort of the class “unbelievable”. High praise indeed!





School news

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 for further details. Applicants will need to have a current DBS certificate and references will be required.



Miss Pearson and Mrs Esposito are starting the BMS Performing Arts Club on Thursday afternoons. Sessions will take place after school for 1 hour commencing Thursday 3rd of November and letters will be given to interested pupils next week. If numbers remain consistent, we would like to present a performance around Easter time 2023.



After half term, pupils will be starting cross-country lessons in PE. Therefore, it is essential that pupils bring warm/waterproof clothing, spare socks, and wear trainers they and yourself, don't mind getting muddy. It is advisable to bring a plastic bag to put muddy kit in after the lesson. We understand that new PE kit costs money, so we are happy to allow pupils to wear an appropriate sporty alternative kit (no football shirts) for the duration of cross-country (3 weeks). If the weather is too bad to go out in then PE will take place in the sports hall. Please can we ensure that leggings worn in PE are sport leggings as opposed to



Dates for your diary*

Friday 21 st October 2022	School Closes for half term holiday
Monday 31 st October 2022	School re-opens
Friday 4 th November 2022	Book Trust virtual author visit with Jeffrey Boakye (Y5,6,7)
Monday 21 st November 2022	NHS Careers Workshop (Y8)
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	Road Safety Workshop (Y8)
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Pantomime Trip - Cinderella– Newcastle Theatre Royal
Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Christmas Carol Service at St Cuthbert's
Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Christmas Party

*More events will be added as the term progresses