



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. It has been another busy week in school with lots to celebrate and share. Thank you to all of our KS3 parents who have supported the home-testing routines! Please remember each time your child takes a test to complete our BMS online form so that we can see who has submitted results. The link for the form can be accessed [here](#). Spring data reports have been posted home today, ready to discuss next week at our first, on-line Parents' Evenings. There's still plenty of time to book appointments if you haven't already done so.

Have a lovely weekend!

Lindsay Hamilton

## Weeding Warriors!

Thank you Y5 (and Mrs Parkinson) for tackling the much-needed tidying-up of our beds! We cannot wait to put some bedding plants in there to brighten up our garden. If any of our friends from Plant Swap Bellingham have any colourful donations, we'd be very grateful!







## A Wonderful, 'Wander in the Woods'!



You may remember before Christmas we launched the national KS2 creative, short-writing competition titled, 'Wander in the Woods'. Pupils had to create a story of suspense using no more than 100 words. Imagine how proud we were to discover one of our pupils had won and will have their winning story published! Very, very well done to Lucy in Y6! A budding author in the making!

## Go Bright for the Fight!



Robert (Y5) and Angus (Y8)

Next Friday, we will be taking part in the 'Go Bright for the Fight' campaign and raising money for Muscular Dystrophy UK. This was a brilliant suggestion put to us by two of our pupils, Angus and Robert. Pupils are invited to come into school wearing their own 'bright' clothes for a donation of £1. The day will begin with an assembly, raising awareness of muscular dystrophy and the work the charity does to support families throughout the UK. Afterwards, all classes will take part in a quiz (written by Angus and Robert themselves) and then there will be some delicious goodies on sale at break-time for a small fee of 50p. In the afternoon, all classes will take part in a sporting competition afternoon with various sporting challenges in order to earn points. The winning class will receive a pamper day next term with treats of their choice.

In addition, from Monday, pupils will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets to win a very special Easter Eggs-travaganza hamper! Tickets will be on sale each day for 20p and the winning ticket will be drawn next Friday. All proceeds will go to 'Go Bright for the Fight'.

We can't wait for next Friday and are sure it's going to be a huge success!





## Success!



You may remember just before Christmas that we had lots of trouble keeping our footpath into school clear of water? Not any more! Our new drainage system has been put to the test over the last few weeks with lots of downpours and we're pleased to say, our footpath remains clear and dry!

No more soggy feet! 😊

## Shakespeare Week!



Years 7 and 8 have enjoyed learning about England's most celebrated dramatist and poet this week – William Shakespeare! He helped shape the English we use today, introducing up to 300 words and dozens of well-known phrases. Our pupils have looked at Shakespearean idioms which are still in use today as well as some of Shakespeare's forgotten words such as 'slug-abed', which means you are a lazy bones! Shane, in Year 7, would like to reintroduce the word 'bibble-babble' which is Shakespearean for 'chatter'. He wrote, "*I think bibble-babble should be reintroduced as it is a funny word so it could be used for comedic purposes or stories for kids as it sounds like a childish word.*" Students have also enjoyed a virtual tour of Shakespeare's birth place and carrying out research about the playwright.

## Parents' Evenings



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March** are the dates for our online parent evenings. If you haven't yet made appointments, there's still plenty of time left to do so using the login details shared earlier this week. Mr Smith from Haydon Bridge High School is available on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> for any Y8 parents who would like to make an appointment with him and discuss transition, or life at HBHS in general.





## The Makeover!

At last, it is great to be able to share with you the fabulous makeover our school entrance has had over the past few weeks. Alan Graham, and his team, have worked tirelessly to ensure everything has been finished to the highest standard and we couldn't be happier. Our entrance is safer, more secure and we now have a dedicated medical area for our pupils. Mrs Basing is busy working with our Y8 pupils to produce some special artwork for our new entrance so that they can make it even more welcoming and also leave a lasting legacy.



The last picture taken on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

## And now...

