



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been great to welcome Alan into Y6 this week and pupils have done a sterling job in helping him to settle in. I am thrilled to say that we have finally sorted insurance for the damage to our MUGA and it is due to be repaired over the next couple of weeks – we've missed it!

At the time of writing this, we only have two pupils isolating with Covid and so far no staff! Long may this continue. As I'm sure you're aware, the government has said that face coverings are no longer needed in classrooms and from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, they will not be needed in any communal areas in school. I really enjoyed being part of the 'Dragons' Den' yesterday as I listened to Y8 pitch their new, unique board games. There were some very persuasive, and impressive, speeches. Watch out, Lord Sugar!

Have a lovely weekend.  
Lindsay Hamilton

## Fabulous Fieldwork



Our Y5 geographers were out in force this week as they began their fieldwork, investigating how safe Bellingham is for cyclists. Pupils have spent time in the classroom preparing surveys and questionnaires to analyse, evaluate and draw conclusions from. We look forward to sharing their results!





## Super Sleuths!

Year 7 have made a fantastic start to their Detective Fiction unit. Using their skills of logic, deduction and inference, they took on the role of police investigators tasked with solving a murder mystery. Well done to Amelie, Lucy M and Logan who were the first team to crack the case!



*It was great working as a team to solve the clues!*

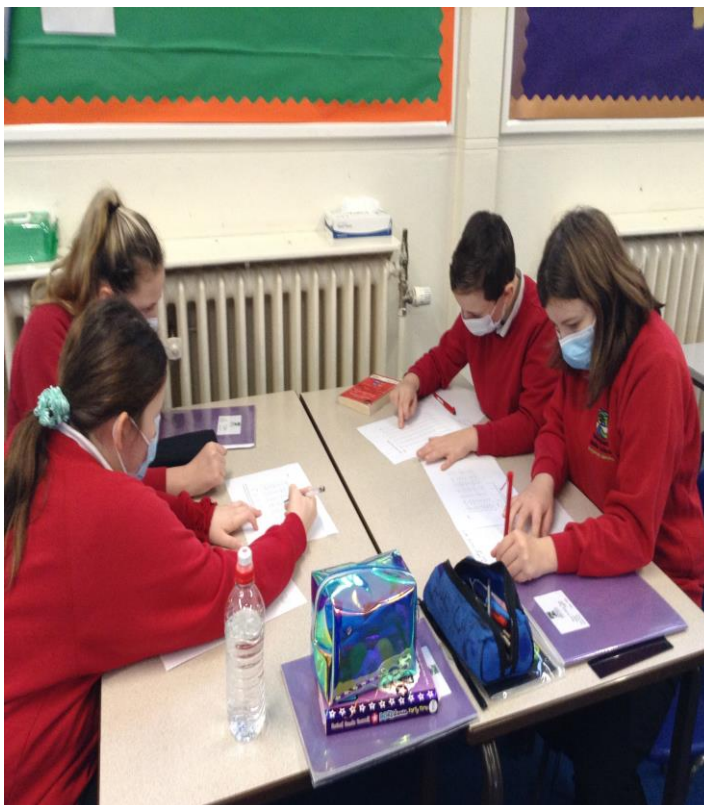
*Chantelle*



*The clues were really challenging!*

*Brooke*

*I really liked the variety of clues as it meant you had to use different skills. Elise*







## Music Maestro, Please!



Y5 are well and truly embracing their weekly guitar lessons this term! Their attitude and effort is highly commendable and we look forward to sharing some of their musical 'recordings' with you later in the term. A huge thank you to Ms Esposito for organising this wonderful enriching opportunity!

## Amazing Artists!



During the Street Art topic, Y8 have been learning about the artist Banksy who makes stencils to create striking artwork. Pupils have worked hard to create 3 different stencils and have layered them up with spray paint to create fantastic bright and unique pictures!



## School News



We're looking for some much-needed gardening equipment. If you have any unused watering cans, trowels or plant pots our gardening club would put them to good use. All donations to our school office will be greatly appreciated.



As part of our Careers Education Programme, we are planning a careers fayre for our KS3 pupils in the summer term and we really need your help. Mrs Parkinson shared a questionnaire about parents' employment earlier this week so that we could create a database of different jobs and careers with a view to asking parents to be part of our careers fayre. We need representation from a wide range of jobs and careers so that our pupils have as broad an experience as possible. Please, please complete the form [here](#), or, if you know someone else who would be interested, please ask them to complete as well.



Enrichment homework for this half-term is on our website. Pupils are expected to complete one piece and ensure this is handed in by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February**.

Please also look at our curriculum overviews for the Spring term which are also on our website and can be viewed [here](#).



We're really excited to be part of Dyslexia Gold's research trial this term. Dyslexia Gold goes beyond phonics to address the real reason children struggle with reading. To read fluently we need to focus both eyes on the same point, and then track across the page. 98% of struggling readers' eyes don't do this. Their eyes focus on different letters, so their brain has to work very hard to decipher what they see. They can't track their eyes smoothly across the page. They skip letters, words and lines. Their eyes scan backwards as much as forwards, which is why they reverse b's and d's, and lose their place. This vision problem isn't tested at a regular eye test and often goes unnoticed. Yet it is easily fixed, by regular vision training that exercises the eye muscles. And that's exactly what this program aims to do!





## Half-Term Holiday



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All Government guidelines  
will be adhered to.  
Please bring a water  
bottle.

**AGE  
GROUP  
5-14**

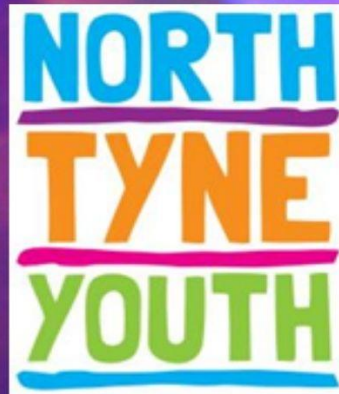


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A little bit old for our pupils, but perhaps you know someone who may benefit from North Tyne Youth's new monthly drop-in?



# 14+ Monthly Drop-In

7.00–9.00pm @ Bellingham Reed Hall

Wednesday 2nd February // 2nd March // 30th  
March // 4th May // 1st June // 13th July 2022

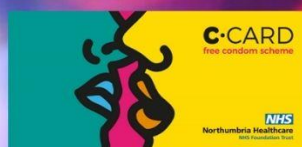
If you're aged 14–18 and live in or around Bellingham, join us for this brand new monthly drop-in night.

Your youth workers will be around to listen and provide support for anything happening in your life right now.

You'll be able to sign up for the C-Card Scheme for sexual health support.

We'll have snacks, drinks and Wi-Fi.

**For more information text/WhatsApp 07826 020949 or email  
[Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk](mailto:Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk)**





## Dates for your diary...

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Covid-19 Vaccinations
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Sea Cadets Workshop (Y7 & Y8)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Week (Y5 & Y6)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter holidays