



Dear Parents/Carers,

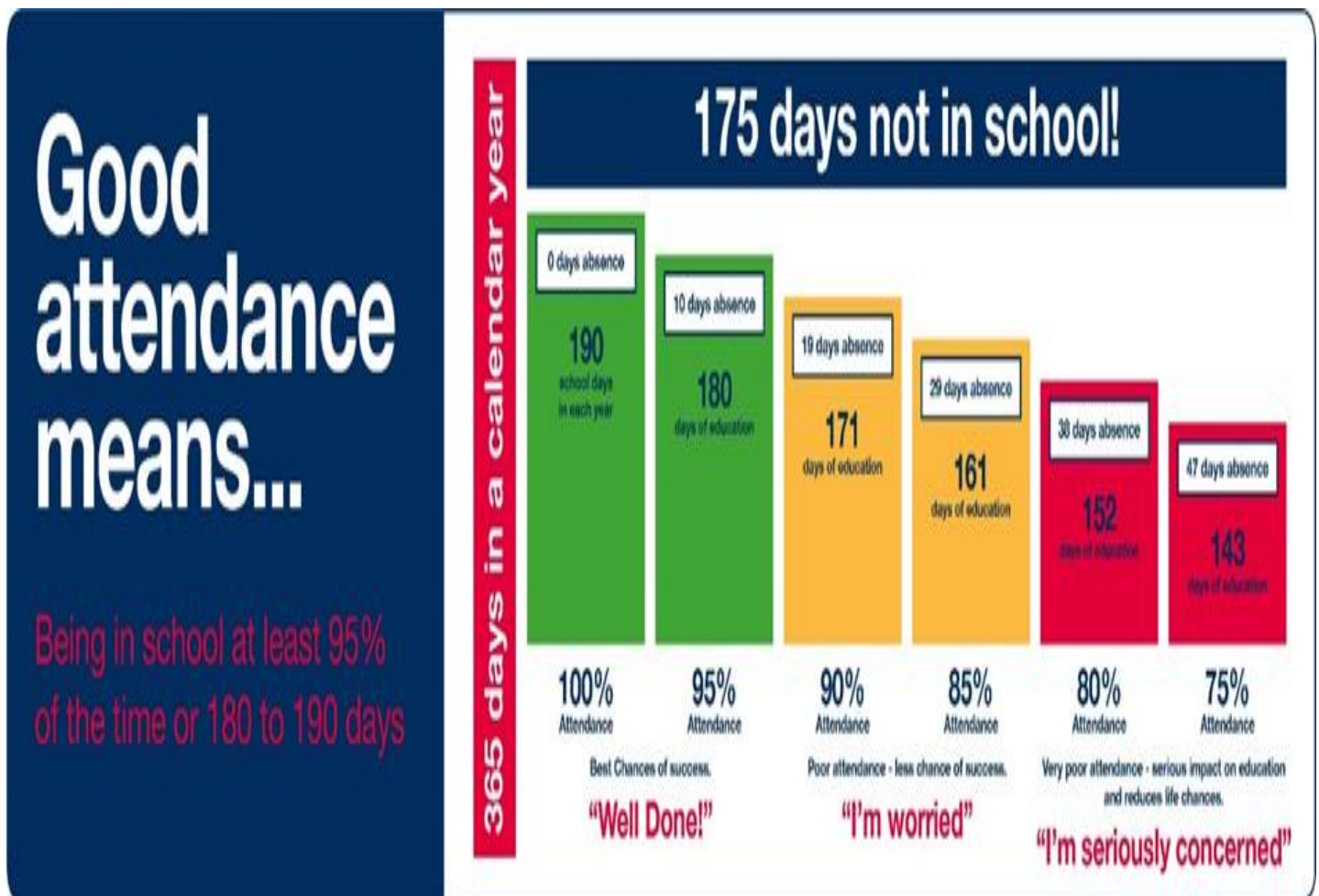
Winter is very much here and the temperatures are dropping in the build up to Christmas. Our preparations have already begun with our tree and wreath taking pride of place in our school foyer. If you have time please go to St Cuthbert's church next week to get a glimpse of our Hello Yellow/Sustainability tree. Please can all pupils ensure that they bring a warm jacket to school.

We've got lots to look forward to over the next three weeks and pupils are busy preparing for our Christmas Fair on Wednesday 21st December. This year we will be inviting families and members of our local community, with the opportunity to play games, win prizes, drink barrels of hot chocolate, sing songs and much, much more...

Thank you to all those who attended our Parents Evenings, it was fantastic to share your children's successes with you as well as giving advice on how they can continue to improve.

Dan Ramshaw

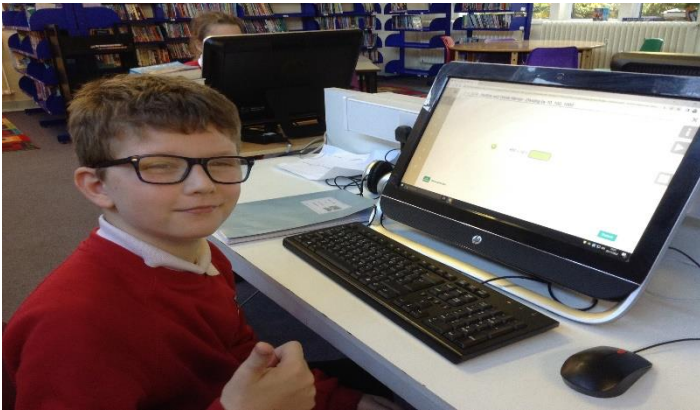
Attendance this week: 94.4%





Top mathletes

Year 6 have begun their trial on Mathletics. The pupils have been into the computer suite and have undertaken their first lot of activities. Mrs Robinson has also set the pupils some homework to do on Mathletics. The class can't wait to play on the games and compete against each other once the tasks have been completed.



Weekly maths puzzle

This puzzle is in three parts. You need to answer all three parts.

Part 1: Use four 4's to make 44

Part 2: Use five 5's to make 55

Part 3: Use six 6's to make 66

Now let's see....
 $4 + 4 + 44 = 52$
 that's no good
 How about
 $44 \times 4 - 4$
 Errm...not quite.

**Remember: You can use any of the
 +, -, x, ÷ and = keys.**

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





Pupil Council

It was fantastic to get our Pupil Council together last Friday, to get their opinion on what could be done to improve the school. Needless to say, all ideas (no matter how wacky!) are being considered.



BMSPTCA

The BMSPTCA have been a huge asset to the school for many years now, helping us run events such as school discos, curry nights etc, as well as fundraising through raffle competitions and other avenues. They have been instrumental in fundraising to allow us to redevelop our library, improve our ADT offer and through decorating our cloakrooms and yard.

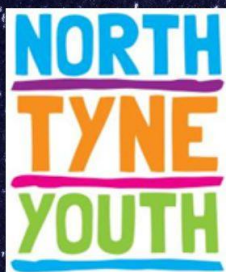
BMSPTCA are looking to recruit more members to build the team and carry on its fantastic legacy. Please take your time to visit the Facebook page on the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BMSPTCA>

On here you will get a better idea of the initiatives put in place and an opportunity to speak to members and share fundraising ideas.

The BMSPTCA will also be fundraising at the Christmas Fair on Wednesday 21st December.





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



On the farm

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited Bays Leap Dairy farm. They learnt about different types of grass, the cycle of grass, how each stage is important, the milking process from parlour to shop, as well as taste testing some milkshakes. Year 6's favourite was the Bubblegum flavour milkshake.

To top off an incredible day the pupils got to witness a calf being born and he is called Bellingham. Bays Leap staff commented on how amazing the children were.





Fruit corner

Year 5 have designed and made their own images using fruit. They all made lovely images developing their knife skills.



A breakfast treat

Year 7 have been designing and making their own savoury breakfast muffins. They all looked incredible and the smells were delicious.





CHRISTMAS WAGON RUN

5.30pm Starting at Kielder -
Bellingham - Wark - Chollerford -
Wall - Acomb - Hexham

9th December

Raising funds to help families in the North
Tyne & North East Air Ambulance

Food, Drinks and entertainment
will be available at most
villages, more details to follow.



Bellingham Middle School Christmas Fayre

A festive extravaganza for all
the family, including:
Christmas cake stall,
Christmas craft stalls,
Christmas cards, raffle,
wooden reindeers,
refreshments, and much more.



21
DECEMBER
1:30pm - 3pm



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Some pics from Christmas craft club. Christmas cards and chocolate wrapped up as snowmen on the cards for the fair! The pupils were brilliant and were really focused. There are going to be some lovely goodies on sale!



1st week of Advent



We have got into the spirit of Advent, with our own version of the Advent wreath, which has been placed in our foyer.

Advent and particularly the four Sundays before Christmas Day have been a period of preparation for Christmas for many centuries.

To celebrate the season, Christians join in the tradition of the Advent wreath. A traditional Advent wreath contains four candles, spaced around the body of an evergreen wreath. Three of the candles are purple, and the fourth is pink.

Each of the four candles represents one of the four Sundays before Christmas. The lighting of the candles is, therefore, a form of countdown to Christmas.

A fifth candle is optional and can be placed in the centre hole; its preferred colour is white. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope.



School news

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils to access, especially as the mornings get more wintry. It's also absolutely FREE! If you wish for your child to attend Breakfast Club, please can you contact Mrs Thompson directly on 01434 220235.



Thank you to everyone who has brought in prizes for our Christmas Raffle hampers. Letters were given out earlier in the week to specify the types of prize that each year group was donating.



Next Friday, on the 9th December, is Christmas Jumper Day. Get into the spirit by wearing something festive for school!



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6 th December 2022	Road Safety Workshop (Y8)
Friday 9 th December 2022	National Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 19 th December 2022	Careers/Enterprise Challenge Morning
Monday 19 th December 2022	Enrichment homework deadline
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Pantomime Trip - Cinderella– Newcastle Theatre Royal
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	BMS Christmas Fair
Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Christmas Carol Service at St Cuthbert's
Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Christmas Party
Friday 23 rd December 2022	Christmas Lunch
Friday 23 rd December 2022	School ends for Christmas holidays