



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Thanks to all those who attended the public meeting at Bellingham Middle School with the OSA last Friday. Your support was much appreciated. We will let you know as soon as we have an appeal outcome from the adjudicator.

As part of Democracy Week this week, KS3 enjoyed a visit to County Hall in Morpeth, where they learned about the history of the democratic system of government in the UK. The children were able to spend time in the impressive Council Chamber and ask questions of NCC Councillors. We were proud of how confidently and clearly pupils expressed themselves in front of an audience.

This week, we have launched our Race to Harvest Challenge for all classes. We are grateful to the local Co-op for the loan of shopping baskets for each class to fill up with any donations and are looking forward to seeing which class fills the most shopping baskets by next Friday. The winners will be announced during our Harvest Celebration assembly on 26<sup>th</sup> at 2.45pm. We would love you to join us for this special occasion. If you are attending the first school’s assembly beforehand, then please feel free to come for a coffee in between assemblies in the community room.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Oct at Queen’s Hall Arts Centre Foyer: Spook Night Family Fun (FREE)** Drop-in to make willow wands and mini witches’ brooms with Deni Riach and creepy cardboard creatures with Pui Lee. All ages welcome. 12pm – 3pm.



**National  
Trust**

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21st October 2018: Spooky Spotters’ Trail at Wallington -** The Wallington House team have had some very spooky visitors and they’ve left behind some important belongings. Help the team find the belongings around the house and work out who these visitors were. FREE event to National Trust members. 12pm – 5pm.

### GOVERNOR UPDATE

Please use the following new email address should you wish to contact the Governing Body of the Bellingham Partnership of Schools:

[governors@bellinghampartnership.uk](mailto:governors@bellinghampartnership.uk)



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Attendance this week – 96.2%



Thank you! We really appreciate all your efforts in getting to school on time, ready to start our day promptly.



Did you know?

Absences add up! Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (145)	MERLIN (133)	OSPREY (137)	PEREGRINE (140)
Daniel (Y5) Anna (Y6) Nathan (Y7) Chanel (Y8)	Cameron (Y5) Arthur (Y6) Amy (Y7) Connor (Y8)	Ebony (Y5) Honey (Y6) Shaun (Y7) Bethany (Y8)	Sam B (Y5) Bayleigh (Y6) Charlie (Y7) Callum (Y8)



Children in Need Disco

The Pupil Forum requested that pupils be able to support Children in Need 2018 with a special week of events, one of which was a disco. It has therefore been agreed to change the date of the planned disco this half term to the evening of **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Open to all pupils – come along and Do Your Thing!

**Bikeability 2018:** A reminder that all pupils doing Bikeability training next week must remember to bring their bikes into school on Monday morning for the duration of the course. These will be stored securely inside the school building overnight until collected by a parent/carer after your child has completed the course. Don't forget suitable outdoor clothing and, of course, your cycle helmet.

**Maths Whizz:** Congratulations to the following pupils for their effort and progress this week:

Y5: Sam C, Sam B, Philip & Cameron

Y6: Lucy F, Hayden, Elena & Emily





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**Democracy Week:** KS3 pupils learned about Britain’s democratic parliamentary system and its central role in shaping our history and values. Pupils posed an excellent range of well-considered questions on local, national and global issues to Councillors in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Morpeth...



What do you see as the main priorities in Northumberland at this moment in time?

Why didn't we get a say in Brexit, seeing as it is our future that it will affect?

Do you believe that the NHS will be around for much longer in its current state?

What is the country and this county doing to reduce the amount of plastic?

How will farming be affected by Brexit?

What will happen in a 'no deal' scenario?



What is your view on gender pay inequality, and is it getting better?

Should cyclists have to pay a road tax?

Is crime a big issue in Northumberland, and if so, what is being done to keep us safe?

How could we reduce food wastage?



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### MEMOS AND REMINDERS

**Admissions 2019:** Further to the letter you will have received from Northumberland County Council about admissions for the next academic year, we appreciate that this is an anxious time for families. If you happen to have any questions or require any support in understanding what you need to do by the **deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.



**Bike Helmets:** Your child **must** wear a bike helmet as he or she cycles to or from our school. We will let you know if we notice your child without a helmet and have to insist that he or she does not ride until one is worn. Please remind your child to stay safe on our roads by wearing a helmet.

**Contacting school if your child is ill:** Could all parents please inform us by 9.15 am if your child is not able to attend school due to illness. You can leave a message on the answerphone if the line is busy or email: [middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk](mailto:middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk)

**Dinner Money:** Please pay on the day or weekly from September. It is not possible to put credit on a tab. Whilst we would never see a child go hungry, we cannot afford to subsidise your child's meal. If you require free school meals for your child, then please apply to Northumberland County Council. Call: 01670 623592 or apply online, using the link below. Thank you for your support.

[https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free\\_School\\_Meals](https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free_School_Meals)

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Optional Prayer Space – Harvest Theme
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Bikeability Week – bring bikes, helmets, suitable clothing
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Race to Harvest Week – donations welcome
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm – all welcome
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Teacher Training Day – no pupils
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Start of autumn second half term begins
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	North East Kids' Lit Quiz Trip - Gosforth
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Stemtastic Enrichment Trip - Newcastle
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment for London trip – pay by today
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Prefects & Pupil Forum Reps to Remembrance Service
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Disco
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of autumn term



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