



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

The highlight of this week has been our KS2 Enrichment Challenge Day. Congratulations to all our KS2 pupils who did themselves and our school proud at the North East Choir of The Year, held at Durham Cathedral. After a very early start to their school day, the children climbed all the way up to Palace Green to take in this awesome World Heritage Site. For many, this was a first visit and one that we hope will be remembered forever. They sang beautifully and were complimented on their outstanding behaviour, especially as they listened attentively and enjoyed all the performances of other schools from across the whole of the north east. As one of only two Northumberland Schools entered, we loved every minute of our morning together, included the amazing massed singing. We also all agreed with Honey in Y6, who summed up perfectly that we were ‘in it to sing it!’ Thank you to all parents/carers who ensured that children were turned out so smartly for this special occasion and to Chorister School pianist Julia Kennard for her wonderful accompaniment.

The afternoon trip to Beamish saw Y6 rise to the challenge of a murder mystery around the Old Town. Everyone bravely attended the ‘scene of the crime’ to retrieve ‘evidence’ which informed their investigations; we are delighted to report that Y6’s powers of deduction and inference saved the day to solve the mystery. Meanwhile, Y5 travelled back in time for school in the Victorian period, taking a lesson in the Pit Village School. Although unthinkable today, the children were aghast to learn that anybody left-handed was singled out and punished for writing with their left instead of right hand. Perhaps BMS teachers are better after all! Thank you to Mrs Robinson, Mr Ramshaw, Mrs Clay, Miss Mason, Mrs Batey and Mrs Pattinson for supporting the pupils throughout this creative curriculum experience.

For anybody interested, we have two places now available on our school residential trip to London in May 2019. This is open to Y6, Y7 and Y8. Please see Mrs Thompson if interested. All pupils not going to London can look forward to their own Enrichment Challenge Week whilst the London trip is taking place – details to follow.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



9th February onwards – Centre for Life, Newcastle: *Museum of the Moon* will shine in Life Science Centre in Newcastle from 2 February until 31 March 2019. The seven-metre-wide spherical artwork is suspended in the air and displays NASA imagery of the lunar surface. This allows visitors to explore the Moon’s surface in incredible detail – without ever stepping foot off the planet. [Centre for Life](#)

16th February – Centre for Life, Newcastle: A **FREE** monthly computer coding club for people age 8-17 run by volunteers and hosted by Life. CoderDojo is an open source, volunteer-led movement orientated around running free, not-for-profit coding clubs and regular sessions for young people. It is run by external volunteers and hosted by Life. CoderDojo sessions run at Life on every third Saturday of the month. Visitors should bring along their own laptop and power cable if possible. [CoderDojo online booking](#)





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Attendance this week – 90.07%



Let’s hope we have seen the last of the snow days for this year! Do remember your child has Enrichment Homework Options online to use in the event of any unforeseen closures.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (130)	MERLIN (163)	OSPREY (144)	PEREGRINE (162)
Harry (Y5) Anna H (Y6) Lucy (Y7) Ryan (Y8)	Bobby (Y5) Nina (Y6) Amy (Y7) Thomas (Y8)	Angus (Y5) Aidan (Y6) David (Y7) Samantha (Y8)	Sam C (Y5) Amy & Emma (Y6) Sam (Y7) Imogen (Y8)

Y5 go back in time for school: The Victorian Era



Y6 Super Sleuths Solve Murder Mystery!





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KS2 compete at the 2019 North East KS2 Choir of the Year:



“We’re in it to sing it!” Bravo, Key Stage Two!





MEMOS AND REMINDERS



NF1 Pop-up Book Sale: Please send in from Monday any unwanted books in good condition to support this pupil run charity stall, which will be held on Friday 15th March to raise money for the Childhood Tumour Trust. Thank you for any donations, which should be given to Mrs Stutchbury.

School Closures: Find out about school closures by ringing Message Line: 0844 445 7463, charged at a local rate, or listening to BBC Radio Newcastle, or looking at the school or county websites (www.northumberland.gov.uk/alerts).



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

Dinner Money: Please pay on the day or weekly on Mondays, using a named envelope. 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.

[Apply for Free School Meals](#)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Fri 8th Feb	KS2 + Y8 Northumbria University Outreach
Fri 8 th Feb	Kestrel House Non-Uniform Day
Tues 12 th Feb	Spring 1 Enrichment Homework Deadline
Thurs 14th Feb	Valentine's Disco 6.00pm-7.30pm
Fri 15 th Feb	Whole School Reward Non-Uniform Day
Mon 18th-Fri 22nd Feb	Half-term week
Tues 26th Feb	Y7 Univenture at Newcastle University
Fri 1 st Mar	Show Racism the Red Card: Fitness Fun (PE Kits in)
Wed 6 th Mar	Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
Thurs 7 th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11 th -Thurs 14th	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 14 th Mar	Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
Fri 15 th Mar	Red Nose Day
Tues 26 th Mar	KS3 Army Youth Engagement Day with Sandhurst (at BMS)