



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Thank you to all those who attended Parents’ Evening on Wednesday evening: your support and time was appreciated. If you were not able to attend, but would like to speak to your child’s form tutor or teachers, then please do get in touch.

KS3 pupils enjoyed the opportunity to work with Newcastle University last Monday for a CSI Investigation, including extracting DNA from strawberries. For once, the smells from the science lab were lovely! Importantly, the humanities, biomedical and natural science practical workshops were fascinating and challenged pupils to consider career paths in these fields, including forensic science. We are grateful to the university ambassadors who spent the day with our school and look forward to Y7’s participation in Newcastle University’s UniVenture 2020 next term. Y8 will begin their linked work with Durham University’s computer science department on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This will support computing and physics learning within school, providing a new and exciting level of challenge for our oldest pupils over the coming months.

On Tuesday, KS2 pupils participated in a special Warburtons healthy eating workshop, including learning about food hygiene requirements for the world of work as well as a practical session creating delicious filling combinations for fresh sandwiches. Thank you to Gail from Warburtons, who gave generously of her time and expertise and well done to KS2 for your excellent questions and enthusiasm.

Finally, thank you to all those who have returned residential trip replies and deposits. We are delighted with the response to date. At the moment, it looks like both trips will be viable. There are a very small number of places left for both the Normandy Adventure Camp and the Midlands Magic opportunities. If you have not yet responded, but would like your child to go, then please do get in touch as soon as possible.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**29<sup>th</sup> November: Ignite Festival in Hexham:** Be delighted, inspired, moved and warmed at the ignition of a Festival of Flame. Come and discover what the abbey looks like when illuminated only by candlelight. Hexham Christmas lights will be switched on at 5pm, with the trial through the abbey and grounds from 5.30pm until 9pm. Suitable for all the family.  
[Ignite](#)



**4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December: Bellingham Amateur Dramatics** present Robin of Sherwood at Bellingham Town Hall. Come along and support the latest theatrical offering from this local drama group. Tickets available from the pharmacy or online.



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Attendance this week – 96.63%



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



**Did you know?**

**Children who attend 95% or better are statistically much more likely to achieve 5+ good GCSEs by the end of Year 11.**

**SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS**

**WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!**

KESTREL (141)	MERLIN (109)	OSPREY (73)	PEREGRINE (163)
Mason (Y5) Harry (Y6) Hayden (Y7) Lucy (Y8)	Chloe (Y5) Cameron (Y6) Arthur (Y7) David & Georgia (Y8)	Anna (Y5) Ebony (Y6) Owen (Y7) Ruby (Y8)	Luke (Y5) Shane (Y6) Lucy CF, Emily & Harriet (Y7) Tayah (Y8)

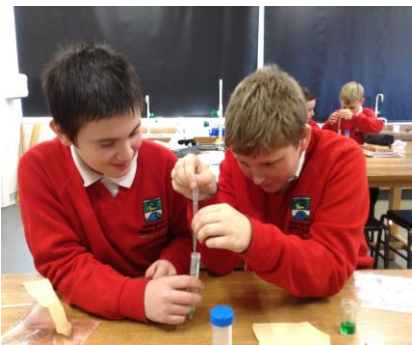


**FOOTBALL SUCCESS**

Congratulations to Dean (Y7) for an excellent first result of the season. Dean plays for West Tyne District under 12s, whose recent performance saw a 4-2 victory over North Tyneside. Great job, Dean!



**KS3 CSI Investigation:** pupils enjoyed learning about career paths in forensic science as they extracted DNA from strawberries to help solve the mystery of the theft of the Martin Luther King statue from the university campus. We certainly have some super sleuths at BMS!





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### KS2 Healthy Eating and World of Work with Warburton’s:

Delicious and nutritious sandwich making by Y5 and Y6 pupils looked a professional enterprise as pupils learned all about food hygiene, even sporting the necessary headgear to ensure that their creations met strict health and safety standards. If they hadn’t before, we hope that your children will now perhaps offer to make you a sandwich for a change!



### MEMOS AND REMINDERS



**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. Further Bikeability training will be available next term.

**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. We would never see a child go hungry; however, 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.

[Click here to apply for free school meals](#)

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Y8 Durham University Project Launch (Digital Physics)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert: BMS pupils with Choral Society
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	A Christmas Cracker 6.30pm – all welcome
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service at St Cuthbert’s Church 11am
Fri 20 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of Autumn Term



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