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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Firstly, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss McHale, who has started her work with Y5 and Y7. Mrs Robinson has asked that we pass on her sincere thanks for all the kind gifts, cakes and good wishes as she begins her maternity leave. In the meantime, we are really looking forward to working with our new colleague and know that she is also excited about this special opportunity to work with the fantastic pupils here at BMS.

Congratulations to our fabulous cross-country runners, who held their own in the face of stiff competition from across the region at the County Championships. With 90 runners in each race, Aidan, Anna H, James and Pippa all did an excellent job of representing both themselves and our school. Thank you to Mr Ramshaw for supporting the children throughout.

The latest Bikeability training commenced this week, with a further twelve pupils opting to take up the challenge of improving their cycling proficiency. Thank you to those families who brought bikes into school today – much appreciated. The children are undertaking a course designed for rapid progress and confidence in keeping safe on local roads. The weather has been kind so far and we look forward to a progress report next week.

For those pupils entering the 500 Word BBC Story Writing Competition, a reminder that the deadline for online entries is Thursday 27th February at 8pm. This can be through home or school. If your child is in the enrichment group working towards this competition, then we will assume that your preference is for school to submit your child’s entry, unless you let us know otherwise.

Finally, a reminder to all parents and carers of Y6 pupils that you are invited to our SATS information evening on Wednesday 5th February from 6pm at BMS. All welcome.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



25 January 2020 - 22 April 2020 The Sill: Lost Words Festival - a festival dedicated to a book that has become a global movement celebrating language and nature at The Sill: National Landscape Discovery Centre. Aiming to revive and uncover the near-lost magic and strangeness of nature that surrounds us, *Lost Words* conjures back words all but lost from the vocabulary of children – such as acorn, bramble, lark, weasel, willow and wren. [Lost Words Festival](#)



10th Feb 2020: Queen’s Hall, Hexham: Mayor’s Question Time (FREE) Based on the BBC’s Question Time programme but in an informal and relaxed setting, you might have a burning question to ask or you might just be interested in hearing what’s happening. Register to be able to submit questions. Follow this link: [Mayor's Question Time](#)



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Attendance this week – 96.37%



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



Did you know?

UNCRC Article 28 – Every child has the right to learn and go to school.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (249)	MERLIN (239)	OSPREY (198)	PEREGRINE (261)
Mason (Y5) Harry (Y6) Katie (Y7) James (Y8)	Chloe (Y5) Bobby (Y6) Nina (Y7) David (Y8)	Anna (Y5) Ebony (Y6) Owen (Y7) Ruby (Y8)	Lucy (Y5) Sam C (Y6) Jenny (Y7) Tayah (Y8)



KS2 learning how to keep safe on local roads and be responsible road users





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CROSS COUNTRY COUNTY QUALIFIERS



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.

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 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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Monday 3rd Feb

Bikeability Week: Levels 1 & 2 (open to all)

Wed 5th Feb

Y6 SATS Information Evening 6pm at BMS

Tuesday 11th Feb

Book Bus – postponed to later date (TBC)

Wednesday 12th Feb

Valentine's Disco – all welcome (6pm - 7.30pm)

Monday 17th- Friday 21st Feb

Half Term holidays

Monday 24th Feb

Pupils return

Friday 28th Feb

Y7 Univenture Trip to Newcastle University