



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We were surprised and delighted this week that, for the first time ever at our school, the votes for Chair of the Pupil Forum resulted in a draw, meaning that two pupils will Co-Chair for this academic year. Congratulations to Connor (Y8) and Anna (Y6) for speaking to the whole school with conviction and sincerity. Please take a look at our Pupil Forum Zone and encourage your child to make their views or requests known to their class representative about any aspect of school life.

We would like to thank pupils and their families for generously supporting two charities recently. Mrs Batey and our team of prefects hosted one of our famous Coffee and Cake Afternoons in aid of Cancer Research, with many pupils providing wonderful home baked cakes and tray bakes for guests to enjoy. To those who were able to attend and support the children, we would like you to know this was much appreciated. This week, the school also celebrated World Mental Health Day. Pupils were invited to come to school dressed in something yellow in support of the “Hello Yellow” campaign to raise funds for Young Minds. A special thank you too must go to Joseph for his delicious “Hello Yellow” biscuits!

Please do remember that at 5pm today after school, you have the opportunity to attend a public meeting at Bellingham Middle School with the Office of the Schools’ Adjudicator (OSA), the government office which will make a final decision about closure for our school. All welcome.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



Now until 20th October 2018: Matisse Art Exhibition (FREE) Drawing with Scissors @ Queen’s Hall, Hexham. The French painter, sculptor and designer, Henri Matisse (1869-1954) was one of the 20th century’s most influential artists. This exhibition includes many of his iconic images, such as The Snail. Open 10am – 4pm on Saturdays, as well as during the week.



13th & 14th October 2018: Creatures of the Night Trail at Wallington - find out about the fascinating creatures that come to life when the sun goes down on this trail through the woods. Head to the West Woods to learn about some of the nocturnal residents, their habitats and adaptations. 10am – 5pm. Links to current Y6 science work. FREE event to National Trust members.

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



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Attendance this week – 96.3%



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 (118)	MERLIN (117)	OSPREY (126)	PEREGRINE (89)
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)



Hello Yellow Campaign: it was lovely to see sunshine yellow everywhere, brightening up our Wednesday. Pupils created positive affirmations to display around the school to support the emotional wellbeing of one another on **World Mental Health Day 2018**.

YOUNG Mi MINDS



North East Power Chair League: A special well done must go this week to Angus (Y6) for his sporting achievements with the second team, Newcastle Magpies. Keep up the good work, Angus!

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

Y5: Bobby, Cameron, Abbie & Ebony

Y6: Callum, Owen, Emily, Nina & Anna





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PUPIL FORUM ZONE:

Following our **Pupil Forum Hustings**, we are pleased to introduce our newly elected Pupil Forum for the academic year ahead: Connor, Olivia, Hannah, James, Bethany, Imogen, Charlie, Archie, Callum, Hayden, Bobby and Harry.

We will make sure money we raise is used responsibly to benefit pupils or as pupils would want.

We will get people's points across so their voices are heard.

We will listen to other people's opinions and respect other people's ideas, even if they are different to our own.

We will record our meeting minutes carefully.

We can take other people's ideas forward.

We will ensure that we communicate clearly so that pupils know what has been decided.

We will help everyone to have their views shared with others.

We will support the decisions of the Pupil Forum on behalf of our school.





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 or not do by the **deadline of 31st 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. 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

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

Friday 12 Oct	OSA Public Meeting at BMS – 5pm – all welcome
Mon 15 th Oct	Democracy Week: KS3 Visit to County Hall
Thurs 25 th Oct	School Disco for all (organised by Osprey House)
Fri 26 th Oct	Pupils attend school for last day of autumn first half term
Mon 5 th Nov	Teacher Training Day – no pupils
Tues 6 th Nov	Start of autumn second half term begins
Wed 7 th Nov	North East Kids' Lit Quiz - Gosforth
Fri 9 th Nov	3 rd instalment for London trip – pay by today
Fri 16 th Nov	Children in Need Day
Fri 21 st Dec	End of autumn term