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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Our summer term continues with lots of exciting events and enrichment for your children. Today, we had an inspirational assembly from the “WE” charity about being the change you want to see in the world. Afterwards, everyone agreed through their resounding applause for Ella (our visiting speaker) that young people care very much about the world around them. As the lucky class chosen to work with Ella afterwards, we are looking forward to the Y7 action plan for local and global actions to turn inspiration into positive change. Also in Y7, we extend a warm welcome to Dominic, and to his family who have moved to Bellingham this week.

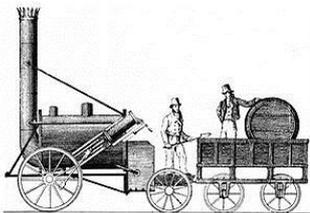
Next Thursday, we are holding a French Day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed in blue, white and red. The canteen menu will be themed (see menu below) and a French Day café will be open for pupils all day, where pupils will enjoy themed lessons.

Finally, a reminder that the data protection rules have changed recently. Please do take a look on the website if you would like to find out more.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



23rd and 24th June 2018: Robert Stephenson’s 0-2-2 locomotive Rocket & Exhibition (FREE) The iconic steam locomotive Rocket returns to Tyneside, on loan to the Discovery Museum from the Science Museum Group, as part of the Great Exhibition of the North, 22nd June – 9th September. Book free tickets in advance online.



22nd June – 9th September 2018: Get North Water Sculpture. (FREE) Be wowed by the UK’s largest water sculpture which will perform hourly. Download three specially commissioned soundtracks and experience this impressive spectacle to three different pieces of music. The Water Sculpture is 80m long and reaches the height of the Tyne Bridge. Open daily between 10am and 11pm.



23rd June: Northumberland Live Music Festival (FREE) This family festival has lots to offer all age groups, including The Lightning Seeds. Live music, rides, face painting, food stalls and even mermaids and pirates! 10.30am – 9pm. Blyth Beach, Mermaid Car Park.



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Attendance this week – 93.7%



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



Did you know?

Ella from “We” told us in assembly that 58 million children around the world do not have access to education. Today, our pupils reflected on how lucky they are to be able to come to school. Please help your child make the most of their education by ensuring he or she attends school every day.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (160)	MERLIN (227)	OSPREY (97)	PEREGRINE (231)
Angus (5A)	Hannah (5A)	Isla (5A)	Lucy C (5A)
Hayden (5R)	Zak (5R)	Owen (5R)	Emma (5R)
Bryanna (Y6)	David (Y6)	Keiran (Y6)	Lucy (Y6)
Alex (Y7)	James (Y7)	Bethany (Y7)	Annalise (Y7)
Ellie (Y8)	Lucy F (Y8)	Fletcher (Y8)	Sophie (Y8)



Maths/STEM KS2 Challenge: Two Y6 teams travelled to Mowden Hall School this week to compete in this annual inter-schools’ contest. We are proud to share that they came joint 3rd and 5th positions out of 20 schools from across the region. “Murderous Maths” author, Kjartan Poskitt, attended the event and talked with the children about mathematical problems and fascinating science facts about space. A special thank you should go to the children for representing BMS so well; to Miss Mason for taking the children, and to Mowden Hall School for hosting. Congratulations KS2!



“Writing Borders” KS3 Enrichment Project: As part of Hexham Book Festival, 15 of our KS3 pupils were selected to work with a visiting author and illustrator from Latvia. The children explored the concept of borders (physical, geographical and emotional) before producing their own short stories. Alex (Y7) even had his story performed at the Queen’s Hall, Hexham, where pupils also listened to stories being read in different languages. Our pupils were complimented on the quality of their engagement with this enrichment project. Thanks to Mrs Stutchbury and Mrs Batey for supporting the pupils, and to Hexham Book Festival for sponsoring the week’s events. Well done KS3!



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CLASS ZONE



Y5 pupils have been having fun challenging each other in **STEM** activities. Here are the three winning towers for the Tallest Tower using only 3 sheets of A3 paper and a roll of sellotape. The snag was it had to be able to stand up unaided, which gave our youngest children a chance to demonstrate some fantastic collaboration and lateral thinking.



Grow £5 Project: As part of their financial education, **Y6** pupils are currently working on their business plans for small group mini-enterprises, which they will run over the next few weeks at lunchtimes. This cross-curricular project is always a favourite with Y6, the aim being to make as much profit as possible from an investment of £5. Profits at the end go directly towards subsidies for school trips for the children. This year's stalls will include: photo booth, 10p drop and a lucky dip. Please consider allowing your child to support Y6, though obviously, there is no obligation.



This week, our **“Be Safe”** workshops ran successfully again for all year groups, exploring themes such as: how to keep safe on the streets; anti-bullying and healthy relationships. **Y7** has a particularly useful day looking at consequences of risk taking behaviour to raise awareness around drugs. We were delighted to receive a thank you letter from the “Be Safe” organisation, complimenting Bellingham Middle pupils on their *“hospitality towards visitors and engagement with the topic”*.



The **Y7** and **Y8** trip to Hawkhurst Activity Centre was a great success, with pupils rising to several physical and mental challenges. A fun day was had by all as they enjoyed: canoeing, raft building, pioneering and zip line. Staff were impressed with how well pupils further developed their understanding of the importance of teamwork, communication and leadership. The only downside to the day was being pestered by a swarm of midge, which certainly tested the resilience of all!



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MEMOS AND REMINDERS



School Transport: Do remember that the deadline for school transport applications is 30th June 2018. Late applications may result in a delay in receiving bus passes.



Le Menu - 28 Juin 2018

Quiche Lorraine avec de la salade (quiche and salad)
Coq au Vin (chicken casserole)
Boeuf Bourginon (beef casserole)
Croque Monsieur (cheese toastie)
Pommes frites (chips)
Haricots verts (green beans)
Petits pois (peas)
Crème brûlée
Crêpes au chocolat (chocolate pancakes)



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

Reminder: Holidays taken in term time will be recorded as unauthorised absence. You need to let us know if you are planning on taking a holiday during term time so that we know that your children are safe and accounted for. Thanks for your support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Sat 23 rd June	County Athletics @ Gateshead Stadium
Tuesday 3 rd July	Hexham Partnership Transfer Day
Wednesday 4 th July	Hayden Bridge Partnership Transfer Day
Wednesday 11th July	Reward Trip to Metro Centre
Monday 16th July	World Cup Homework Project Deadline
Tuesday 17th July	Summer Production at 6pm
Wednesday 18th July	Y8 Trip to South Shields
Thursday 19th July	Prom
Friday 20th July	End of term



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