



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We were amazed by the grand total raised by Bellingham Middle School’s Children in Need Week: £702.18 and would like to thank all of you who have so generously supported the children and staff in this brilliant achievement. Please see this week’s gallery of pupils in action, working together to think of others who have less and make a difference.

To pupils and to parents/carers of those in KS3, we would like to apologise for the last minute cancellation of the theatre trip to Haydon Bridge High School. Due to the unfortunate break-down of the bus bringing the theatre company to the high school, this opportunity was unable to take place. We are waiting to hear if the performance will be rescheduled. If this is not possible, then all monies will be returned to you.

Thank you to all those who supported our Parents’ Evening this week. We really appreciate the time you gave to discussing your child’s progress with staff, and hope that you found it valuable. As ever, our dedicated team continues to work incredibly hard to ensure that your child has the best possible provision at Bellingham Middle School. Should you need to discuss any aspect of your child’s education, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are here to listen and happy to help.

Finally, we would like to ask all parents and carers to fill out the annual parents’ questionnaire, sent home today with your child. Your feedback matters to us, so please take this chance to let us know how we are doing.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November: “The Blast” at Queen’s Hall, Hexham:** Art Exhibition – pictures by Roger Coulam, who has collected cultural objects found scattered and washed up on Blast Beach, Seaham. This fascinating exhibition is free to all and family friendly.



**24<sup>th</sup> November onwards: 50 Christmas Trees for 50 Years!** Come and enjoy Wallington’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary seasonal display. FREE event with National Trust admission.



**13<sup>th</sup> December: Sankta Lucia Festival:** Bring some light into December darkness by joining in this traditional Scandinavian celebration at Hexham Abbey from 7pm. Tickets for the Luciatag now available at [www.Eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.Eventbrite.co.uk) Under 18s are free.



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Attendance this week – 96.4%



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



Did you know?

80% of success is showing up. 90% attendance is persistent absence. 90% = 4 weeks of school missed. Missing school means missing out!

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (138)	MERLIN (134)	OSPREY (115)	PEREGRINE (119)
Philip (Y5) Anna (Y6) Imogen (Y7) Alex (Y8)	Cameron (Y5) Callum (Y6) David (Y7) Erin (Y8)	Ebony (Y5) Bob (Y6) Shaun (Y7) Samatha (Y8)	Shane (Y5) Harriet (Y6) Sam B (Y7) Paige (Y8)

**Bake Off Challenge:** Our talented KS2/3 pupils rose to particularly technical challenges this week set by Mrs Carr. They had just 90 minutes to prepare, bake and decorate a batch of Christmas biscuits and chocolate swiss roll, then decorate it in the style of a Christmas log. Mrs Carr, Mrs Batey and Mrs Stutchbury were delighted at the excellent standard of finished work. Most importantly, we hope at least some of them made it home for you to enjoy!



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

Y5: Sam C, Sam B, Angus, Philip and Harry

Y6: Callum, Nina, Aidan, Hannah & Isla

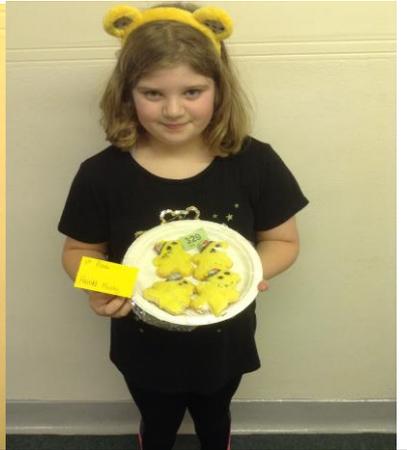




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**Together, we *can* make a difference. Thank you to all the pupils, staff, families and friends who supported BMS Children in Need Week 2018.**



**Our grand total was over £702.18. Congratulations BMS on this brilliant achievement!**





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### MEMOS AND REMINDERS

**Careers Fair:** Please let Mrs Samuels know if you – or anybody you know - would be willing to talk to small groups of pupils about your job. We are aiming to develop a week of opportunities for children to broaden their horizons and aspirations. To do this, we need the support of our local and wider community, beginning with the talent pool on our doorsteps – you! Thank you to those who have already offered so far...



**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](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. 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](https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free_School_Meals)

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	NDAS KS3 Workshop
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dogs Trust Day
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Area Cross Country at Ovingham Middle
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Woodland Trust Assembly
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Show Racism the Red Card Day (PE Kits needed)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Autumn 2 Enrichment Homework Deadline
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Festive Arts VARC Day
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Party Day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of autumn term



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