



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Following the annual Hustings, where pupils willing to stand gave speeches in front of the whole school, the due democratic process revealed that for this academic year, our new Chairperson is Tayah and that Lily J has been voted in as Vice Chair. The supporting roles of Treasurer and Secretary have gone to Archie and Anna respectively. Congratulations to all four and well done to all those who took part for speaking to the whole school with conviction and sincerity. Two class representatives have also been voted in to complete our Pupil Forum for 2019. 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.

On Friday this week. Mrs Batey and our team of prefects will be hosting one of our famous Coffee and Cake Afternoons in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. Donations of cakes and bakes would be much appreciated. Please come along and enjoy a cuppa and catch up with other families and friends from 1.30pm in the community room. Your child will be able to meet you in there.

A reminder that our Harvest Festival Celebration is coming up soon. We will be collecting to support West Northumberland Food Bank in Hexham. Donations of tins and dried produce can be sent in with your child from now until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, if you have any items you could spare.

If your child would like drum tuition at school on Mondays, please ask them to see Mrs Samuels.

Finally, our Open Evening for prospective pupils and their families will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 6pm and 7.30pm. Your child may be asked to support this event as a helper, uniform model, tour guide or even as a waiter in our French café. If this is the case, and it would be helpful, then your child can bring a packed tea and stay on at school for this event.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Queen’s Hall, Hexham – The Hound of the Baskervilles.** Charles Baskerville is dead, and a terrifying beast is rumoured to stalk the moors around the remote Baskerville mansion. Sherlock Holmes investigates in this tense and unsettling mystery. For tickets to see this Northern Stage production at 7.30pm, contact the box office: 01434 652 477

[Tickets](#) **Curriculum links: KS3 English**



**Until 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019: Discovery Museum, Newcastle - New Arrivals Exhibition: Making Tyneside Home.** Take a look at this powerful portrait in celebration of Tyneside’s diverse population. Photographer Jeremy Abrahams captures the experience of people who have migrated to the region from overseas. **Curriculum links: British Values, PSHCE, ADT, History and Geography**

**GOVERNOR NEWS:** Welcome to the new Chair of Governors: David Gundry. If you would like to get in touch with the Governing Body of Bellingham Partnership of Schools, the following email address should be used: [governors@bellinghampartnership.uk](mailto:governors@bellinghampartnership.uk) Further governance information can be found on the school website.



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Attendance this week – 97.8%



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



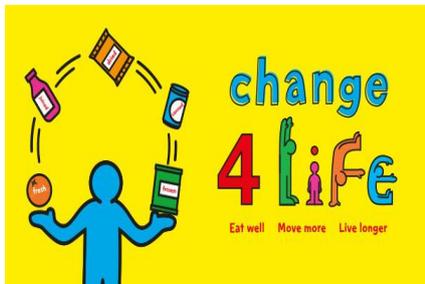
Did you know?

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 (101)	MERLIN (144)	OSPREY (115)	PEREGRINE (136)
Jessica & Amelie (Y5) Harry (Y6) Elena (Y7) Harlie (Y8)	Hugh (Y5) Bobby (Y6) Arthur (Y7) David (Y8)	Lucy (Y5) Ebony (Y6) Aiden & Owen (Y7) Will & Archie (Y8)	Elise (Y5) Beth (Y6) Emma (Y7) Imogen (Y8)



**Change 4 Life Parent Workshop:** Northumberland Health Trainer Service is offering workshops for parents/carers of pupils in Reception and Y6 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15am (Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham) Get support and advice to make healthier family choices, understand portion sizes and explore healthy packed lunch ideas. To confirm your attendance, please email: [Startingwell@northumbria-healthcare.nhs.uk](mailto:Startingwell@northumbria-healthcare.nhs.uk) All welcome. FREE

 **BELLINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
 Warmly welcome you to an  
**OPEN EVENING**  
 6.00 - 7.30pm - Wednesday 2nd October, 2019

All prospective parents and their children who are considering places in our school are welcome to join us and enjoy an informal open evening, where you will have the opportunity to look around our school and meet some of the children and staff.

*Bellingham Middle School - Inspiring learning*  
 Redesmouth Road, Bellingham, Hexham, NE48 2EN  
 Tel: 01434 - 220235

[Click here to apply for a place at Bellingham Middle School](#)



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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: Tayah, Lily J, Archie, Anna, Katie, David, Elena, Lucy, Isabel, Grace, Liam and Chloe.

We will make sure that every pupil's views are heard and represented.

Pupils should have a say in the school because it's their school and their future.

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

We want to make our school an even better place and make sure that everyone knows that they are a part of our school community.

We are here to listen; if anybody needs to talk, then they can turn to us.

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

We want to make sure everyone feels safe and welcome in our school.

We will give opportunities and let people's voices be heard.

We want to help everyone feel equally welcome. We are all different but all part of BMS.





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### 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

[Click here to apply for middle or high school places by 31st October 2019](#)



**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, 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

Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	BMSPTCA Meeting 3.25pm - Community Room: all welcome
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Y8 HPV Session 1 at BMS
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Celebration Assembly at 2pm: all welcome
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Mental Health Day – “Hello Yellow”
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	KS3 Democracy Workshop with Councillors at BMS
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	KS2 Synagogue and Discovery Museum Trip
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct-Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Teacher Training Day – no pupils
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Start of autumn second half term begins
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Prayer Space – Remembrance – open to all
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Science Week: Planetarium for Y5, Y6, Y7 and Y8
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert: BMS pupils with Choral Society
Fri 20 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of Autumn Term



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