



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Thank you to all the many families who kindly sent in raffle prizes/food bank donations on Friday. We have a wonderful collection, which will be put to good use. You should have received a letter about our ‘*Christmas Cracker*’ festive evening: please remember to return ticket requests (no cost) as soon as possible.

Y8 pupils have had an excellent day on Tuesday at Durham University, learning about the collegiate system as well as spending time on the Science Campus as they started their Digital Physics programme. Pupils particularly enjoyed their time in the Vis Lab, meeting robots and learning about different research projects and career pathways within Computer Science. All pupils impressed BMS staff with the way in which they engaged during the real lecture experience, which introduced children to the Ethical Computer Programming through Moral Machines dilemmas. We are very grateful to the Principal of St Chad’s College and to Eleni from Computer Science for coordinating such an amazing time for BMS pupils, and look forward to meeting our postgraduate mentors for our serious game design project after Christmas.

Our cross country runners had brilliant success at Ovingham Middle last week, with four KS3 pupils qualifying for the County Championships. Congratulations to: James, Pippa, Anna H and Aidan. If the organisers decide to hold a KS2 contest, then Harry and Elise would also qualify. A huge well done to all as this is the most successful cohort of runners we have had in recent years at BMS.

A group of BMS carol singers will be supporting Bellingham Late Night Shopping tonight. The BMSPTCA are running a stall as part of this event. Pupils have made decorations and cards, which will be on sale on this stall. If your child is taking part, then remember that they are welcome to stay in school with a packed tea or meet us at school for 5.15 before we walk to the Cheviot. Pick up is at 6.30pm outside St Cuthbert’s Church. All welcome. We hope to see you there!

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER TONIGHT?

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in Bellingham:** Come along and enjoy a festive evening of late night shopping, including a wonderful array of exciting stalls in the town hall, and Cheviot with handmade decorations and cards created by BMS pupils. BMS carol singers will be performing for all to enjoy and don’t forget the Christmas Tree Festival in St Cuthbert’s Church, including our amazing Eco-Tree!



**‘Future of North Tyne Youth’ meeting:** Could you get involved and support opportunities for children and young people living rurally? If you are interested in becoming a trustee or would just like to find out more, please come along to our ‘Future of North Tyne Youth’ meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December between 6.30 and 8pm at RTC Sports Centre in Otterburn.





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Attendance this week – 95.42%



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



Did you know?

Research shows that pupils with more than 95% attendance or better achieve GCSE results at least one grade higher than those who don't.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (132)	MERLIN (118)	OSPREY (145)	PEREGRINE (131)
Amelie (Y5) Grace (Y6) Isaac (Y7) Lucy (Y8)	Brooke (Y5) Bobby (Y6) Arthur (Y7) Pippa (Y8)	Logan (Y5) Ebony (Y6) Max (Y7) Amy (Y8)	Lucy M, Elise, Luke Sam (Y6) Amy (Y7) Imogen (Y8)



FOOTBALL STARS

A special well done to our KS3 girls' 5 a-side football team: Amy, Lily J, Hannah, Jenny, Katie, Anna H, Elena and Emily, all of whom competed at the West Northumberland Five-A-Side Tournament, beating a team from Hexham Middle. A brilliant first outing! We look forward to their continued success. Great job, girls!

BMS CROSS COUNTRY RECORD SUCCESS







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**Y8 CEIAG Programme with Durham University: Digital Physics Project Launch**



**Exploring the University of Durham**



**Visiting St Chad's College**



**Touring the Computer Science dept**



**Meeting the 20K robots in the Vis Lab**



**Admiring prototypes in the Thermodynamics & Fluid Mechanics Lab**



**Debating ethical computer programming of driverless cars in our first university lecture with Durham undergraduates**



## 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. 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; however, 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.

[Click here to apply for free school meals](#)

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Singing at Bellingham Late Night Shopping
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch – pupils can wear Christmas jumpers
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day – Optional (Save the Children)
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert: BMS pupils with Choral Society
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Table Decoration Workshop 3.30 p.m.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	A Christmas Cracker 6.30pm – all welcome
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Talent Show and Disco Afternoon
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church 11am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Autumn Term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Teacher Training Day
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pupils return to school
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Whole School Panto Trip to Theatre Royal, Newcastle

