



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

This week, we were lucky enough to welcome back visiting artist, Kev F. Sutherland, Scottish comedian and comic strip creator who has drawn for a variety of publications, including The Beano. Y5 and Y7 greatly enjoyed a comic art masterclass each, with every pupil contributing a comic strip to a class comic and having the chance to have a caricature portrait done by Kev each as a memento. We would like to extend our thanks to Hexham Book Festival for this excellent creative opportunity.

Tuesday this week saw a first for BMS: a special visit for all our KS3 pupils from the Army Youth Outreach Team, which is based at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Following an inspiring presentation challenging stereotypes and misconceptions, Y7 and Y8 pupils collaborated on a variety of STEM tasks, designed to test initiative, leadership and problem solving as a team. Our visitors were extremely impressed by the ‘*superb initiative and solutions-orientated approach*’ demonstrated collectively by our older pupils. Great job, KS3!

As the summer term draws near, we would like to share with you some staffing news. Mrs Clay, who teaches maths and science, will be leaving teaching at the end of term to concentrate on her B&B business. She has been an outstanding teacher and colleague, who will be much missed. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and wish her well for the future. This will mean a few changes to the timetable for the summer term, the main ones being that Miss Mason will teach Y8 maths and Mr Ramshaw will teach Y8 science. Ms. Wilson and Mrs Carr have already been teaching Y6 maths all year alongside Mrs Clay, and will continue to do so, also supported by Miss Mason. Children will be issued with their new timetable before the Easter holidays.

Finally, an open invitation to all Y5 parents, carers, family members and friends for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, when there will be a short performance showcasing the musical talent of our youngest pupils on the steel pans. The children have benefitted from specialist tuition all year, and are ready to give their first live performance. Please do come and support them at 3pm in the school hall.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

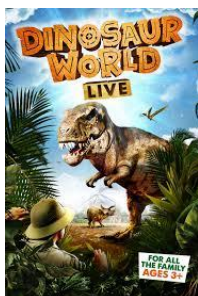
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### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**31st March: Mothering Sunday Teacup Planters:** Choose a vintage teacup planter and get to work filling it up with a little compost and plug plant of your choice from Sedum, Mexican feather grass, Anemone, Cowslip and Apple mint. Finish off the gift by making your own handmade label. Available at Wallington from 11am. [Mothering Sunday Teacup Planters](#)



**Book in advance for Dinosaur World Live at Queen’s Hall, Hexham:** A roarsome interactive show for all the family. Discover a world of astonishing and remarkably lifelike animatronic dinosaurs, including the T-Rex, Triceratops, Giraffatitan and Microraptor, with a special meet and greet after the show for anyone brave enough. [Dinosaur World Live](#)



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Attendance this week – 98.40%



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



Did you know?

98% = officially excellent attendance. Well done everyone!

### SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (172)	MERLIN (151)	OSPREY (138)	PEREGRINE (153)
Harry (Y5) Angus (Y6) James, Reece & Lucy (Y7) Maddy C & Chanel (Y8)	Bobby & Alfie Y5 Nina (Y6) Georgia (Y7) Erin & Thomas (Y8)	Liam (Y5) Meadow (Y6) David (Y7) Bethany (Y8)	Sam B (Y5) Harriet (Y6) Sam B & Imogen (Y7) Joseph (Y8)



Army Youth Outreach Team KS3 STEM Challenge Day

Together Everyone Achieves More



### BMS Boccia Tournament 2019: Finals

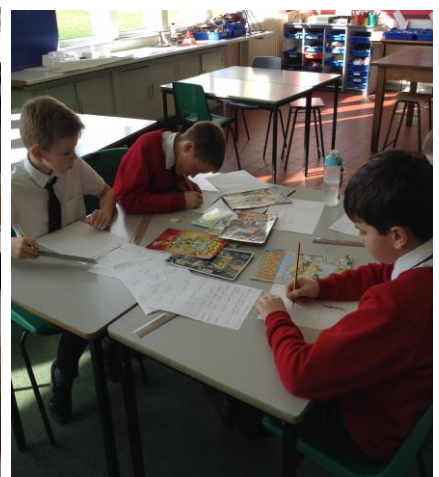
Today sees the culmination of a five week effort to crown a 2019 BMS Boccia Champion. 94 pupils have been whittled down to just four pupils, who have shown tremendous skill and calmness under pressure as they have navigated through the rounds. The title will go either Lily (Yr5), James (Yr7), William (Yr7) or Jack (Yr 8). Good luck to all four!





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### Comic Art MasterClass Gallery:



### Pupil Views on this week's art masterclass with Kev. F. Sutherland:

I loved it as he was really funny.

I enjoyed this because of the creativity and his confidence.

I really liked it because I learned how to draw in detail.

I liked the drawing because I love the Beano.

I really enjoyed the cartoon workshop and would do it all the time if I could.

It was a great day because he is fun and welcoming.

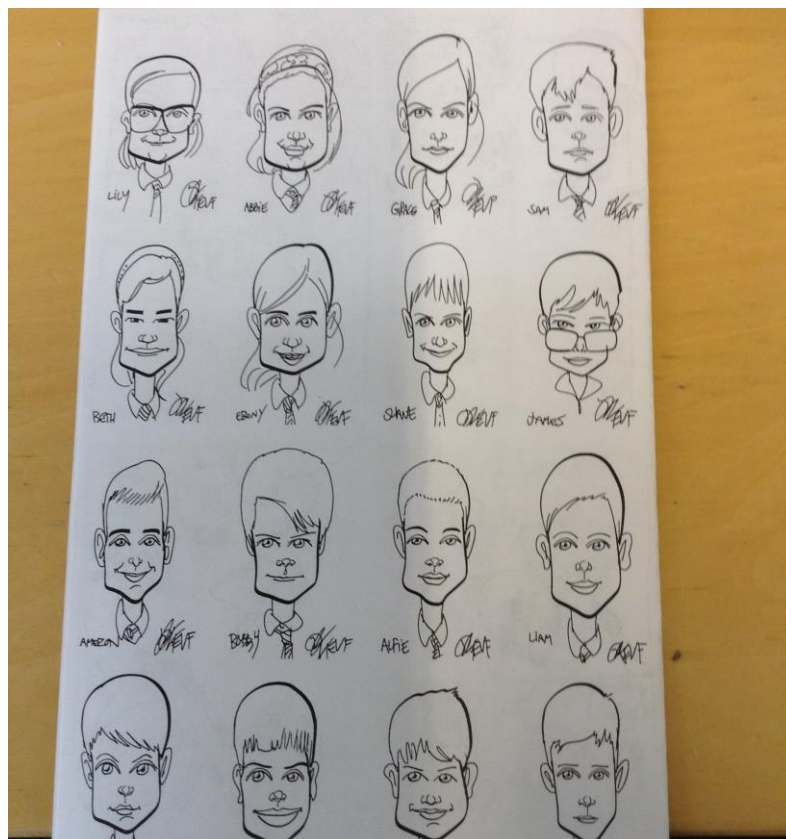
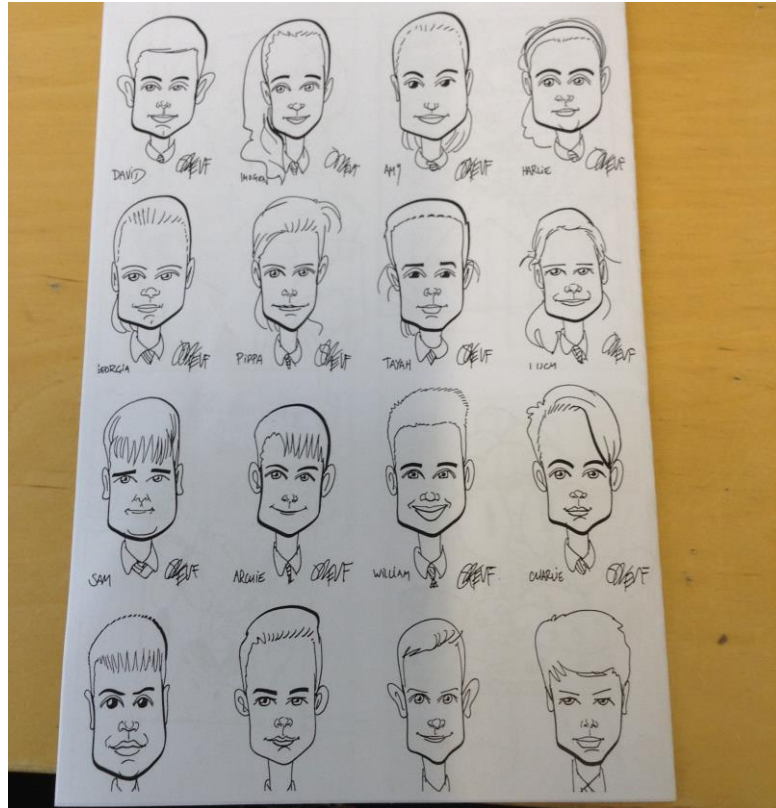
This helped me with my drawing skills.

I liked how we used our drawing skills to design a comic strip properly.



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Thank you Kev for our wonderful caricatures!





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### Memos and Reminders

**School Closures:** Find out about school closures by ringing Message Line: 0844 445 7463, charged at a local rate, or listening to BBC Radio Newcastle, or looking at the school or county websites ([www.northumberland.gov.uk/alerts](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/alerts)).



**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 on Mondays, using a named envelope. 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.

[Apply for Free School Meals](#)

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Fri 29th Mar	Level 3 Bikeability Course: Y6, Y7 and Y8
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NDAS Specialist PSHCE Workshop 2 for Y5
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Y5 Steel Pans Music Performance – 3pm at BMS
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	NDAS Specialist PSHCE Workshop 3 for Y5
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 Campus Explorers – Newcastle University
Friday 5th April	End of Term
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Pupils return
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y6 Circus Themed Mega Machines – Life Science Outreach
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service at St Cuthbert's (11am)
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Astronomy Lecture – Durham University Outreach
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week: Y6s MUST be in school
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y6, Y7, Y8: School Residential to London
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Enrichment Challenge Week (Y5, Y6, Y7 and Y8)