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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

This week, Northumberland County Council’s proposal to move to a two-tier system across the Haydon Bridge Partnership moved into its formal consultation stage. The full report is available to view on the county website. It proposes closure for our school in August 2019. We would like to encourage everyone to think what the loss of your local middle school would mean for families and communities in this remote area of the county. Take the time to send a letter to: **The Executive Director of Children’s Services, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF**. You could also email your response to Educationconsultation@northumberland.gov.uk. The deadline is midnight on 7th June 2018. You still have a voice.

Thank you to all the many families and individuals who have expressed their support for Bellingham Middle School over the past few weeks. As a staff, we continue to stand together as professionals, and will ensure that pupils, not politics, come first at our school.

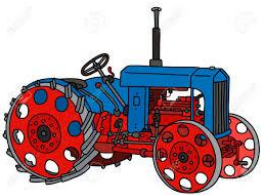
Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



12th and 13th May 2018 – Prudhoe Castle is under siege once again! Watch the drama unfold throughout the day and visit the attacking and defending armies in their camps. Junior soldiers can test their skills in the kids’ drill sessions. English Heritage admission. 11am – 5pm.



13th May 2018 - Kielder Vintage and Classic Car Rally: FREE entry. Vintage tractors, classic cars and motorbikes are the order of the day at the annual Kielder show. Kielder Castle will also be holding a craft fair: wildlife art, jewellery and hand carved items from Malawi. Raffle in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance. 11am - 4pm. All welcome.



13th May 2018 – Countryside Festival at Kirkley Hall: FREE entry for kids. Show arena displaying fantastic countryside events; stalls selling local crafts; food and drink; hands on activities. Teaching staff will also be available to offer careers advice and answer questions about courses at Kirkley Hall. 10am – 4pm.



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Attendance this week – 93.1%



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



Did you know?

Below 90% = a persistent absentee (according to the government).

Schools HAVE TO send you a letter if your child’s attendance drops below 90%.

Schools are checked up on to make sure that they do this.

We do know that sometimes children are very unwell.

If you are worried about your child’s absences, please do get in touch.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (160)	MERLIN (156)	OSPREY (155)	PEREGRINE (231)
Isaac (5A) Katy C (5R) Harlie (Y6) Ryan & Kieran (Y7) Josh (Y8)	Hannah (5A) Zac (5R) David (Y6) Olivia (Y7) Kacie (Y8)	Aidan (5A) Max (5R) Tom (Y6) Philip (Y7) Emily M (Y8)	Emily (5A) Emma and Amy (5R) Sam & Katy M (Y6) Joseph (Y7) Jemima (Y8)



Y6 SATs 2018 – All Y6 pupils are due to take their SATs next week. Please ensure that your child is in school. It is also important that your child gets plenty of sleep, fresh air and an opportunity to relax over the weekend. We are very proud of all of them, no matter what test results they happen to get on a particular morning of their lives. Free extra breakfasts will be provided for all of the children taking their SATs. Miss Mason has recommended that pupils should come to school with the following equipment: two black pens, two sharp pencils, a rubber and a ruler (has to be in centimetres and millimetres). Optional – highlighter or coloured pencil. Spare equipment will be available if needed. **Good luck Y6!**



Charity News: May is Neurofibromatosis (NF1) Awareness Month. On Friday 18th May, pupils are invited to come in non-uniform, wearing blue and green for a suggested donation of 50p. These are the colours of the Neurofibromatosis awareness ribbon. Neurofibromatosis is hard to say. It is even harder to live with. It is a genetic neurological condition that can affect the brain, spinal cord, nerves and skin. The money raised will go directly to the Childhood Tumour Trust. We do have a pupil in our school community with this condition, and hope that all pupils will want to join in our school support for this cause next Friday.



Rugby Club starts after school next Tuesday. 3.30p-4.30pm. Please see Mr Ramshaw for further details. There are 24 spaces. All welcome.



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Class Zone:



Y5 have been busy using practical equipment in their maths lessons this week to investigate rotational symmetry. Homework this week in 5R is to produce a rotational symmetry pattern using a right-angled triangle with short sides of 6cm and 6cm. Check some patterns out on MyMaths.



Y5 also continue to impress us with their fantastic writing skills. This week, they have been writing in the style of Julia Donaldson’s “The Highway Rat”. Honey ‘s poem was especially effective and beautifully presented.

Despite being probably the busiest people in school at the moment, Y6 pupils still found time to keep smiling and enjoy auditions for the summer production. What a talented bunch!



Y7 and 8 Librarians have led the way with library organisation and improvements this week. Under Mrs Stutchbury’s expert direction, they have displayed excellent team work and dedication. Well done, Librarians!



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In Science this week, Y8 have devised their own investigations to show heat travels through different mediums in different ways. They looked at convection currents in water using coloured ice cubes and conduction through a metal bar by either touch (very carefully monitored) or corks attached with wax.



This week also saw the culmination of the Year 8 Sports Leaders training, which has been taking place in PE lessons since September. All students were asked to deliver a 20 minute lesson in small groups, comprising of a 3 stage warm up and technical activity based on a skill of their choice. The standard of coaching was excellent, with students displaying excellent communication skills, organisation and confidence. Their progress in eight months has been outstanding!

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.

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

Dinner Money: Please could we ask for your help here? If you are sending money into school to pay for several days at a time, this needs to be in a **named envelope**. It would also be much appreciated if you could put your **child's name on the back** of any payment by **cheque**. Thank you for your support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Mon 14th – Thurs 17th May

Y6 SATs Week – *please ensure your child is in school.*

Friday 18th May

NF1 Awareness Day: wear blue and green to school

Monday 28th May

Half term holiday week

Monday 4th June

Back to school after half term



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