



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

A warm welcome back to all our pupils and their families for the summer term at Bellingham Middle. Everyone has made an excellent start after the holidays as we head into one of the busiest times of the school year.

Our enrichment curriculum offer continues this term, with new exciting options for your children in Champions of Sport, Children’s Yoga and Drama. We are delighted to let you know that our summer production this year will be ‘Shakespeare Rocks’ and that an enthusiastic and talented cast from across all year groups is raring to get going with rehearsals.

Y6 children have had an action-packed return to school with the much-anticipated Circus Themed Mega Machines STEM day, hosted by scientists from the Centre for Life. After experimenting with gears, levers and pulleys, the whole year group collaborated on a Wallace and Gromit style ‘machine’ to deliver a custard pie to a volunteer member of staff. Our thanks must go to Mrs Pattinson, who delighted the pupils by being on the receiving end.

Y8 pupils excelled themselves at our Easter Service at St Cuthbert’s Church, taking part in a retelling of the Easter Story which was performed in front of a packed church. Well done to Will, Connor, Alicia, Thomas, Morgan, Maddy and Ryan, and a huge thank you to Revd. Dr.Ramsaran for leading us through this memorable experience for all pupils.

Our links with local universities continued this week with an amazing visiting lecture experience for KS2 from Dr Pete Edwards from Durham University’s physics department. Pupils were able to ask any open-ended ‘big questions’ about astronomy, and were left in awe of the stunning pictures used to demonstrate and debate answers.

Finally, the school residential trip to London is drawing ever closer now. Please look out for a Parent/Carer information booklet to be released shortly. Your child will also be issued with information about the mock courts in trial ‘cyberbullying’ themed session at the Royal Courts of Justice, for which they need to come prepared. Do talk to them about this to learn more.

Happy Bank Holiday Weekend!

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May at the Discovery Museum: LEGO Show, including relaxed sessions for SEND visitors and their families.** Take part in a range of LEGO activities that all the family can enjoy around the museum itself (activities within the galleries are open to all museum visitors not just ticket holders). 11am-3.30pm. [LEGO Show](#)



**11<sup>th</sup> May at the quayside in Newcastle: Siemens Boat Race of the North:** The first of seven fiercely-contested 1,500 metre rowing races - starting at the Redheugh Bridge and finishing at the Gateshead Millennium Bridge - will get under way at 1.30pm with the club race building up to the blue-ribbon events: the men’s and women’s eights. A fantastic spectacle on the Tyne to enjoy.



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Attendance this week – 96.54%



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



Did you know?

Holidays taken during school time will be unauthorised. Missing school means missing out.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (145)	MERLIN (133)	OSPREY (137)	PEREGRINE (140)
Harry (Y5) Elena (Y6) Lucy (Y7) Maddy C (Y8)	Lilly E (Y5) Arthur (Y6) Connor, James Alicia, Thomas (Y8)	Liam (Y5) Aidan (Y6) Tayah (Y7) Samantha (Y8)	Shane K (Y5) Jenny (Y6) Pippa (Y7) Annalise (Y8)

**ADT Action:** KS2 pupils played some brilliant "Artball" as warm up practice for pastel drawing. Each player held a pastel in each hand. If the ball came close to a player, they pushed it away with their hand making marks on the paper at the same time. Viewfinders were then used to identify interesting sections of the composition. Great job, KS2!



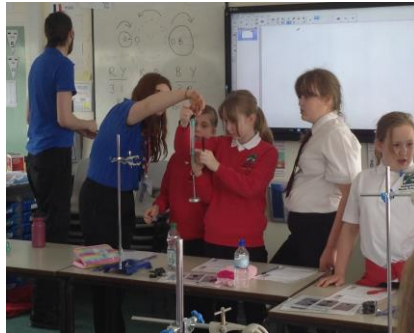
**NF1 Awareness:** On 17<sup>th</sup> May, pupils are invited to come to school dressed in something blue and/or green to show support for NF1 Awareness Month, a condition affecting one of our pupils. Suggested £1 optional donations to raise money for the Childhood Tumour Trust. Y6 pupils may choose party clothes for their post-SATs celebration day – no donation required for this well-earned reward





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### CIRCUS THEMED MEGA MACHINES:



### DURHAM UNIVERSITY KS2 ASTRONOMY LECTURE EXPERIENCE:

If I were in space for 5 days, how many oxygen tanks would I need?

How come space is dark when the sun is so bright?

How hot is the core of the sun? How do you know?

Where does everything go that gets sucked into a black hole?

What causes the Northern Lights?

How big is the whole universe?

How are black holes created?

Why has the moon got craters?

Are there any living creatures in space?

How does a star die?

How many stars are there?

Is our galaxy staying in one place or is it moving around?

Could the sun explode and crash into the earth?

How far away is the closest star?



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### 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.

**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

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	‘Big Questions’ Lecture – Durham University Outreach
Wed 8th May	Y8 Options Interviews (HBHS) at BMS
Mon 13th-Thurs 16th May	SATs Week: Y6s MUST be in school
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	NF1 Awareness: Non-uniform Day (green/blue)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Celebration Day (party clothes allowed)
Mon 20th – Thurs 23rd May	Y6, Y7, Y8: School Residential to London
Mon 20th – Thurs 23rd May	Enrichment Challenge Week (Y5, Y6, Y7 and Y8)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Pupils return to school
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Introduction to the World of Work Day: Duck Production (All)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 NDAS Specialist PSHCE Workshop 1
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Author Visit
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y6 NDAS Specialist
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Kids’ Lit Quiz Trip: Teams competing at Corbridge Middle
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Be Safe Day: PSHCE Workshops for all years
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transfer Day
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day