



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Well done to all our Y7 pupils this week who participated in ‘UniVenture’ with Newcastle University. This action-packed day not only gave the children a tour of the campus, but also included an introduction to different departments through zoology, biology, media/culture, journalism and STEM challenges. Pupils worked in teams led by six allocated student ambassadors just for Bellingham Middle School, who were an inspiration to the children. Thank you to Ms Wilson, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs King for accompanying Y7.

Friday also saw our Y8 pupils enjoy a trip to Newcastle, this time to the Centre for Life. Here, they enjoyed an interactive and enjoyable learning experience with a key focus on space, time and the atomic model, building on their learning from science lessons this year. The pupils also got to gain a great insight into conditions on the International Space Centre and the key factors behind a successful space mission.

Our annual Boccia whole school tournament got underway at the beginning of the week, thanks to Mr Ramshaw, with a chance for all pupils to compete. Did you know that Boccia is probably the one of the most accessible games in the world? Look out for news of this year’s winner.

This Thursday (5th March), we will celebrate World Book Day 2020 at BMS. Pupils are invited to come to school dressed up as a character from a book. If they can bring a copy of the book their character comes from, even better. There is no pressure to buy any costume item for this event. If pupils do not wish to dress up as a book character, then school uniform should be worn. All pupils will also take part in our annual BMS Lit Quiz in their house teams during the afternoon.

Finally, as a school, we are kept up to date via Public Health advice re Coronavirus – please see the latest poster included with this bulletin.

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



25 January 2020 - 22 April 2020 The Sill: Lost Words Festival - a festival dedicated to a book that has become a global movement celebrating language and nature at The Sill: National Landscape Discovery Centre. Aiming to revive and uncover the near-lost magic and strangeness of nature that surrounds us, *Lost Words* conjures back words all but lost from the vocabulary of children – such as acorn, bramble, lark, weasel, willow and wren. [Lost Words Festival](#)



Book in advance to see The Secret Garden at Hexham’s Queen’s Hall: This classic tale is relocated to modern day, rural Northumberland and weaves brand new folk songs into this enchanting tale of one girl bringing a household and its garden slowly back to life. May 12th 2020 at 6pm. [The Secret Garden](#)



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Attendance this week – 96.81



Please take extra care and time to keep safe when travelling to and from school in adverse weather.



Did you know?

School bus cancellations are not a school decision. To check whether or not your child’s school bus is running, click on the link below:

[Northumberland CC Alerts](#)

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (127)	MERLIN (107)	OSPREY (141)	PEREGRINE (129)
Mason (Y5) Harry (Y6) Anna H (Y7) Harlie & James (Y8)	Brooke (Y5) Lily (Y6) Lucy F (Y7) David (Y8)	Lucy (Y5) Abbie (Y6) Meadow (Y7) Amy (Y8)	Chantelle, Tommy & Luke (Y5) Sam (Y6) Jenny (Y7) Tayah (Y8)




Y8 Science: Centre for Life Visit






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Public Health England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?


- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?


- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?


If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue




Bin it




Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser


You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser




After breaks & sport activities




Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting




After using the toilet



Before leaving home

Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
 Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles
 If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

 Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Mon 2nd March

Y6 PSHCE Operation Encompass Workshop

Mon 2nd March

Family Drop-In: Operation Encompass Support

(3.15-4.15pm in the Community Room – all welcome)

Thurs 5th March

World Book Day 2020 – costumes optional



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