



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE:

We are nearly there! The end of term is approaching fast and life is incredibly busy at school for everyone, with key events marking the close of the academic year.

Congratulations to our Y6 pupils on their excellent SATs results last week! We are now **above national for combined RWM** (pupils achieving the expected standard in all their assessments of reading, writing and maths); **above national in reading at 84%**; **above national in writing at 87%** and **above national in EGPS at 81%** (English grammar, punctuation and spelling). In **maths**, there is a continued improving trend, with **72% of pupils reaching the expected standard**, representing **a leap of 9% up** from last year. Across the Hayden Bridge partnership, we are moving forwards together towards a mastery approach to maths teaching. We feel this approach will ensure that even more children over time reach and exceed age related expectations in maths.

In sports, the annual relays were held last week, with stunning performances from many of our athletes. Mr Ramshaw was also impressed with the teamwork and enthusiastic support for one another from everyone taking part. The overall Sports Day winning house for 2019 was Kestrel. In 2nd place was Osprey; 3rd Merlin and 4th Peregrine. Individual winners will be announced during our Celebration Assembly on the last day of term.

Shakespeare Rocks, our summer play, will be performed on Tuesday 16th July at 7pm. The set design looks amazing, thanks to Mrs Basing and her team of pupil designers. If you would like tickets and have not yet received any, please contact school as soon as possible. There is also an open rehearsal at 10.30am – all welcome (no tickets needed). If your child is taking part, he or she will have brought home a drama tee-shirt, which is theirs to wear and then keep as a memento of this special project. Tumble drying is not advised.

Our annual Reward Trip to South Shields is on Wednesday 17th July. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather, including adequate sun protection and a waterproof jacket in case of rain.

Our Leavers' Assembly will be at 2pm on Friday 19th July. Come along and celebrate end of year achievements in this special celebration assembly, particularly focusing on our Y8 pupils who are coming to the end of their time at middle school.

Finally, some staffing news: we are saying goodbye to Mrs Carr at the end of this term. She has been a truly outstanding teacher and colleague, who will be very much missed by everyone at BMS. We would like to thank her for her enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism, particularly in developing the culinary life skills of your children, and wish her all the very best as she starts her new career with the Forestry. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Reed as our new Food Tech teacher in September, who promises to make the food tech corridor smell wonderful!

Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



Tuesday 16th July at 4pm in the community room at Bellingham Middle School: come along and support your local middle school's PTCA at its first AGM. Chair and secretary to be elected. Mission statement: *As a united community, WE CAN and WE WILL make a difference, and create a legacy of learning. for future generations.* All welcome.



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Attendance this week – 94.95%



Please remember that holidays in term time will be unauthorised.

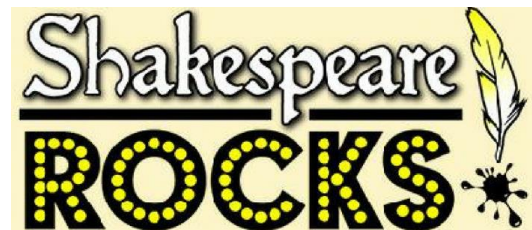


Did you know?

95% is the national expectation for attendance. Many pupils achieve 97% or better.

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (134)	MERLIN (177)	OSPREY (115)	PEREGRINE (124)
Harry (Y5) Katie (Y6) Lucy (Y7) Alex (Y8)	Cameron (Y5) Callum (Y6) Georgia (Y7) Alicia (Y8)	Ebony (Y5) Isla & Max (Y6) Ruby & Tayah (Y7) Hannah (Y8)	Shane (Y5) Lucy C (Y6) Pippa (Y7) Paige (Y8)



Take a sneaky preview at pupil work in progress to create a fantastic set design for the summer play. Mrs Basing’s crew of dedicated and talented set designers are working tirelessly to make their vision a reality. Huge thanks are due to: Keiran, Imogen H, Georgia, Tayah, Lucy H, Harlie, Lily and, of course, Mrs Basing. Well done everyone!

Silver Jar Challenge



Thank you to all the many families who are supporting the new PTCA’s Silver Jar Challenge. This has raised over £60 so far, which will be used to directly benefit pupils. The Silver Jar Challenge is open to any pupil and family. If you would like your child to bring home a little jar to fill over time with spare silver, then please ask them to collect one from the office.



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Our younger pupils made the most of the lovely weather recently by enjoying sketching sessions outside. We are fortunate to have such beautiful landscape surrounding the school, which allowed the children to focus on the natural world as they developed their skills in using pencil and pastels:





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MEMOS AND REMINDERS

UNIFORM: Whilst we are proud of how smart the vast majority of pupils look, please could we remind parents/carers that tracksuit bottoms, black leggings and denim black jeans style trousers are **NOT** suitable for pupils to wear as school trousers. Please also note that school shoes from September should be black and polishable.



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

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](#)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Mon 15 th July	Dress rehearsal for Shakespeare Rocks
Mon 15 th July	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly at 1.15pm
Tues 16 th July	Shakespeare Rocks: open rehearsal at 10.30am (all welcome – no tickets needed)
Tues 16 th July	Summer Production: Shakespeare Rocks at 7pm
Wed 17 th July	Whole School Reward Trip: South Shields
Thurs 18 th July	Prom Night
Fri 19 th July	Y8 Leavers' Trip
Fri 19 th July	Leavers' Celebration Assembly at 2pm
Fri 19 th July	End of term

