



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Thank you to all those who have been in touch with me this week following the council’s final report proposal earlier this week. We appreciate that this is an anxious and unsettling time for families and would like to reassure you that the education and welfare of pupils remains our top priority. As professionals, we are united in our firm intention to provide stability and service to your children. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a parents’ meeting on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm**. There will be a chance to ask questions, meet other families and talk to staff. Alternatively, please do make an appointment to speak to me at a different time if you prefer.

On a different note, we would like to extend a warm Bellingham welcome to Tayah and her family who have moved into the area. Tayah has joined our Y6 class, who were delighted to have a new friend.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



**28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Hearts and Crafts at The Great North Museum (Hancock):** FREE family event delivered by Newcastle University Museum Studies students and linked to the new “The Heart of the Matter” exhibition. Learn all about the amazing human heart in this art-meets-medicine inspired session. Drop in between 12pm – 2pm.



**28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Hexham Spring Festival:** Held in Hexham Abbey Grounds, the Spring Festival is a great day out for all the family, with craft stalls, music in the bandstand, traditional craft demonstrations, mini funfair, licensed dining area and a range of activities for all ages.



**5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Spring Pantomime Workshop (Newcastle)** FREE event. Do you like to write or to draw? Take part in fun workshops focusing on well-being - participants will create a pantomime from scratch! Workshop includes writing, set design and performing. 11.30am – 4.30pm. Book via [launchpadncl@aol.com](mailto:launchpadncl@aol.com).



**6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - BALTIC (Gateshead):** FREE drop-in ART between 2pm – 4pm. Work with an artist, inspired by BALTIC’s current exhibitions, to try a new activity: you could be constructing giant sculptures, animating objects, drawing with light or making moves to music.



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### Attendance this week – 89.7%



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



### Did you know?

There are only 40 teaching weeks in the school year.

Missing six days every term of every year is the same as missing one whole school year.

Missing school means missing out!

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (127)	MERLIN (130)	OSPREY (139)	PEREGRINE (136)
Isaac 5A Katie 5R Olivia Y6 Kieran Y7 Joe M Y8	Callum and Arthur 5A Lucy 5R Connor Y7 Izzy Y8	Aidan 5A Max and Owen 5R Kieran and Shaun Y6 Samantha Y7 Lucy N Y8	Lucy C 5A Emma 5R Sam Y6 Annalise Y7 Dan Y8



**FIRST AID ENRICHMENT CLASS:** Congratulations to all of our Bellingham Middle First Aiders, who have now successfully passed their St. John’s Ambulance Level Three Award. It has been so impressive to see the enthusiasm and dedication of all of the 26 pupils involved. A special thank you must go to Miss Mason too, for running the course so efficiently.



**MATCH REPORT:** This year's girls' football came to an end at Ovingham Middle School with two fixtures each for the Key Stage 2 and 3 teams. The Key Stage 2 team lost both matches to Highfield and Corbridge, however gained valuable experience of playing competitive football, showing excellent sportsmanship and effort. The Key Stage 3 team fared slightly better, securing a hard fought 1-1 draw with Corbridge, Morgan scoring a brilliant goal from a long range strike. Over the course of the league season, the girls have shown tremendous resilience and attitude and have been a credit to the school. Staff from other schools complimented the pupils' commitment, commenting that they “really appreciate the effort made to come and play given the long distance travelled.” Thank you to all players, Mr Ramshaw for leading the trip and to all parents willing to collect outside school.



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### CLASS ZONE



The beautiful sounds of the Caribbean echoed around the school this week as Y5 pupils practised their musical performance skills on the steel pans. Brilliant teamwork, attentive listening and improved coordination from our youngest pupils are really paying off. We are looking forward to a performance in the near future.



In French, Year 6 pupils have been learning the verb "avoir" - to have, with verb hakas. This is where they imitate the hakas of the New Zealand rugby team and chant the verb with one pupil taking the lead. It makes for a very noisy lesson, but is a great way to learn grammar as the children love making up their own moves, pulling wild faces and chanting loudly in French!



In Art, Y7 have been studying David Hockney, focusing on landscapes and his use of colour. Olivia and Thomas were inspired to create these beautiful paintings, which were completed this week.



As part of their PSHCE programme, Y8 have enjoyed meeting members of Northumberland Fire Service today, who led an excellent session around water safety. Pupils learned about the consequences of risk-taking behaviours, from leaving young children unattended in baths to keeping safe with their peers near water.

**MEMOS AND REMINDERS**

**Summer Uniform:** White polo shirt instead of white shirt and tie.

N.B. Any problems, please contact school. Gregg Sports have been in contact and are completing all orders already placed; these will be delivered to school. The office will collect the money on behalf of Greggs Sports, so any cheques should be made payable to *Greggs Sports*.

<b>Stationery Shop Current Stock List</b>	
Black pen	50p
Blue pen	50p
Pencil	30p
Rubber	20p
Pencil sharpener	20p

**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 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.

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES**

<b>Wednesday 27th April</b>	<b>Parents' meeting – open to all – 6pm at school</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y6 SATs Week – <i>please ensure your child is in school.</i>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Half term holiday week
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Back to school after half term
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Area Athletics @ Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS3 Hawkhurst Trip
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y5 Kielder Trip
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	"Be Safe" workshops in school – all years
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	KS2 Kingswood Trip
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	County Athletics @ Gateshead Stadium
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Production at 6pm