



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone to the summer term at Bellingham Middle School. Pupils have returned to school refreshed, ready to learn and smartly turned out in their summer uniforms. Thank you for ensuring that your children are properly equipped for lessons. Do remember that our new stationery shop is now up and running during Wake-Up Club on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (see price list below).

We are looking forward to another exciting and extremely busy term, including trips to Kingswood for KS2 and Hawkthirst for KS3; the summer production and of course, the prom for our older pupils. Our enrichment programme on Friday afternoons continues this term, with further curriculum extras on offer for your child to try, including wildlife gardening and children's yoga. Homework Club will also continue each lunch time for any pupils who need a quiet place or computer access to complete work. As ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have questions or concerns about any aspect of school. We are here to listen and happy to help.

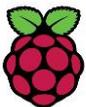
Kind regards,
Helen Samuels,
Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



21st/22nd April 2018 – Osprey Watch at Kielder: FREE activity – drop in during the day to observe birds on the nest using telescopes and the live nestcam. Volunteers on hand to answer questions about ospreys and other wildlife. Located behind the Boat Inn restaurant, Leaplish.



21st April 2018 – Gateshead Raspberry Jam event: FREE computer science activity in Gateshead Central Library – find out more about the Raspberry Pi, tinker with fun Raspberry Pi projects, chat with experts and share project ideas in a hackspace area. Pre-registration needed. Book online: www.eventbrite.co.uk Drop in between 10am to 1pm.



28th 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.



28th 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.



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Attendance this week – 95.7%



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



Did you know?

- 10 days of absence over the year means 95% attendance.
- 19 days of absence over the year means 90% attendance.
- 29 days of absence over the year means 85% attendance.
- 38 days of absence over the year means 80% attendance.
- 47 days of absence over the year means 75% attendance.

90% attendance through school life is equal to a whole year of school being missed!

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



KS2 Bikeability: Congratulations to all our Y5 and Y6 cyclists who have now completed their road safety level one and two awards. It is so good to know that more of our younger children now are actively aware of how to keep themselves safe on their bikes. The assessors who worked with our pupils over several days even sent the school a letter to say how impressed they were with the respectful, responsible and enthusiastic way in which Bellingham Middle pupils engaged with the course.



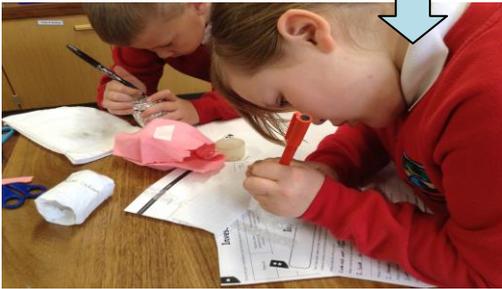
School Production 2018: Many of the pupils have been asking what this year’s summer production will be. After much deliberation, we can’t wait to get cracking with rehearsals for “The Amazing Adventures of Superstan” – a comical musical of muscle and marvel! Open to all pupils, we hope that you will encourage your child to get involved. Evening Performance Date: **Tuesday 17th July.**



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CLASS ZONE

This week, all of Y5 have been busy enjoying practical science, investigating how thermal insulators help keep packed lunches cool in the summer. Let's hope we get to enjoy some sun soon...



On Wednesday afternoon, there was a great smell wafting up the corridors as KS2 made fresh pizzas. A staff favourite was the breakfast pizza smothered in bacon, sausage, mushrooms and black pudding. Delicious!



Our Y6 stars have impressed everyone with their determination and focus in preparation for their SATs. To help keep them relaxed and worry-free, the children have also been playing memory games, doing lots of PE and even Miss Mason's famous meditation. Keep up the good work Y6 – you are making us very proud!



KS3 are making excellent progress with their textile project: decorative cushions. This week, they have been getting to grips with “Bondaweb” and Mrs Carr was incredibly impressed with their ironing skills!



Our new Y7 and Y8 Sports Leaders had the chance this week to work with Damien Dimmock, Sports Leadership Coach. We look forward to seeing them in action as they support other pupils in summer sports this term.



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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*.

Stationery Shop Current Stock List	
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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Monday 16th April	Summer term begins
Mon 14th – Thurs 17th May	Y6 SATs Week – <i>please ensure your child is in school.</i>
Monday 28th May	Half term holiday week
Monday 4th June	Back to school after half term
Thursday 7th June	Area Athletics @ Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham
Friday 8th June	KS3 Hawkhurst Trip
Tuesday 12th June	Y5 Kielder Trip
Monday 18th June	“Be Safe” workshops in school – all years
Wed 20th June - Fri 22nd	KS2 Kingswood Trip
Sat 23rd June	County Athletics @ Gateshead Stadium
Tuesday 17th July	Summer Production at 6pm