



“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We hope that everyone continues to stay well and safe at home, work or school. It is hard to believe that June is here already. We are looking forward to welcoming more Y6 children back into school from Monday 8th June, and will continue with our virtual school provision for everyone else. Further work will be posted in Google classrooms, with paper packs for two weeks' worth of work posted to those who need them on Monday. Please do let us know if you have any issues with work for your child. There is no pressure to complete all tasks and we would not want any child stressing about deadlines. On the other hand, if you feel your child should be making more of an effort, then equally, we can increase remote contact to encourage and motivate further.

Thank you for your patience regarding residential trips. For those who booked a place on the Normandy Adventure Camp, which should have taken place last month, we are now able to issue full refunds of all monies paid and return EHICs. These will be with you in due course. For those who booked a place on the Midlands Magic Trip, which would have taken place later this month, we are making progress and will continue to liaise with NCC and the insurance company. We will let you know as soon as we have further information.

Finally, a staffing update to let you know that Mrs O’Kane is due to begin maternity leave at the end of term. We will miss her greatly while she is away and send her off with our best wishes at this very special time in her life. Ms Read will be increasing her days to become Y6 form tutor during Mrs O’Kane’s absence, supported by Ms Wilson for maths, Mrs Hamilton for English and Mr Ramshaw for science. We also need to inform you that Ms McHale will be leaving BMS at the end of term. We thank her sincerely for all her hard work and dedication with Y5 class teaching and Y7 English, and wish her every success in the future. From September, we are excited to be able to let you know that Mrs Clay will be returning to BMS as Y5 form tutor and class teacher, with some Y6 maths. We will also welcome back Ms Taberham, who you may recall is a KS3 English specialist to teach Y7 and Y8 English. Both of these people are very experienced, talented professionals, who will be excellent additions to the fantastic staff team here at BMS. This means the school is in a strong position, fully staffed for September, ready for Mrs Hamilton and our new intake.

Kind regards,

Helen Samuels
Headteacher

Have your circumstances changed due to COVID-19?

**You may be able to claim vouchers. An application only takes a few minutes.
Click on the link below to apply, or we can help you to apply if you let us know.**



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RAINBOW BAKE OFF CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all of our brilliant bakers who have participated so far in the Rainbow Bake Off Challenge. There is **still time to enter** this competition – a prize will be awarded and sent to the winner! Closing date: 8th June. Here are just some of the amazing entries so far...



Harriet



Amy & Anna M



Philip



Angus



Callum



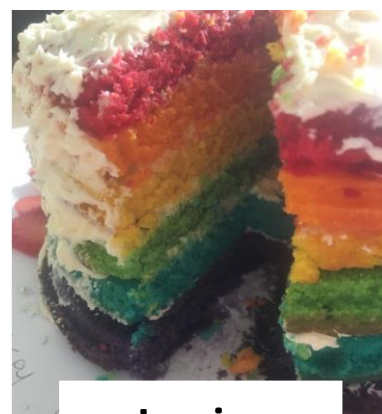
Jenny



Lucy F



Emily



Jessica



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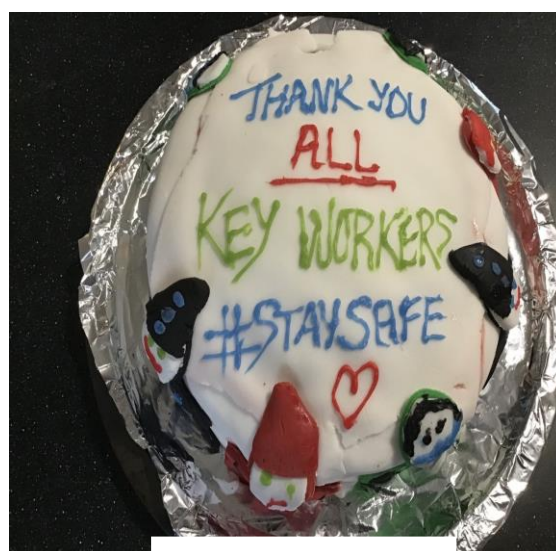
Emma



Harry



Archie



Hugh

WELLBEING

Free, safe and anonymous online support is available for your child on www.kooth.com - this **recommended** website can support any pupils with their emotional wellbeing, especially those who might be struggling with the isolation of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and school closure.

On Kooth you can



Chat to our friendly counsellors



Read articles written by young people



Get support from the Kooth community



Write in a daily journal



SCHOOL NURSE ChatHealth Text Message Service



ChatHealth Messaging Service

Text your school nurse

During these unsettling times, as a young person, you may be worried about your health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

Our school nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Young people aged 11-19 years old can send a text to:

07507 332 258

We can help young people with all kinds of things like:

- Emotional health
- Relationships
- Self-harm
- Bullying
- Alcohol
- Healthy eating
- Drugs
- Smoking

Your ChatHealth messaging service is run by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and is available 09.30-4.30 Monday – Friday excluding bank holidays.

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, NHS 111 or dial 999 if it is an emergency.





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