



Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure you've all had a very eventful week! I don't think we could have predicted that the effects of Storm Arwen would have lasted so long. As always, our pupils have shown their resilience, arriving at school with smiles on their faces and working just as hard as ever! We're really proud of them all. I know there's many of you still facing disruption with electricity so please don't worry about school uniform. If pupils need to wear alternative clothing next week until normality is restored, they won't be challenged in school. Alternatively, if we can help out and wash any school uniform for you in school, please let us know; we'd be more than happy to help!

We've got lots to look forward to over the next two weeks and pupils are busy preparing for our Christmas Fair on Wednesday 15th December. Unfortunately, this year, it is an 'in-house' event and we won't be able to invite parents. However, there'll be lots of festive fun for our pupils with the opportunity to play games, win prizes, drink barrels of hot chocolate, sing songs and much, much more...

It's getting towards the end of a very long term and naturally pupils are getting tired. We're having a big push with attendance over the next two weeks and would ask for your support in trying to arrange medical appointments out of school time, where possible, and only allowing pupils to stay at home due to a genuine illness. One or two days can make such a difference and your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.



Lindsay Hamilton

Attendance this week:

96.3%

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

Did you know...?



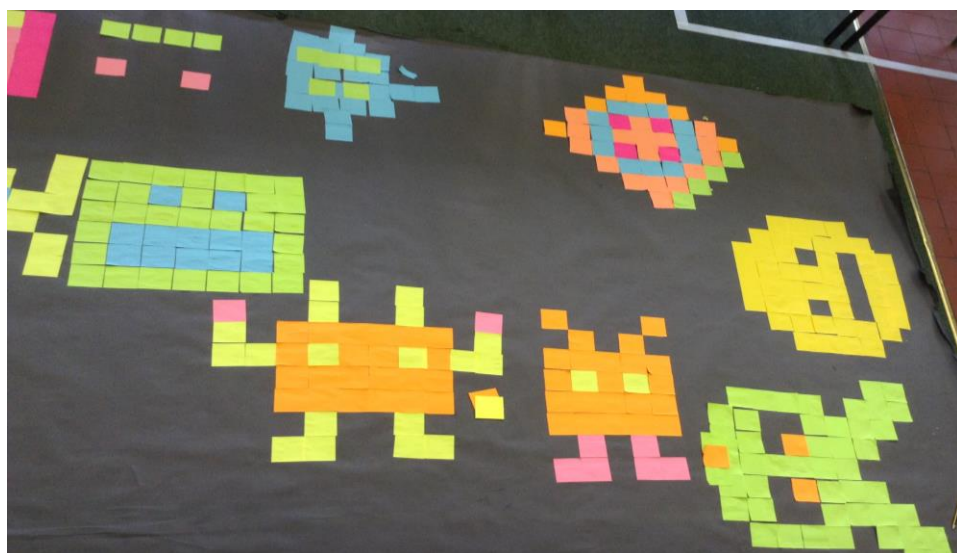
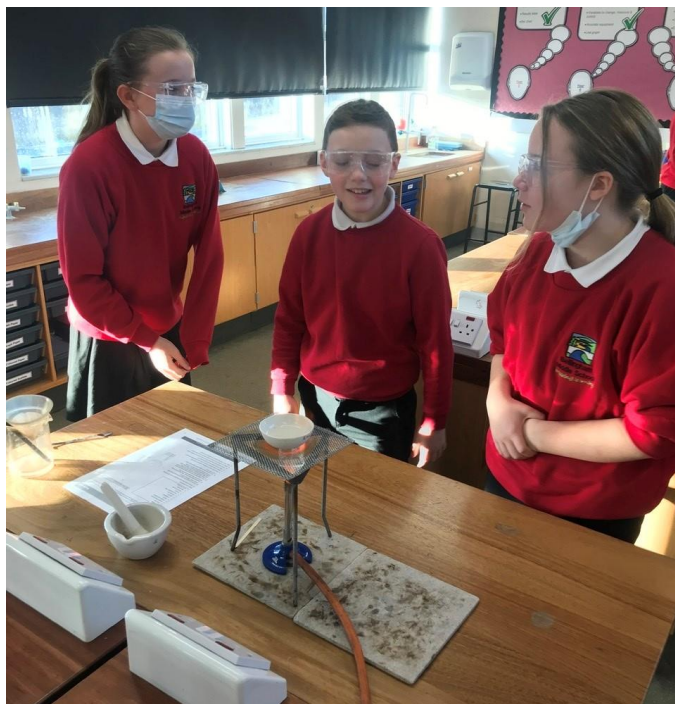
Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
98 – 100%	Excellent	0 to 4	Less than 1
95 – 98%	Good	5 to 9	1 to 2
93 – 95%	Satisfactory	10 to 13	2 to 3
90 – 93%	Unsatisfactory	14 to 19	4 to 6
>90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4

**The government expects your child's attendance to be 95% or better.
Schools are held to account for your child's attendance.**



Y7 Curriculum Corner

In science, pupils enjoyed carrying out a practical investigation using Bunsen burners. This complex investigation required pupils to filter a solution then evaporate it to convert rock salt to table salt. Mr Ramshaw was very impressed by their teamwork, safety awareness and great skills.



In art, pupils have been studying mysterious artist 'Space Invader' recently and have used his work to inspire their own, collaborative creation!



A new, local charity called 'Santa's Little Helpers' is raising money for families who may struggle this Christmas in the North Tyne Valley. What a brilliant idea! Do come along and support the parade on Friday 17th December!



CHRISTMAS LORRY PARADE

17TH DECEMBER

KIELDER - 5PM
STANNERSBURN - 5.30PM
BELLINGHAM - 6PM

ENTERING BELLINGHAM FROM GOLF COURSE

WARK - 6.30PM
FINAL DESTINATION @EGGER HEXHAM

**BIG THANKS TO ALL TIMBER LORRY
DRIVERS & COMPANIES FOR SUPPORTING
THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF THE NORTH
TYNE VALLEY!**

FUNDRAISING TO GO TO SANTAS LITTLE
HELPERS (SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN THE
NORTH TYNE THAT MAY STRUGGLE OVER
CHRISTMAS) & GREAT NORTH AIR
AMBULANCE

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ALL LINE THE STREETS TO
SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL EVENT!**

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School News



Enriching our curriculum and increasing learning opportunities for our pupils is always high on our agenda. We're delighted to announce that from January all Y5 pupils will receive an hour's free guitar tuition each week, providing a valuable opportunity to learn an instrument. Thank you to Ms Esposito for organising this. Watch this space...Y5 may be showcasing their talents by Easter!



Our Bag To School campaign ends this Monday! EVERYONE has unwanted clothes in their wardrobe so throw them in a bag and drop them off with us! You'll have a clutter-free wardrobe and our BMSPTCA will have raised lots of cash, with all proceeds being spent on our pupils. A win, win situation!



Friday 10th December is Christmas Jumper Day and we're asking pupils to come into school wearing their very own festive attire. As usual, there'll be prizes for the most DIY 'festive' woolly! Instead of asking for a monetary contribution on this day, we're requesting a small chocolate donation which we can use for our raffle during our Christmas Fair. All donations will be gratefully received and will go a long way in making sure our raffle is a success!



We have a performing star in our midst this week! Sophie is busy 'treading the boards' at Bellingham Town Hall as she performs in their performance of 'Whisky Galore'.

Playing the part of, 'Annie', Sophie said that the best bit is wearing all of the gorgeous costumes and performing alongside old friends. Mrs Ingledew, who attended Wednesday's performance, said the performance was incredible and that Sophie was fantastic. What an achievement for someone only in Y5!

We wish Sophie all the best for her remaining performances. Break a leg!



Dates for your diary...

Friday 10th December

Monday 13th December

Tuesday 14th December

Wednesday 15th December

Thursday 16th December

Friday 17th December

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Tuesday 4th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Friday 7th January 2022

Christmas Jumper Day

Enrichment Homework reward - afternoon

Christmas Parties - afternoon

Christmas Fayre: 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Lunch

School closes for Christmas holidays

Training Day

School opens for Spring term

On-site testing – Y7 & Y8

Pantomime, Theatre Royal, Newcastle

(Oh yes, we are - hopefully!)

If you are twice weekly
testing at home

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your lateral flow
device (LFD)
result.

Report a negative or positive
result at:

 www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

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