



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week as we speed towards the end of another half-term. It was great to welcome Freddy into Y5 who has joined the BMS family, and our children have been fantastic in helping him to settle quickly showing lots of kindness and care.

Next week brings lots of excitement as not only do our KS2 pupils leave for their residential visit to Shropshire, but our KS3 pupils attend The Sill for the awards ceremony of the writing competition, 'Time Travel with the Romans'. Local author, Dan Smith, will be hosting the ceremony and presenting prizes. We were absolutely delighted to know that some of our pupils have been selected as winners and runners-up! This is an incredible achievement, considering there were hundreds of applications across the Tyne Valley. Lips sealed at this moment but we look forward to announcing winners next week.

Mr Ramshaw has the pleasure in sharing our bulletin with you next week as I'll be away with KS2. I'm sure he'll have lots of Jubilee news to share!

Have a lovely weekend,

Lindsay Hamilton

Attendance this week:

91.6%

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

Did you know...?

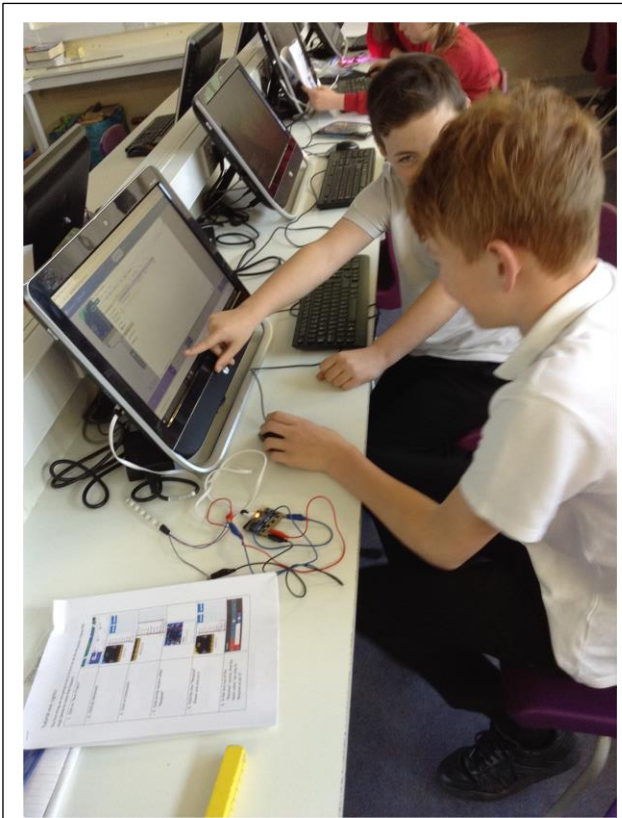
Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
98 – 100%	Excellent	0 to 4	Less than 1
95 – 98%	Good	5 to 9	1 to 2
93 – 95%	Satisfactory	10 to 13	2 to 3
90 – 93%	Unsatisfactory	14 to 19	4 to 6
>90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4

**The government expects your child's attendance to be 95% or better.
Schools are held to account for your child's attendance.
Please remember holidays in term time will be unauthorised.**



Newcastle University Outreach

We've really enjoyed hosting Newcastle University Outreach team this week as they've worked with our pupils to enrich Computing and Food Technology. Pupils have been learning about computer programming and had a go at making their own mini light show using BBC micro:bit and NeoPixel equipment. In the afternoon, they then took part in a course called, 'Food for Thought'. Pupils discussed the importance of nutritional information and components of food, as well as how packaging influences what we choose to buy in the shops. Afterwards, they worked in pairs to design their own smoothie label taking in to consideration what ingredients they wanted to use and why, the nutritional value of each ingredient and how it would impact on the overall nutritional value of their smoothie. They all did a great job and our visitor commented on how knowledgeable and engaged our students are.



Congratulations!

Huge CONGRATULATIONS to Angus, who is a pony-racing champion! He's just completed his first season with his pony, Summer, and has been presented with the Scottish and Northern Pony Racing/George Crawford Legacy Trust "Rising Star Award" by George's dad, Cameron. An incredible achievement!

Well done, Angus!



School News



Preparations are well underway for our Jubilee celebrations next Thursday. Mr Ramshaw circulated a letter earlier this week about the afternoon and any donations would be gratefully received!



We've got lots of very excited children at the minute, ready for their residential visit to Shropshire which leaves on Tuesday. Please can we remind all parents to drop children off at school on Tuesday between 7am and 7:15am (no earlier as there will be no-one here)! Children should come straight through the main glass doors and sit in the hall.



We're thrilled to be hosting our very own Careers Fair for KS3 during the afternoon of Monday 13th June. So far, we've got Egger, Siemens, Northumbrian Water visiting as well as representatives from an IT company. We're by no means 'full' and would appreciate the opportunity for our children to learn about a wide range of careers and jobs. If you're interested in joining us on 13th June, please do get in touch!



Can we remind all parents to ensure that pupils only bring to school equipment essential for learning? Jewellery (rings, bracelets, necklaces) should not be worn or brought into school. Expensive gadgets are also discouraged for fear of them getting lost or damaged. Thank you.



With the warmer weather now upon us, pupils should bring a water bottle each day to school. There are opportunities for them to refill it during the school day. This is a much more environmentally-friendly option than offering cups to pupils when they need a drink.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 24 th May	KS2 residential visit leaves – 7am
Wednesday 25 th May	KS3 visit – The Sill – Competition awards event
Friday 27 th May	KS2 residential visit returns – 6pm
Friday 27 th May	School closes for half term
Monday 6 th June	School opens
Wednesday 8 th June	Safety Works Visit, Newcastle, Y5 & Y6
Wednesday 8 th June	Newcastle University Science workshop – Y7 & Y8
Thursday 9 th June	Safety Works Visit, Newcastle, Y7 & Y8
Friday 10 th June	Athletics, Wentworth Centre, Hexham
Monday 13 th June	KS3 Careers' Fair at BMS
Thursday 30 th June	Summer Open Morning for all new parents
Friday 1 st July	End of year reports posted home
Monday 4 th July	Jubilee Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 5 th July	Transition Day – Haydon Bridge Partnership
Wednesday 6 th July	Parents' Evening
Friday 8 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 13 th July	KS3 London Residential Visit leaves
Friday 15 th July	London Residential returns
Monday 18 th July	Year 8 visit – South Shields
Monday 18 th July	Year 5 visit – Tynemouth
Thursday 21 st July	Y6 & Y7 – South Shields
Thursday 21 st July	Y8 Leavers' Barbecue
Friday 22 nd July	Celebration Assembly – Y8 parents invited
Friday 22 nd July	School closes