



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all so much for the fantastic effort in supporting our pupils to collect their sponsor money. I am very proud to announce that we have raised a whopping £1500.00! This is an incredible amount and a true reflection of our wonderful community support. This amount will go a long way in supporting both Young Minds as well as our own enrichment opportunities.

It's always great to welcome new additions to our BMS family and this week we were thrilled to welcome Toby into Y8. We're sure that our wonderful Y8 pupils will help him to settle very quickly.

Earlier this week we circulated a letter stressing the importance for our KS3 pupils to continue home-testing during half-term and would be grateful for your support with this matter. This will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus in school and will help to ensure Bellingham Middle School remains open - minimising disruption to our pupils' education.

As one half-term draws to a close, we look forward to a much-needed break before our busy build-up to Christmas. We've got so much planned during the next half-term with more visits, performance rehearsals, parent evenings, lunch invitations, workshops, as well as some long-awaited coffee mornings (finally)! But before all that, I hope you have a restful week and enjoy spending time with loved ones!

Have a great week and a happy Halloween!

Lindsay Hamilton

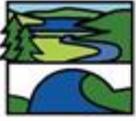


Message from Mr Ramshaw...

Thanks to all pupils who attended after school football club. The numbers were excellent and the behaviour of all pupils was exemplary.

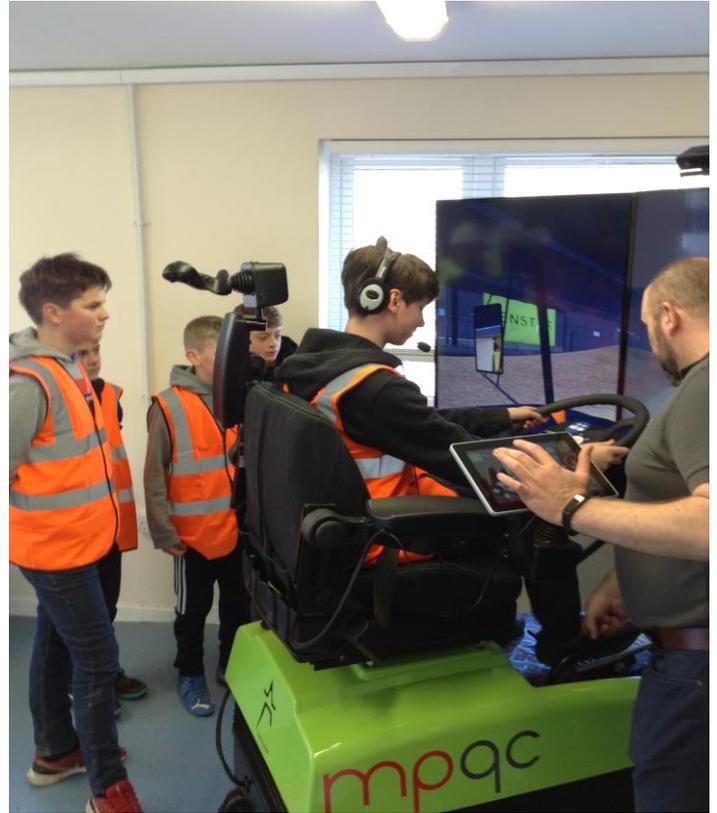
Due to impending dark nights the club is now finished. However, after school badminton club will start on Monday nights after half term. Letters will be given out after the holidays.





Super STEM

Year 8 visited Barrasford Quarry this week for a STEM learning day focused on the day-to-day running of the Tarmac organisation. Pupils had the opportunity to look at careers in the quarrying industry as well as how the company interacts with agriculture, ecology, water resources, archaeology, site restoration and public relations. They even had the opportunity to drive a simulator of a dumper truck and witness a huge quarry blast. An interesting and engaging day out!





Youth Club

KS3 Youth Club, held each Thursday, is proving to be very popular! Pupils are already practising for their Christmas performance. A special 'thanks' to Lisa who has created such an appealing, fun experience for our pupils.



BMS

Parent Teacher Community Association
(PTCA)

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A
FABULOUS**

**FRIDAY
19TH
Nov
7pm –
10pm**

CURRY NIGHT

**Community
Room
Bellingham
Village Hall**

ONLY £10:00 PER HEAD

DUE TO LIMITED SPACES TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

CONTACT: Julie 07721 07021 by text or email bmsptca@outlook.com to arrange your ticket!

This event is kindly sponsored by Tasset Valley Taxis and all proceeds will go to a much-needed water station for Bellingham Middle School.



Some Seasonal Baking?

Edible Conkers!



A simple recipe for children to follow but always with adult supervision

Ingredients

- 250g/8oz digestive biscuits
- 150g/5oz milk chocolate
- 300g/10oz dark chocolate
- 100g/3½oz unsalted butter
- 150g/5oz golden syrup
- 100g/3½oz dried apricots, chopped
- 75g/2½oz raisins
- 60g/2oz pecans, chopped (optional)

Method

1. Bash the biscuits into pieces using a rolling pin. (Put them in a plastic bag first so they don't go everywhere!)
2. Melt chocolate, butter and golden syrup in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water. Stir occasionally.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and stir in the broken biscuits, apricots, raisins and pecans (optional).
4. Let the mixture cool and mould with your hands into balls making them different sizes.
5. Leave to go hard on a rack in the refrigerator.

Cover the Conkers

- 6oz dark chocolate
- 6oz cream
- 3oz white chocolate
- 3oz cream

1. Break the chocolate into small pieces and melt in a double saucepan or a bowl over simmering hot water.
2. At the same time warm the cream gently to blood temperature (it should be warm to the touch when you stick your finger in).
3. When the chocolate has melted gradually add the warmed cream slowly to make a sauce.
4. With a pair of tongs dip the conkers in the chocolate sauce and cover them.
5. Leave to dry on a cake rack.
6. Whilst drying melt the white chocolate using the same method.
7. When the conkers are dry dip the front in the white chocolate and leave to dry again.

Create Marzipan Shells

Block of marzipan

Green food colouring

Use an egg cup as a cutter

1. Colour the marzipan green.
2. Roll out with a rolling pin.
3. Cut circles using the egg cup.
4. Wrap around the chocolate conker so they are popping out of the marzipan shell.
5. Cut some of the circles in half to alter the shells.
6. Leave to chill and then serve and enjoy!



Find out what's on this Autumn in the North East area in our [North East Magazine](#). All the best family events have been rounded up for October half term, Halloween and bonfire and fireworks night and put altogether in one handy little online magazine. So, take a look and find out where to take the kids this October half term in the North East.



Dates for your diary...

Friday 22nd October

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 2nd November

Tuesday 9th November

Thursday 11th November

Friday 12th November

Wednesday 17th November

Thursday 18th November

Friday 19th November

Tuesday 23rd November

Tuesday 23rd November

Wednesday 24th November

Thursday 2nd December

Tuesday 7th December

Wednesday 8th December

Friday 10th December

Monday 13th December

Tuesday 14th December

Wednesday 15th December

Thursday 16th December

Friday 17th December

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Friday 7th January 2022

School closes for half-term

Teacher Training Day – school closed

School re-opens

Newcastle Castle & Keep – Y7

Pawtential Unleashed – visiting support dog

The Sill, Northumberland National Park – Y6

Gurdwara Temple, Newcastle – Y8

Parents' Evening: 4pm – 7pm

Curry Night at BMS from 7pm

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Hindu Temple, Newcastle – Y7

Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Hamilton – all welcome!

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Marine Society and Sea Cadets workshop – Y5 & Y6

Marine Society and Sea Cadets workshop – Y7 & Y8

Christmas Jumper Day

Enrichment Homework reward - afternoon

Christmas Parties - afternoon

Christmas Fayre: 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Christmas Performance – 6:30pm, St Cuthbert's

School closes for Christmas holidays

Training Day

School opens for Spring term

Pantomime, Theatre Royal, Newcastle

(Oh yes, we are!)