



Dear Parents/Carers,

At last! The announcement I think we have all been waiting for: pupils returning to us from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Staff are delighted and we're busy ensuring school is ready and as safe as it possibly can be. The bubbles of children we have in school are very excited at the thought of having their friends back in school and catching up with everyone's news. Letters with lots of details and information have been posted to all parents today so watch out for them arriving over the weekend.

It's been an exciting week for us here in school with news of the arrival of two new pupils joining us in Y5! Maizie has joined us today and we look forward to welcoming Amelia on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. We know our wonderful Y5 class will welcome the girls warmly and help them to settle very quickly.

Have a lovely weekend!

Lindsay Hamilton

Thank  
You

We are so lucky to have such fantastic support from our local community, which always improves the opportunities for our pupils at Bellingham Middle School. We are incredibly grateful to the Archibald Trust who have donated £1500.00 to us so that we can buy three new laptops for pupils who are in need of technology at home. This is an amazing gift and will not only benefit those pupils who are using the technology at home, but will benefit a majority once pupils return to school. Thank you to Charlotte Lloyd at the Trust for organising this for us. It is greatly appreciated.



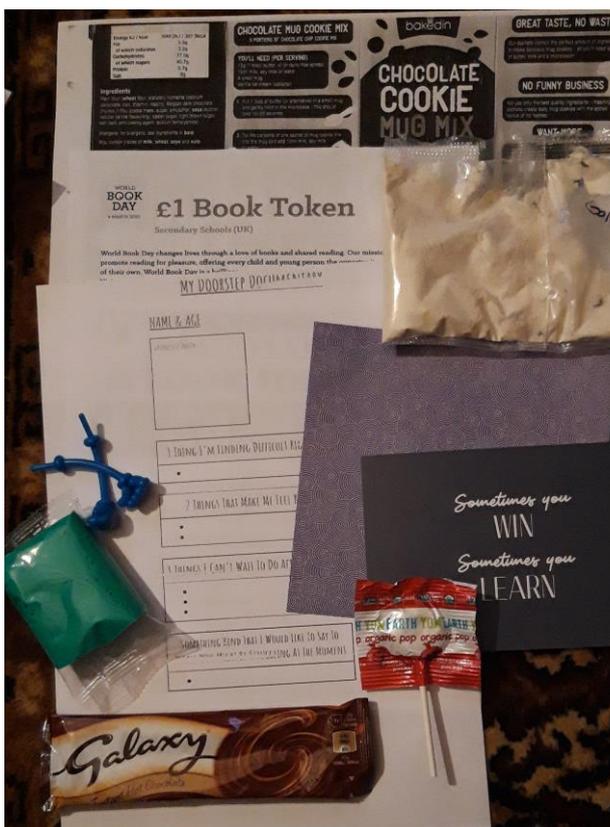
Warm thanks also go to Lisa at North Tyne Youth! Since lockdown, Lisa has hosted weekly online youth clubs for our Y8 pupils – a chance for them to chat together and socialise. However, this week, she has gone one step further in posting home activity packs. Each pupil received some air clay, hot chocolate, mug-cake ingredients, a lolly, origami paper, an inspirational postcard, and some colouring and puzzle sheets. Our pupils were thrilled to receive such a treat:

*"Thank you! It was such a great surprise!" Callum*

*"Looking forward to the hot chocolate and the making the brownie cup cake." Emily*

*"I love mine! Thank you so much!" Lucy*

What a lovely, kind gesture!





## March 2021 What's On

North Tyne Youth is still digital! Lockdown continues, and although we can't meet face-to-face yet, there is still lots we can do in a safe and fun way online.

Get in touch via email ([Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk](mailto:Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk)), or text or call (07826 020949) to find out more, get hold of a Registration Form, and book on to our FREE online sessions. And if you have any ideas for what activities you'd like to do online (social media challenges, party nights, competitions), we're all ears... We can't wait to see you!

North Tyne Youth isn't just for pupils in Y8. Check out their programme for March 2021 for all children, aged 8 years and up.

Get in touch via email:

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Alternatively, text or call Lisa on:

07826020949

### TUESDAYS

[2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March]

5.00-9.00pm: Bookable time slots for young people aged 8-18 to "meet" and chat with a youth worker one-to-one or as a small group of up to six friends. Get in touch to book.

### THURSDAYS

[4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March]

6.00-7.00pm: 8-12s Club  
7.15-7.45pm: 8-16s Street Dance  
8.00-9.00pm: 13-18s Club

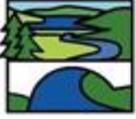
We will be launching our Easter holiday programme at the beginning of March, and we can't wait! It's going to offer lots of new and different opportunities and we hope you can get involved. Keep a look-out: we will share on social media, and with local community and school newsletters.

## Enterprise Initiative!

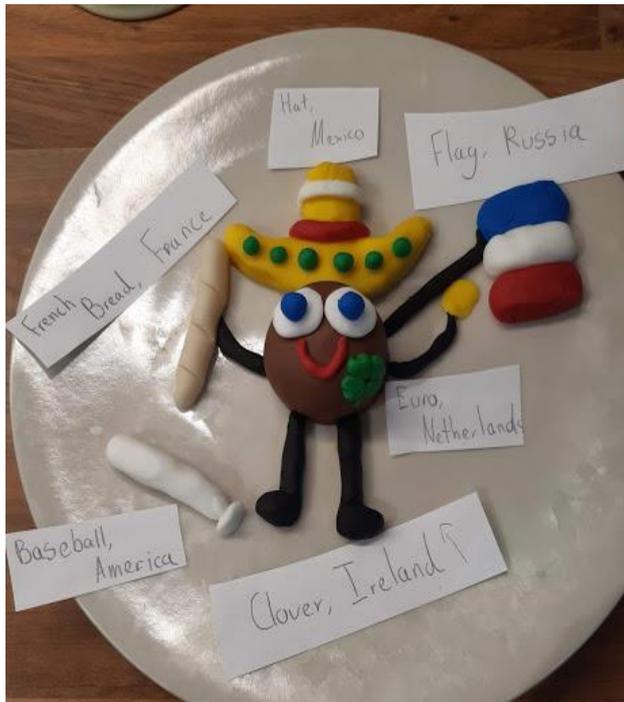
Lucy has been busy during her time away from the screen recently, developing her sewing skills. She has made lots of these wonderful cross-stitch bookmarks, ready to sell in school as soon as we're able to.

Well done, Lucy! Incredible patience and skill demonstrated here.





## Teacake Travels!



A few weeks ago, Miss Read set the challenge of "Teacake Travels Around the World". Pupils were asked to present a stunning dish, showing their creativity and decorative skills. Their ideas had to reflect traditions, sights, smells and/or tastes of a different countries or cultures.

The response was incredible and Miss Read writes: *"It was very difficult to choose an overall winner as the time and effort put into each design was very impressive. However, the number of different countries this person included in their design was something special! Well done to our BMS Teacake Travels Winner: Elise in Y6"*.

Congratulations, Elise! A very worthy winner! A prize is on its way to you!

## Perfect Pancakes!

There was certainly a lot of pancakes eaten this year, just from BMS alone! We had some fantastic entries into Miss Read's competition! Here are our runners-up (Callum & Lucy) alongside our fabulous winner...



A very fruity effort from Callum, Y8!



...and the winner is Emma, Y8! Memories inspired her design as she writes:

*"This scene is a memory from when I used to go to the beach and build stone towers. Pancakes are my favourite breakfast and we all enjoyed eating them afterwards."*

Well done, Emma! A prize is on its way to you!



Delicious combination, Lucy:  
banana & Biscoff!  
Mmmm...



## Bubble Screen Breaks

KS2 have enjoyed learning about chromatography this week during their screen break sessions and using their skills to create some 'chromatography' art.



Lucy and  
Zoe  
concentrating  
very hard!



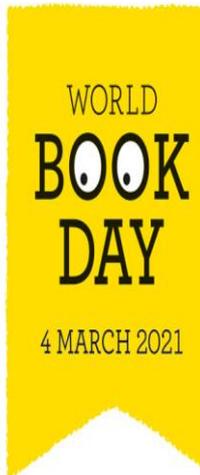
## Great Goals!



They're here – our wonderful new sets of goals! The wait is over, and just in time for pupils returning to school.

Thank you again to our fantastic BMSPTCA for buying these for our pupils. There'll be lots of smiles on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you also to Mr Ramshaw, James & Sam for putting them together for us.



Next week sees the return of World Book Day! Although it will be a little different this year, we'd still like to mark its arrival in order to celebrate and promote the importance of reading.

We're holding a fancy-dress competition open to all pupils, asking them to dress up as a well-known character. Our current bubbles in school can attend wearing their costume, and those pupils at home can send us a photo of their costume to be entered into our competition.

School have signed up to attend David Walliam's World Book Day Assembly for pupils who are in school. However, households can also sign up by clicking [here](#).

Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and booksellers, World Book Day, in partnership with schools all over the country, distribute over 15 million £1 World Book Day book tokens to children and young people every year on World Book Day. The £1 book tokens can then be swapped for one of the exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books available from participating booksellers, or can be used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook instead. World Book Day book tokens will be valid from **Thursday 18 February – Sunday 28 March 2021**. In 2021 participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28 March while stocks last. This year, to ensure pupils receive their token, we have included it in the envelope posted to parents and carers today about the return to school. You can browse this year's books by clicking [here](#).



Safeguarding and child protection are as important now as they ever have been. With lockdowns, tier systems and social distancing measures in place across the UK, it's difficult for adults to keep in regular contact with children and check on their welfare. We all have a responsibility to keep children safe. This is even more important at a time when children aren't being seen by a range of professionals on a daily basis.

The NSPCC Helpline is always available on 0808 800 5000, if you have concerns for your own, or another child's safety. If you feel that a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999. Alternatively, if you would like to speak to someone in school, please do not hesitate to contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: **Mr Ramshaw or Mrs Hamilton**.



A reminder to those parents and carers whose children have school lunch – please make sure you have ordered online before pupils return to school. Thank you!