



Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn is definitely here and we've experienced some really breezy break and lunchtimes this week. Can we ask that pupils bring a coat to school each day as the weather is definitely getting colder.

It was great to say 'hello' to so many of our new parents this week at our Intake Evening and share our views about how well everyone is settling in. All pupils are doing well at using the new school journals and we hope you feel they're a valuable tool of communication between home and school. Can we ask that they're signed each week by a parent or carer at home so that lines of communication remain as open as possible, thank you.

Thank you to all those who have returned deposits for our residential trips. I appreciate after lockdown that the thought of going away from home can be unnerving to some pupils but we really don't want anyone to miss out because of this. If you think this may be the case with your child, give me a call and I'll do my best to help.

Have a lovely weekend!
Lindsay Hamilton

Throw kindness like confetti...!



In order to promote and celebrate one of our school values, 'kindness', pupils were given the challenge to, 'throw kindness like confetti' this past week.

As you can see, we didn't disappoint! We've gone from a very sparse board, to over 60 random acts of kindness! Incredible!





Y7 Art

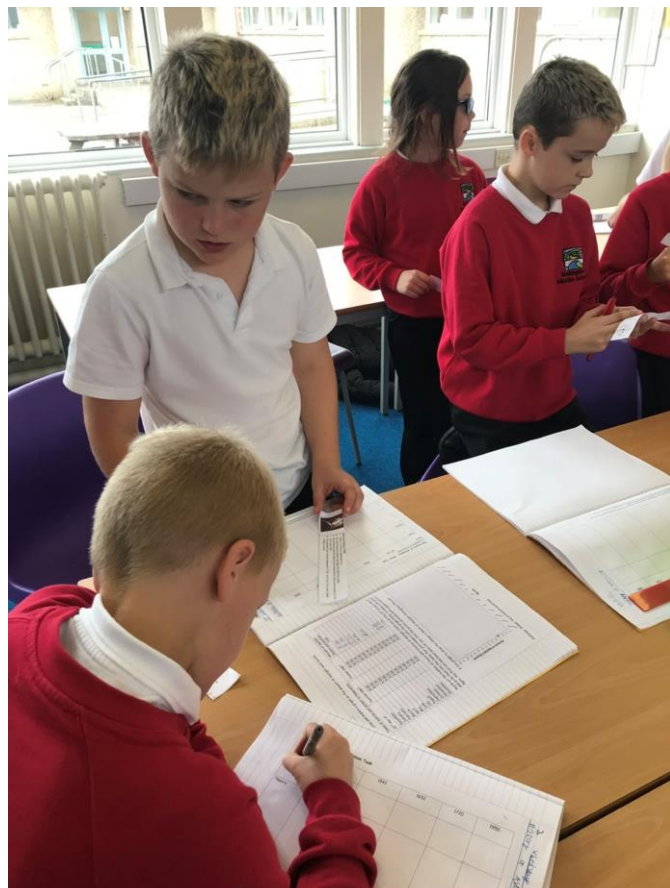
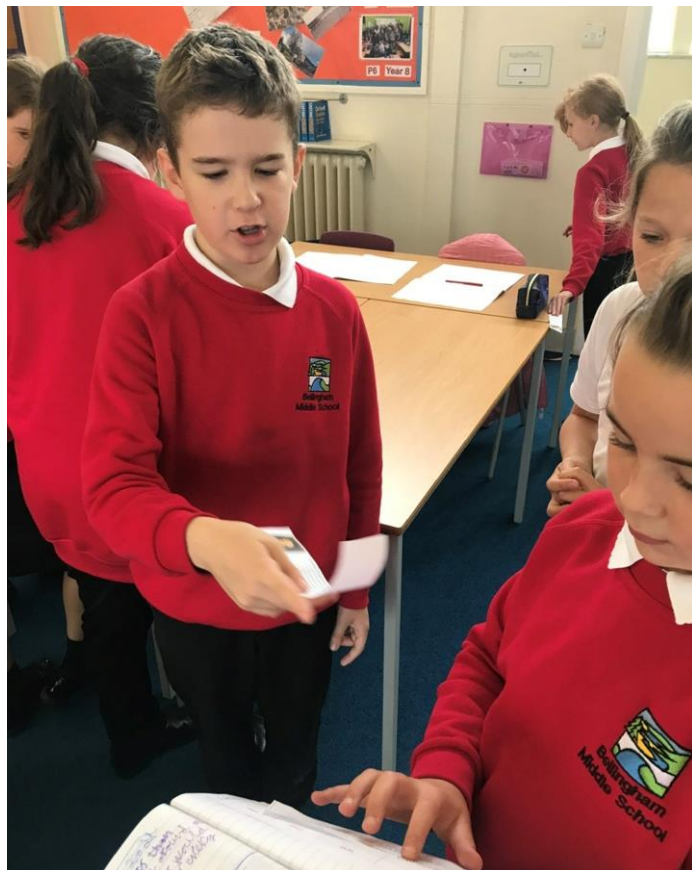
Y7 are making great progress with their Street Art work, developing their knowledge of Banksy, Keith Haring, Julian Beever, Tom Bob and Space Invader whilst improving their graphic design and blending skills. Looking forward to seeing these on display!





Y5 Science

Year 5 have been learning about the astronomers who are responsible for our understanding of the universe today. The pupils taught each other about figures such as Copernicus, Galileo and Newton. They're excellent at working collaboratively, this lot!

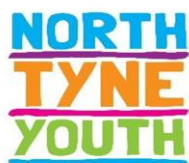




School News



We're looking forward welcoming 'Bin It' into school on Friday 15th October. They will be delivering an educational live performance that aims to tackle the challenging problems about our environment. The aim is to raise awareness of the environmental costs and social issues surrounding discarded litter, the benefits of recycling, re-usable waste and the danger to animals. Hopefully, this can be an issue our school council can adopt and develop within our school community.



It was great to meet with Lisa, our old friend, from North Tyne Youth yesterday. We can't wait to welcome her into school each Thursday. Lisa is going to run a KS3 youth club each Thursday lunchtime with the first session beginning on **Thursday 7th October**.



Thank you very much to those parents who have completed our google form so that we can gather views about our school lunches. At the time of writing this, we've only received 14 responses! So that we can appeal to as many as possible, I would be really grateful if we could gather some more responses so that a larger proportion of families are represented. The google form can be accessed [here](#). Deadline for responses: Friday 1st October.



After the success of last year's partnership walk, we're pleased to announce that we will once again be supporting the 'Hello Yellow' campaign on Friday 8th October by carrying out our own sponsored walk. Proceeds raised will be split between the charity Young Minds and our own fund for pupil enrichment opportunities. More details will be shared next week.



A reminder that next week we are holding two 'open' events for potential future new starters. Thank you to those of you who have agreed to pupils helping us out – they really are our best advocates! If you know anyone who is thinking of joining us, please ask them to get in touch and see what we have to offer!



A big 'THANK YOU!'

It's hard to believe the transformation which has taken place in less than 3 weeks! Our new Learning Resource Centre is now open for business thanks to the fantastic efforts made by our very own Mrs Batey! She has created an inviting space we are proud of where pupils can choose a book, read quietly or complete homework. **The LRC is open daily (every lunchtime) for pupils to use for reading or homework** and Mrs Batey is available to help choose a riveting read!



Thanks, Mrs Batey!
Our pupils are going to
love this space!





Dates for your diary...

Monday 27th September

Open Afternoon (1:30pm – 3:00pm)

Tuesday 28th September

Open Evening (6:00pm – 7:30pm)

Friday 1st October

Nasal Flu & Covid Vaccine Programme

Thursday 7th October

North Tyne Youth Lunchtime club (KS3)

Friday 8th October

Partnership Sponsored Walk

Friday 15th October

Bin It Workshop 1:30pm (Y6, Y7, Y8)

Thursday 21st October

Y8 Science Visit – Barrasford Quarry

Friday 22nd October

Y5 English visit - Cragside

Friday 22nd October

School closes for half-term

Monday 1st November

Teacher Training Day – school closed

Monday 2nd November

School re-opens