BELLINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLETIN: 6^H JULY 2018



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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

With so many pupils (and staff!) inspired by England's World Cup performance to date, it has been an excellent time to celebrate sport in our school. Everyone has made a fantastic effort to do their best, earn team points for their house and support one another during Sports Day. We were also lucky enough to have a Champions of Sport visit from Laura Samuel, a team GB triple jumper. We heard how Laura persevered to achieve her sporting dream, reminding us to be resilient as we face challenges and work towards our goals in life.

A reminder that all children should be working hard on their World Cup themed homework project, linked to the country of their allocated team. This is due in on 16th July. We are looking forward to seeing how pupils have responded to this opportunity for independence and creativity.

Kind regards, Helen Samuels, Acting Headteacher

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



7th July 2018: Great Northumberland: Launch Showcase in Hexham Kicking off eight weeks of summer activities, this FREE event promises a vibrant family friendly day of performance and street theatre in and around Hexham Abbey Grounds and The Sele. There'll be a spectacular showcase event, which has been produced and created by outdoor arts aficionados Walk the Plank, plus a line-up of musicians designed to get everyone involved, culminating in an energetic public ceilidh. Venue: The Sele Park, Hexham 1pm – 5pm



7 and 8th July 2018: Haltwhistle Carnival. This fabulous carnival has grown over the years into a week of events and activities around the town for all age groups. A week of events and activities will culminate in carnival weekend with live music, entertainment, refreshments, fun fair, vintage vehicles and stalls. On Sunday, Carnival Day will see a full day parade of floats! FREE 10am – 5pm



30th June – 9th September 2018: Get North Water Sculpture. (FREE) Be wowed by the UK's largest water sculpture which will perform hourly. Download three specially commissioned soundtracks and experience this impressive spectacle to three different pieces of music. The Water Sculpture is 80m long and reaches the height of the Tyne Bridge. Open daily between 10am and 11pm.

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Attendance this week - 92.4%



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



Did you know?

An 80% mark in an exam may be good but... 80% attendance through four years of school equals a full school year lost.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!			
KESTREL (89)	MERLIN (124)	OSPREY (106)	PEREGRINE (116)
Anna (5A)	Hannah (5A)	Aidan (5A)	Emily (5A)
Katie (5R)	Lucy F (5R)	Owen (5R)	Noah (5R)
Olivia (Y6)	Amy (Y6)	Georgia (Y6)	Connor & Archie (Y6)
Kieran (Y7)	Alicia (Y7)	Bethany (Y7)	Annalise & Paige (Y7)
Aaron I (Y8)	Izzy (Y8)	Emily M (Y8)	Arran W (Y8)



Uniform Swap Shop: if you have any unwanted items of uniform in clean, decent condition, then we would be grateful if you could send these into school with your child to give to Mrs Batey from Monday 9th July. During the last week of school, parents will be able to see if any pre-loved uniform would be suitable for their child next year at no cost. Tables of uniform will be displayed in the foyer.



Tickets for SuperStan: please return your reply slip to school as soon as possible, indicating the number of free tickets you require. There is an initial limit on 3 per pupil; however, if you would like more tickets, then please do request this so that we can accommodate where possible.



Sports Results: We can't wait for our relay races on the morning of the last day of term to see which House will triumph overall this year. After Sports Day last week, Kestrel currently has an 8 point lead, with Osprey not far behind. The House Tournament totals show Peregrine leading, with Merlin only 8 points behind, so for all Houses, tension is mounting as there is everything to play for in the relays. Good luck everyone!

Sports Day so far...
Tournaments:

2017/2018 House

Kestrel – 533 Merlin – 509 Osprey – 525 Peregrine – 484 Kestrel - 60 Merlin - 64 Osprey - 55 Peregrine - 72



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SPORTS ZONE

Sports for Champions Visit: This week, we welcomed Team GB triple jumper, Laura Samuel, to BMS. Laura put the pupils through their paces in way of a sponsored circuit. After the pupils had worked up a sweat, Laura led an assembly, showing the pupils her training regime, as well as giving them advice on what it takes to be an elite sportsperson. A thoroughly enjoyable morning was made even better with the news that the pupils had raised a staggering £567! Well done everyone!





Sports Day Highlights: It was a pleasure to see all pupils pushing themselves individually as they completed a circuit of events, with the first five boys and girls in each group earning points for his or her team. This certainly made for a healthy competitive spirit amongst the children, which was great to see as everyone competed and contributed to a team's overall score.





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MEMOS AND REMINDERS

Bike Helmets: Your child **must** wear a bike helmet as he or she cycles to or from our school. We will let you know if we notice your child without a helmet and have to insist that he or she does not ride until one is worn. Please remind your child to stay safe on our roads by wearing a helmet. Further Bikeability training will be available next term.

Contacting school if your child is ill: Could all parents please inform us by 9.15 am if your child is not able to attend school due to illness. You can leave a message on the answerphone if the line is busy or email: middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk

Dinner Money: Please could we ask for your help here? If you are sending money into school to pay for several days at a time, this needs to be in a **named envelope**. It would also be much appreciated if you could put your **child's name on the back** of any payment by **cheque**. Thank you for your support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Wednesday 11th July Reward Trip to Metro Centre

Monday 16th July World Cup Homework Project Deadline

Tuesday 17th July Summer Production at 6pm

Wednesday 18th July Y8 Trip to South Shields

Thursday 19th July KS2 Wallington Trip

Thursday 19th July Prom

Friday 20th July 11 am Celebration Assembly – all welcome

Friday 20th July End of term