



NEWSLETTER

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BOTHAL PRIMARY

Wednesday 9 January 2019

Dates for your diary

Year 6 SATs
Parents' Evening
6pm – 7pm
29 January

Half Term Holidays
18 – 24
February

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Double GOLD Awards

Bothal Primary School has been awarded the Youth Sport Trust GOLD Quality Mark for its commitment to physical education (PE) and school sport. The Youth Sport Trust is a national charity that builds a brighter future for young people through the power of sport; developing qualities including creativity, aspiration, resilience and empathy.

Andy Roberts, Executive Principal, said "We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded the GOLD Quality Mark from the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises our commitment to delivering the best possible sporting experiences for the young people at our school. There are a whole range of educational, health and wellbeing benefits from delivering high quality PE and school sport, and we see on a regular basis that when it is delivered well it can transform the lives of all pupils."

Schools are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold status, which reflects its efforts in using PE and school sport to raise achievement across the school.

Alison Oliver, Chief Executive at the Youth Sport Trust, said "Congratulations to Bothal Primary School for achieving the Youth Sport Trust GOLD Quality Mark. Schools which achieve the Quality Mark, share our belief in the value of high quality PE and sport and the positive impact it has on young people's journey through education. PE and school sport helps young people to live healthy and active lives and through it, helps them achieve their personal best in school and life. We are delighted to be working with thousands of schools across the country that recognise the competitive advantage this gives to their pupils."



We also achieved Gold for the Sainsbury's School Games – this is an award that shows our commitment to extra-curricular sport, school sport competition and pupil leadership.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank (WVFB)

Thank you to everyone who generously donated non-perishable food items. The food bank welcomed the boost in supplies which enabled them to issue food parcels to individuals in financial hardship. Throughout the past year WVFB has been able to supply in excess 40,000 meals.



Bad Weather Advice



We have a statutory duty to provide an education service in which schools are open to pupils for 190 days per year. However, during periods of severe weather there may be a need to close the school. The decision to close the school is only taken when the safety or welfare of the pupils during their time at the school or travelling to school is likely to be adversely affected by inclement weather.

Closure notices will appear in the following places:

- www.northumberland.gov.uk
- www.facebook.com/nccalerts
- www.twitter.com/northumberlands
- NCC helpline: 01670 534164
- Real Radio 100 to 102fm

As well as on the school website and school Facebook:

- www.bothalprimary.org
- [@bothalprimaryschool](https://twitter.com/bothalprimaryschool)

In extreme cases the school may have to close **during** the day due to severe weather and your child will be sent home early. We will:

- Contact parents to collect their child/children by sending a text/app message.
- Keep parents updated via the schools' websites, social media and the Northumberland County Council website.

We ask that parents do not ring the school during these periods, as this will block the telephone lines for outgoing calls the school may need to undertake.

Parents should make sure they have a procedure in place for the care of their children in case of any emergencies and make sure their child is aware of these arrangements.

The school email address is bps@alptrust.co.uk should you need to message the school.

Eco Schools Campaign

Bothal Primary School has joined the mission to save the planet, one piece of plastic at a time, in an ambitious campaign to reduce the amount of plastic waste the school produces.

Led by the teaching staff, pupils have been participating in a number of activities both in school and the local community to kick-start the campaign and qualify for the internally recognised Eco Schools Award.

The project is being led by Paul Mordue, Director of Wild About Adventure, who said "a lack of awareness about the dangers of plastic to the environment means our planet is now drowning in it. We have taken groups of children to Newbiggin beach to collect plastic waste washed up on the shore. We have also instated a new dedicated Eco Council who will be responsible for enforcing the new recycling rules to be put in place over the course of the school year."

In a recent survey conducted by the Eco Council, results showed that only 10% of the school's waste is recycled. Through the new initiative, the school is aiming to recycle up to 90% of its waste, radically reducing the amount it sends to landfill.

The first phase of the project, launched in a special all-school assembly attended by local councillors, will see recycling bins placed in the lunch hall for collecting single-use plastics. The second phase will see this extended to all classrooms. During the assembly, to help illustrate the scale of the problem, the children were presented with 'Tallulah' a giant plastic sea turtle which had been constructed out of plastic waste collected by the pupils who took part in the beach cleans.

Mr Mordue said "we collected hundreds of plastic bottles, bags and even stranger items such as remote controls. Using some of the items, we created a piece of artwork which would serve as a lasting reminder of what we are trying to achieve and why recycling is so important and now we have Tallulah the sea turtle." Councillor Malcolm Peden, Mayor of Newbiggin, added "it's astonishing to see how much waste can be collected from one beach. If you multiply this by all the beaches in the region, that adds up to a lot of plastic!"



December's Attendance

Target attendance **above 96%**
Current entire school attendance **96.2%**

Class 6S	94%
Class 6P	94%
Class 6H	95%
Class 5M	97%
Class 5B	96%
Class 5A	97%
Class 4M	96%
Class 4K	95%
Class 4B	92%
Class 3W	96%
Class 3J	96%
Class 3G	97%
Class 2W	96%
Class 2P	94%
Class 2M	97%
Class 1K	98%
Class 1H	94%
Class 1B	98%
Class RM	92%
Class RCK	94%
Class RB	93%

Thank You

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, we would like to thank everyone who donated money to the annual poppy appeal. The total raised by the staff and pupils at Bothal Primary School was £286.87.



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