

Bamburgh School January Newsletter



Newsflash:

Although we were not expecting it, Ofsted came to inspect our school in the penultimate week of last term and were in school for 2 days. We are really pleased to inform all parents and carers that the inspectors were impressed with Bamburgh and judged us to be a 'Good' school with a number of outstanding features.

We are a strong community here at Bamburgh and everyone played a part in showing off the school to its best and sharing in the pride that working and learning here gives us. I must say that your children, our pupils, were fantastic and proved that 'Bamburgh Magic' does exist.

I am hoping that we can build on the success of my first year here, and that the inspectors don't come back too soon - giving us enough time to move towards 'Outstanding' in the near future.

If you haven't already seen the report, it is available on the school website.

Bamburgh staff wish everyone a happy, peaceful and successful New Year for 2014. We hope you had a super Christmas holiday. We had such a busy half term leading up to the Christmas break with so much happening in school. Some of the highlights are listed below:

- We are happy to inform you that a new updated website is now available. The new version gives a much clearer picture of what life at Bamburgh is all about and will hopefully provide a much more useful link to what is happening currently in school. Please check out our new site at bamburghschool.co.uk. We look forward to hearing your thoughts, comments and any ideas for making it as user friendly as possible.
- Yet again, our Christmas Concert proved to be a huge success. Our primary pupils delivered a new take on the Nativity story with a brilliant performance of 'A Midwife Crisis'. All pupils had the opportunity to perform, and they brought the house down with a joyful mix of comedy, singing and dancing. The secondary pupils then took the place by storm performing an exciting rendition of 'The Lion King' to great acclaim. We didn't think we could better last year's show, but we believe we did; and also showed that there are some very talented actors in the school.
- Congratulations to three pupils who are such talented artists that they won the Christmas Card Competition run by our Local Authority. Their brilliant designs have been used across South Tyneside: printed as cards sent out to celebrate the festive season.
- Pupils from Sycamore Class had a brilliant afternoon when they attended the official opening of Haven Point Swimming Pool. They had the opportunity to see Prince William in person, and to be part of a fantastic event in our area.
- Our football team (see photo) were runners-up in the Vision for Education Football Tournament.
- Several of our Year 10 and 11 pupils qualified as Sports Leaders last term.
- Welcome to our new Humanities teacher! Mr Wells (see photo), joins us from St Benedict's School in Ashington. He is taking over from Miss Newall, who has left to start a family. She will be greatly missed, but we are sure that Mr Wells will be a brilliant replacement. We also said goodbye to Mrs Watson who had been covering Mrs Burgess's maternity leave. She had quickly become part of Bamburgh School, and we wish her every success in her new career, training to become a Specialist Teacher for children with visual impairment.