



# Ponteland Community Middle School

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## Newsletter 11 – July 2018

*'We take our vision from John 10:10 'that they have life and have it abundantly'*

Dear Parents

The KS2 2018 SAT results were sent to parents on Wednesday 11 July. Our children continue to excel and this year is no exception. I am delighted with their attainment; the children's focus and resilience; and the teachers' tenacity and commitment to our learners. In comparison to the national average, the combined reading, writing and maths result is 84% which is 20% above the national average; and of which 16% are at great depth. Our percentages for 2018 in English Reading is 89% which is 14% above the National Average; SPAG is 93% which is 15% above the NA; and Maths is 92% which is 16% above. Trustees and SLT are immensely proud of the children, families and staff – teachers and HLTA/TA team. Out of the county's 65 schools we are top of the league table for RWM [Reading, Writing, Maths] at expected [EXP] level; 3rd for SPAG EXP; overall Greater Depth RWM 9th. We are all so proud to have maintained the RWM top slot and will be celebrating and sharing the children's success.

A few staff are leaving ... Dom Flint moved to 3 Rivers as SBM for Newminster and Chantry schools; Miss Beckett moves back to Northern Ireland to work in Campbell College – an all boys' boarding school; Miss Embleton completed her NQT year and moves to Moorside PS in Newcastle; and Mrs Robson, TA joins the Gosforth East Middle School. We welcome Miss Evlynn Boe as a four day a week NQT in Food and Art for September; and Miss Brownlees, HLTA, for three days a week. We welcome the return of Mrs O'Connell and Mrs Brett from maternity leave for two days a week. Working with the North East Futures UTC, we have three staff teaching GCSE classes there three hours a week and they are Mr Cass/ Further Maths; Mr Burgess/Geography; Miss Percival/Art.

At the end of the Sports Colours Assembly day where over 100 [out of 155] Y8 received sports colours, Mr Baggett heard that PCMS is now the first school in Northumberland to be become a Platinum Sportsmark School. This is the highest sports attainment for any school, extremely rare and fitting for an outstanding teaching school. 15 staff lead [before, during or after] school activities. The children's recent Sport England Active Lives Survey reported that 99% agreed that they understood why exercise and sports are good for them; 95% agreed they enjoyed taking part in exercise and sports; 95% agreed they were motivated to take part in sports; 93% feel they can trust their peers; and 93% agree or strongly agree they have positive self efficacy – positive self talk, strong character, helpful, cultivate a learning mindset, resilience, motivation, determination, trust and faith in their teams and captains. They do it for love of their sport or their team. They are happy. They aim for excellence. In 2017/18, we had 18 County Champions, 24 County Team winners, 8 School Games winners and 1 runner up, 300 children represented the school in 500 fixtures and festivals with 95% of matches won, 445 [out of 615] children take part in sports clubs, 450 take part in clubs or activities outside school.

School Prom is tonight 6:30pm—9:00pm, we are very much looking forward to it!!

School finishes tomorrow at 1:15pm, parents must sign children's diary to enable them to enjoy an early finish.

School resumes Wednesday 5 September. Have a fabulous holiday

With kind regards

Dr Caroline Pryer

Attendance percentages to date for each class– Target for school is 98%  
Percentages taken 13 July 2018

5JH	5MG	5LC	5MB	5CW	6RP	6BN	6KS	6OT	6CE
96.9	96.7	97.8	96.8	96.2	96.6	97.1	95.6	94.2	96.7
7MP	7ABe	7CC	7TB	7CJ	8BF	8DR	8NM	8AP	8PC
97.1	96.3	95.8	96.1	96.3	94.8	96.6	96.3	96.3	94.9

## Sports News

### School Games

Congratulations to all pupils who took part in this year's School Games. At area level, we were champions in badminton, basketball, hockey, football, indoor athletics, volleyball, and handball, only losing out on girls' football, tag rugby and quad kids. In yesterday's County finals, we took 6 teams, winning gold in 5 events and a silver in the other. This success means that PCMS has now had 24 teams this year who are reigning County Champions.

### Area Athletics

Following on from a really successful area athletics, where Ponteland took the team prize, 40 athletes qualified to represent Tynedale Schools at the County Finals. All pupils performed incredibly well, with Tynedale picking up the team prize once more. We also had several medallists and County Champions; Double County Champion was Fin Wilkinson (Triple Jump and Hurdles ) County Champions, Beni Ayuk (200m) Zak Old (800m), Boys relay, Rory Powell (Shot), James Hewson (800m), Poppy Old (800m), Lucy Dodd (Ball Throw), Abi Leiper (Long Jump), girls relay. Silver; Mel Brooks (100m), Abi Leiper (1500), Lucy Moralee (Shot), Beth Hickman (200m), Eve Beechinor Collins (Discus), Rory Powell (Discus), Issaac Keller (Javelin), Bronze: Ella Wilson (Hurdles and High Jump), Zara Naughton (1500), Charles Mason (Hurdles). This is an unprecedented level of success at County Championships, so well done to all pupils who took part.

### Northumberland High Schools Golf Championship

Zara Naughton won the Northumberland High Schools Golf Championship with a level par round at Ponteland. She was also 2nd in the County Schools Championship at Prudhoe. Zara was also first Northumberland counter in the Y7 English school X Country Championship. Fantastic achievement, Zara!

### Girls U13 Cricket Team

On Wednesday 11 July the girls' U13 cricket team travelled to Barnsley. 7 teams from across the North of England attended the event and Ponteland were representing Northumberland. After winning four group games, PCMS had to then play in a final against McMillan from Middlesbrough. It was a sweltering day and the girls had to keep hydrated and maintain focus for long periods throughout the day. The batting performance of the team was dominant from the first game, the bowling was accurate and the fielding improved from one game to the next. In the final, McMillan were held to just 43 runs from 7 overs, before PCMS went in to bat. Izzy Goodall and Laura Hamilton opened the batting, and were assisted lower down the order by Lucy Moralee and Freya Guadengo to go onto score 71 and win the title. Izzy and Laura retired with 20 runs or more on 9 out of 10 occasions! The side were captained by Hannah Lawson who has grown in confidence and experience throughout the season. The girls squad has been assisted and supported throughout the season by Adam Robson, NCB County Development Officer, and he has been instrumental in a significant number of girls taking up cricket outside of school. A big part of the team's success goes to Adam and all the girls who have been competing for a place on the team.

### Jill Scott National Cup

The girls won the U14s Girls Jill Scott National Cup; unbeaten for the whole tournament. Anna Mason, Emelia Williams, Faye Evans, Neave Dodds, Katie Smith, Grace Owen, Bethany Hickman, Sophia Mayers, Amber Mayers, Jess Morland, Liv Carruthers, Melody Brooks, Charlotte Simms, Suzy Shanks and Deryn Hutchinson were all amazing!!



### Digital School

We are excited to announce a partnership with Digital School House and the NE Futures UTC. DSH is a nationwide organisation empowering the teaching of Computing across the Key Stages. It's a fantastic opportunity to work with our local primary and first schools in developing Coding and Computational Thinking. Collaborating with the NE Futures UTC will enable our learners to access fantastic facilities and higher level Computing skills.

### Uniform Reminder/Haircuts

As the summer holiday approaches, we would like to remind parents that when purchasing school shoes, please do not buy boots or black trainers or pumps. Any shoes bought should be black formal shoes. **Could you also ensure that when your child returns in September there are no extremes in haircuts, including no hair cut short at the sides and right up to the hairline; or hair dye.** School trousers for boys should not be too tight and girls' skirts not too short. Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the school prior to the end of term.

### Quiz Night

Well done to everyone who participated in the school quiz evening which took place at Ponteland Golf Club on Saturday 23rd June. Thanks to their generosity The Parents Forum managed to raise £884.50 for the school. Congratulations to the "A-Team"; the winners of the quiz and a big thank you to all the people and companies who donated such fabulous raffle prizes. I think that most would agree a merry time was had by all!

Jules Stevenson Warrender