



# Bovesfield News

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## Meet the Reporters



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Welcome to the first edition of our school newspaper, run by pupils from years 5 and 6.

We plan to produce a monthly newspaper, highlighting all the wonderful events and amazing talents which make Bovesfield the best place to be.

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## Meet the Staff



### An interview with Head teacher, Miss Hodgeon



Q. How long have you worked at this school?

A. 13 and a half years.

Q. How many schools have you worked in and what are their names?

A. This is my 4<sup>th</sup> school. I have worked at Lynnfield in Hartlepool, Mill Lane and Rosehill Infants in Stockton.

Q. What do you like about this school?

A. I like the diversity of our school and the challenge of the improvements we are working on.

Q. Is being a head teacher stressful?

A. Yes it can be sometimes. There are so many jobs to do and so many people to see. I want ours to be the best school it possibly can be and that takes a lot of work.

Q. Is there anything you don't like about being a head teacher?

A. I don't like it when things go wrong but luckily it doesn't happen too often.

Q. What vision do you have for this school?

A. That when we become bigger we will keep the heart of the school we have and that children will continue to love school, work hard and make good progress.

Q. What do you think about Bowsfield Primary School being a Rights Respecting school and are you proud of the children?

A. I am incredibly proud of everyone and hope we get RRS level two. I think that many of the everyday things we do enable children to have their rights met and I'd like to celebrate that.

# Year 6 SAT's

## SATS by Jack and Dylan.

### What are SATS?

SATS (Standard Assessment Tests) help teachers learn more about children's strengths and weaknesses. Teachers can compare how well each child is doing with their peers, both in their school and across the country. SATs also help the DFE (Department For Education) and local authorities to see if schools and teachers are struggling or doing well. **The Government say it is compulsory that 10 and 11 year olds take all 5 tests (English reading, grammar, punctuation, spelling and maths) in England.**

### Why do SATs seem so stressful?

Most children are stressed about SATs but in fact they are not a pass or fail, they highlight what the children have learned over KS1 and KS2. Here are the national figures from May 2016:

- 53% of pupils met the expected standard in reading, writing and maths,
- 66% met the expected standard in reading,
- 70% met the expected standard in maths,
- 72% met the expected standard in GPS,
- 74% met the expected standard in writing.

If you are stressed about SATs visit this website:  
<http://www.theschoolrun.com/8-common-questions-about-sats-answered>

### Year 6 Opinions

Q. What's your opinion on SATs?

A. Haider said, "I am looking forward to SATs."

Q. Are you looking forward to SATs?

A. Enam said, "Yes, to see what I've achieved."

Q. Are you nervous?

A. Ellis said yes, if he doesn't do well he thinks it will have a knock on effect at his secondary school.

Q. From 2017 students who don't achieve what is expected of them will re-sit the test in year 7, how do you feel about this?

A. Saif said, "Angry, we shouldn't have to do it again! "

## About Our School



The boy's school opened in 1885 and was run by Mr Noble. On the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1913 the seniors and juniors became one department.

The original Bovesfield School was built on Bovesfield Lane in 1881. It has changed a lot, as many head teachers have been in charge. Many years ago the genders were split.

The Infants opened on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 1881 and the head was Mrs C H Martindale.

The girl's school was led by Miss Margaret Wilson. About 204 girls attended the school.

In September 1976 the school opened on its current site of Northcote Street with Mr George Aitken as Head Teacher.



Hamaira has interviewed her mother, an ex pupil of Bovesfield Primary school, about her time at the school and how it has changed. Her mother attended the school from 1972-1979.

Q. What was school like then?

A. Good, although there were no after school clubs or halal food. The teachers could hit the children and the school wasn't rights respecting either.

Q. Did you go on any trips?

A. Yes, I went to Beamish and Saltburn but I never went on any overnight trips.

Q. How was it different to school now?

A. The children have more opportunities now and there is halal food available.

Q. Who was head teacher when you were at school?

A. Mr. George Aitken

Q. Who were your teachers?

A. Mr. Chris Coombs (Y5 teacher)

\*Mrs. Judy Coombs (Y3 teacher)

\* Mrs. Marjorie Raine (Y6 teacher)

\*Mrs. Barbara Moore (nursery teacher)

Q. Is there anyone teaching now who went to school with you?

A. No

Q. What school activities did you do?

A. My favourite school activity was creative writing but we also had the usual subjects such as English, Maths and Science. We didn't have any SAT's (standard assessment tests) or any homework.

Q. Throughout school was there anything you didn't like?

A. No, I loved school.

Q. How would you describe how the school has changed?

A. The curriculum is stricter and we did more fun things then.

Q. What do you think of the school now?

A. It's very good. The head teacher is lovely and the teachers are teaching the children in a good way.

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bowesfieldhistory/index.htm>

Bowesfield Primary School is changing yet again. To accommodate more children, we are having a large extension built and the current building thoroughly modernised.



# Game Review

by Jack and Dylan



The PEGI recommended age is 4+.



Minecraft is a sandbox (roam in an open world) video game developed by Swedish game designer Markus. The game can be played on PS3, PS4, XBOX 360, XBOX 1, Android and IOS

There are many reasons why you should play Minecraft.

Here are 4 main reasons:

- It builds children's creativity
- It teaches real-world skills
- It's kid friendly
- Fun for all the family

## E-Safety

Remember the rules for keeping safe online:

- Never give out personal details - use a nickname when logging on.
- Do not accept friend requests from people you do not know.
- If you are concerned about something you see online tell an adult and report the issue.

Look out for this symbol-



<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>



## Joke Time

Here are some of our favourite jokes



Why was the broom late?

Because it over swept.      Abdullah y3

Where do fish keep their money?

In the river bank!      Eban y3

Why did the boy throw out his watch?

He wanted to see time fly.      Shahaan y3

What do you call a fish with no eyes?

Fsh!      Miss McNeilly y3

What's a shark's favourite game?

Swallow my leader!      Miss Gill y4

What does Batman's mum say when she wants him to come in for food?

Dinner, dinner, dinner Batman!      Mrs Garriques y5



If you have some good jokes you would like to share with everyone please see Thomas and Tyler from y5

## What We Like About School by Year 2

I like Maths - **Muhammed**

I like the multi-sports after school club - **Dylan**

I loved the trip to Beamish - **Humera**

I like the book area - **Haseeb**

We like writing - **Lacey and Layton**

I love all the activities - **Kaycee**

I like English - **Halan**

I like sketching - **Mahdi**



# After School Clubs



Monday –KS2 Cookery Club



Tuesday –KS1 Cookery Club



Wednesday – KS2 Football Club



Thursday - KS1 Multisports



Friday - KS2 Hockey and Circuits Club



Are there any other clubs you would like school to run?

Get in touch with us and we will see what we can do.

Coming up in our next issue:

Our Library

Jokes

Staff interview - Mrs Garriques

Game Review

Class Focus - Year 5

and much more

If you have anything you would like us to cover in future issues please let a member of the team know and we will do our best to help.