

It has been a jam-packed and busy start to the new year and the new term which has seen Belmont pupils engage in an array of learning tasks both in school and through visits and trips. This half term our Year 2 pupils visited Colchester Zoo as part of their learning on animals and their habitats, they took part in a workshop and got to see many of the animals they have been learning about which was a thrilling experience for them all. We have also continued with our weekly visits to the local library which forms an important part of our commitment to engage Belmont pupils in a range of reading material. We know that in a world where technology and digital media are ever present, picking up a book and reading for pleasure is more important than ever. The children will return to the library before the end of the school year for a follow up visit.

First News, a pupil focused newspaper are running a competition which encourages children not to use their mobiles when crossing the road. We would love Belmont pupils to take part and design a poster to raise awareness around the importance of road safety by taking part. The competition entitled 'Look Up!' is open to all pupils aged 5 to 17 and the closing date for entries is Friday 11th March. Entries can be made directly to First News or can be handed in to your child's class teacher by Monday 7th March.

Further information can be found using this link: https://www.firstnews.co.uk/look-up-poster-competition/?utm_medium=email&_hsmt=203625081&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-vCBisinEQzluxHDfja_JTD-0DIFftw9A_yc-



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher Postcard: Noah (R), Louis (Y2) Tamara (Y4), Alicia (Y5)

Teacher Postcard: Austin, Finley, Jeevan, Maisie, Velencie (Y2)

Swimming Certificate: 5m – Holly (R), Stage 2 – Darcie (Y1)

400m Elizabeth (Y6) 20m - Ella (Y2) Stage 1 – Teddy (Y3)

Football Trophy: Harley (Y2)

Ultra Marathon Band: Lucia E (Y2) 50 laps of Abbey Wood

Jujitsu: Blue belt – Evie (Y6)

Little Princess Trust for Cancer: Jessica (Y6) for donating 11 inches of her hair

Cancer Research charity run: Ruby (Y5) who raised £544.28

Performer of the Day: Abhinav (Y3) from Centre Stage Theatre Academy

Gymnastics: Gabe (Y2) 2nd place medal and certificate

Handwriting Heroes: Daisy, Zariya, Norah, Ben (Y1), Sarwan, Lucia C, Bethel, Harley, Antonio (Y2)

TT Rock Star: Ben, Noah, Samuel, Eva, Harrison, Frankie, Freddie (Y1), Avni, Fin, Sammy, Scarlett, Sienna, Skye, Tayyibah, Sarwen, Finley, Skye (Y2)

TT Rock Legend: Mia, Vivienne, Jenson (Y1),

Half Term Achievers:

N: Ranveer, Cooper, Elsie, George, Isabelle; **R:** Adam, Isabelle, Oliver H, Paige, Rocco, Amelia-Rose, Arthur, Millie M, Oliver F, Parker, Will. **Y1:** Ruby, Jasmine, Oliver, Darcie, Henry, Finley, Isabella, Lexie, Norah, Elise **Y2:** Damian, Tilly, Lucia C, Sam, Elsie-May, Isabelle, Zachary, Amelia, Gabe, Avni

Y3: Lacey, Sonny, Teddy, Mokshu, Isha, Saajun, Sofia, Darcie, Zeliya, Daisy. **Y4:** Chloe, Daisy-Rae, Harlow, Ruby B, Shaylan, Avani, Seth, Brooke, Maddie, Rex **Y5:** Arthur, Beau, Harry, Rose, Rahel, Liam, Tabitha, Beth, Jesse, Teo **Y6:** Archie, Imogen, Layla, Max, Samuel, Tommy, Mason B, Freddie, Irene, Janaya

Notices:

Arts Mark Award

Belmont is delighted to confirm that it has been awarded the Silver Arts Mark Award that recognises the school's commitment to the development of arts and culture within the curriculum. More information on the Arts Mark Award can be found using this link: <https://www.artsmark.org.uk/>

Uniform

Please be reminded that pupils are not permitted to wear any form of makeup this includes painted or gelled nails, lip-gloss or any type of face makeup. Should your child attend school wearing makeup, they will be asked to remove it and a call home to parents/carers will be made.



Diary Dates:



Monday 21st February – first day of spring term 2 & learning launch afternoon for new topics

Tuesday 22nd February – PTA 'Two's Day' – non-uniform

Friday 25th February – Year 5 visit to the Planetarium

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Better Together,
Together Achieving



Community News

The sporting club at Thamesmead are hosting a Family Healthy Day event on Friday 18th February. The event includes a healthy lunch, arts and crafts workshop, activity taster sessions and an information and advice bus.

Attendance and Punctuality:

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils.



This year we continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have kept our whole school attendance target at 96.5%.

Last week our attendance was 93.1%, which is below the government's minimum expectation of 95% and below our school target. This week our attendance is 89.5% which is below the government expectation and below our target

The highest attendance last week goes to Picasso class who had 99% attendance. Well done to all the pupils in Picasso Class. This week Rousseau class had the highest attendance with 100%. Well done to all pupils in Rousseau Class!

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.