Belmont News

BELMONT ACADEMY

Date:
Friday 16th September 2022

As we start a new school year, we warmly welcome back all of our pupils and families and hope that you all had a lovely and restful summer break. We also welcome our new Early Year pupils and parents to our school community.
The first few weeks of the school term have seen the children settle incredibly well into their new classes. Teaching staff have ensured that time has been spent revisiting routines and expectations and getting to know the children.
Our first whole school assembly focussed on the British value Democracy and this included our own school parliament. The children choosing to stand as parliament reps shared their manifesto's with their class and Belmont went to the ballots to vote. Below is a list of our new Parliament group who have already completed their first task. This week, they met to create their own letter sharing their memories of the Queen and why her passing has been such a key event. Their letter along with a bouquet of flowers, was taken to Green Park in London and laid with the many other tributes.

Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Summer Reading Challenge Certificate:
Sahvan, Jasper (Y1) Jensen (Y2), Skye, Finley, Maisie, Zachary, Amelia (Y3) Isla, Laurie, Luke (Y6)
Swimming medal: Daisy (Y1)
Football Trophy: Daman (Y1)
Class teacher postcard: Isabella (Y3)
Gymnastics medal/certificate: Olive-Rose (Y3)
TTRS: Lacey, Mokshu, Fraser, Sami, Josephine, Abhinav, Raj, Isha, Lois (Y4)

Belmont Parliament Representative's 2022/23 voted by their peers:
Year 3: Finley & Sienna; *Year 4:* Amber & Rohan
Year 5: Abraham & Avani *Year 6*: Harrison & Preet

Playmakers (supporting EY/KS1 play):
Archie, Aaron, Beth, Harry, Poppy, Kayla, Shaliny, Sonny, Beau, Ruby, Paige, Arnab

Junior Travel Ambassador's:
Charlotte, Michelle, Reuben, Jacob, Arnav, Tommy, Daisy-Rae, Scarlett

Pupil Voice:

Our pupil voice this week comes from our new Reception children who joined us just this week…
"I liked the Owl baby book" Liam
"I liked making cakes with the play doh" Maya
"I liked playing pirates with my new friend" Isla
"I like meeting Betsy the dog." Erin
"I like playing outside." Blake
"It's so fun!" Raahat

Notices:

Local Library Visits:

We will once again be resuming our weekly visits to Northumberland Heath library starting from Friday 23rd September. The timetable will work through the school starting with our Year 6 children who will visit next week. A full timetable will be shared separately.

Arbor:

If you have not yet downloaded or signed up to the new information system Arbor, we would encourage you to do so. Arbor will replace Pay 360 giving you access to your child's attendance, school payment system and other useful information related to your child/ren.

Jeans for Genes Day:

Next week Belmont will support Jeans for Genes day a cause that is very relevant for a number of our pupils. All pupils are invited to wear an item of denim (jeans, jean-jacket, hairband) for a contribution that will go towards the cause.

Diary Dates:

Monday 19th September – bank holiday – school closed to pupils/staff

Tuesday 20th September – Nursery staggered start

Friday 23rd September – Jeans for Genes day – wear your jeans and donate a £1

Better Together, Together Achieving

Help & Advice:

Does your child find it hard to control their emotions? Do they present as being sad and anxious?

Bexley Moorings are offering a workshop on Friday 23rd September led by David Shemmings, to provide helpful strategies and information that can be implemented within the home.
Bexley Moorings offer advice and support as well as signposts to other workshops and services. Please email them for the link/details: flare@bexleymoorings.co.uk

Attendance and Punctuality:

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils.

This year we continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 95.8%.

This week our attendance was a pleasing 95.7%, which is above the government's minimum expectation of 95% and above our school target. Last week, our attendance was 95.2% which is again, a fantastic start to the new school year. Well done all!

The highest attendance last week was in Picasso class who had a 100% attendance. Well done Picasso class! This week the highest attendance was in Morris class with 98.6%. Well done to all of the pupils in Morris class.

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