

What a first half term it has been at Belmont! The children have settled with ease into their new routines and classes and have enjoyed learning from their half term topics – please see the pupil voice below which shares some of their favourite moments. Our new school parliament and pupil committees have made a super start to the year organising the harvest collection and visiting classes to get feedback from our pupils on what they want from their school. Grace from our local foodbank visited and shared with the children the destination of the many donations received for harvest, helping the children to understand the role that the foodbank plays in our local community. Many of our Year 6 pupils completed their bike ability training, our sports teams played their first football and netball matches and we saw the reintroduction of swimming in Year 5 as well as our weekly library visits and our after school enrichment programme. The half term ended with the PTA Halloween themed disco which was attended and enjoyed by so many pupils. A well earned rest is deserved by all and we hope that you are able to enjoy some family time over the half term break.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

TT Rockstar certificates: Reehan (Y1), Daniel, Saajun, Maheera, Jacob, Matilda, Harley, Seth, Sofia, Harbir, Hardaya, Avani, Billy, Samuel, Keerit Reuben, Hema, Sonya, Brooke, James, Ruby, Rhys, Michelle, Rex (Y4), Max, Harry, Nicole, Amelia, Rohan, Ben (Y3)

Pen Licence: Max, Nicole (Y3) **Red belt Jiu Jitsu:** Evie (Y6)

Football trophy: Louisa (Y5) **Swimming certificate level 4:** Isaiah (Y5)

Brownie promise: Quinn (Y3) **HT Postcard:** Sienna (Y1), Harrison (Y6) **Hokusai class**

Half Term Achievers: N: Ruby, Noah, Emilia, Freddy, Liam R: Billy, Daman, Elise, Santi, Willow, Holly, Isabella, Jake, Logan, Tavish, Freddie; Y1: Daisy, Daley, George, Ronnie, Stevie, Frankie, Freddie, Harrison, Samuel, Vivienne; Y2: Ella, Harry, Lily, Sienna, William, Jake, Louis, Olivia, Quinn, Velencie Y3: Jaideep, Amaya, Tommy, Will, Amelia, Ava, Fraser, Joshua, Lettie, Paige Y4: Erin, Jake, Ndidi, Poppy, Talha, David, Hema, Sonya, Jacob, Reuben Y5: Nick, Myla-Belle, Aaron, Danusan, Angel, Freddie, Grace, Paige, Taneisha, Tobias Y6: Taj, Kayla, Finley, Cara, Teddy, Akhram, Holly, Leo, Nancy, Finley



Diary Dates:

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – half term week

Monday 1st November – INSET day – closed to pupils.

Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th November – Parent/teacher meetings

Thursday 4th November – individual and sibling photographs to be taken – photographer in school

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Help & Advice: Community News

What's going on in Bexley?

With half term next week, you may be thinking about activities and days out to keep your child busy and occupied. There are many activities scheduled to take place over the half term and places of interest within the borough. Click here to find out more:

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-east-and-london/greater-london/bexley>

Pupil Voice:



Jiya YR: "I have enjoyed learning about hibernation. I learnt that bats, hedgehogs and dormice hibernate"

Samuel A Y1: "This half term I have found out how to work out all the answers to adding and taking away. This has made me really happy!"

Ruby B Y4 "My favourite moment from this half term was making my Frida Kahlo inspired self-portrait. I enjoyed using the watercolour paint."

Notices:

Remembrance Day:

Our Parliament and committee pupils will be selling items in support of Remembrance Day including zip tags, clip-on poppies and other merchandise. Items will go on sale from Wednesday 3rd November and money to buy items should be sent in with your child. For pupils in EYFS and KS1, money can be placed into a named envelope and handed to the class teacher for safekeeping. As always, the staff and pupils at Belmont will mark the event with a special assembly on Thursday 11th November.

Safe Drop off:

With the school positioned on one of the busiest road junctions in the borough, we would ask that you support us in keeping our pupils and families safe by ensuring that your child/ren arrive safely to school. 'Kerbside' drop offs and children exiting cars that are not parked increase the chances of road traffic incidences and accidents. We thank you for your support.

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 95.3%, which meets the government's minimum expectation of 95% but below our school target. This week our attendance is 91.4% which is the lowest it has been for a considerable amount of time. This is due to the number of pupils testing positive for COVID or awaiting PCR results.

The highest attendance this week goes to Wren class who had 98.7% attendance and last week, O'Keeffe Class with 99%. Well done to O'Keeffe and Wren classes.

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