

It has been a productive and busy half term for all at Belmont with the focus very much being on settling the children back into the school routines, engaging them in their learning, supporting them to reconnect with friends and guiding them to manage their worries and concerns. It has been a busy eight weeks with many challenges to navigate and overcome and I am sure that you will agree, the resilience and positivity of both pupils and staff has been impressive. 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 and continue to stay safe and well.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back from Tuesday 3rd November for another successful half term.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Id of School Postcards: Sonny (Y6); Ollie (Y5) Akhil (Y5) George (Y1), Damian (Y1)

Blue Peter Badge: Leo (Y2), Paige (Y4), Daisy (Y2)

Swimming Certificates: Elizabeth (Y5); Malia (Y5)

Brownie Badge: x2 Elizabeth (Y5)

Mayor of Bexley Commendation Award: Sophia (Y2)

Half Term Achievement Awards:

EYFS Nursery: Daisy, Edie, Noah, Rocco, Santi

EYFS Reception: Yousuf, Parker, Khyaan, Elise, George, Frankie, Charlie, Maxim, Mia, Vivienne

Year 1: Samuel, Lily, Scarlett, Lucia, William, Florence, Poppy, Lenny, Olivia, Ollie

Year 2: Amaya, Tommy, Olivia, Amelia, Jaideep, Fraser, Lettie, Sami, Josephine, Chloe

Year 3: Avani, Jacob, Billy, Sonya, Michelle, Freyja, Daisy-Rae, Jokubas, Talha, Ruby B

Year 4: Paige S, Laurie, Beau, Freddie, Grace, Harry, Kayla, Gracie, Archie, Aaron

Year 5: Aimie, Catherine, Max, Samuel, Zanthie, Elizabeth, Malia, Tommy, Janaya, Cara

Year 6: Imogen, Amy, Henry, Lola, Jesse, Dylan, Joe, Carmen, Paige, Ire



Pupil Voice:

This week our pupil voice comes from a Year 3 pupil:

Michelle: "I have enjoyed our text Iron Man for English and writing my own story Magnet Man"

PHE/DfE parent guidance and updates:

<https://www.gov.uk/education/health-safety-and-wellbeing-in-schools>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Notices:

Children in Need

Belmont will again take part in Children in Need. Our pupil Parliament representatives will meet after half term to organise fundraising events for this year, which will be shared with you via Parent Mail in early November.

Parent/Teacher Telephone Consultations

Thank you to the parents/carers who have signed up for our autumn term parent/teacher consultations which this year, were held over the telephone. If you have not yet booked a slot to speak to your child's class teacher please contact the school office. At Belmont, we strive for 100% sign up from our parents/carers and recognise the importance of sharing both a learning and wellbeing update about each pupil.

Uniform

Please see Parent Mails sent this week regarding uniform.



Diary Dates:

Monday 2nd November – INSET day – school closed to all pupils.

Thursday 12th November – pupil photographs

Friday 20th November – Children in Need Day

Thursday 26th November – flu vaccinations

Better Together,
Together Achieving



Help & Advice:

Virtual Parent Workshop

At Belmont, we continue to seek opportunities to support our families and our continued collaboration with the Early Intervention Team has allowed us to host parent workshops. Our allocated support worker Mia, will be leading a parent workshop this term which focuses on supporting children through parent separation. The workshop will be held virtually and is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 17th November at 9:30am.

If you are interested in the workshop please contact the school office for more information.

Attendance and Punctuality:



From September 2020, school attendance again becomes mandatory for all pupils.

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

Last week our attendance was 97.4%, which is above the government's minimum expectation of 95% and above our target of 96.5%.

This week our attendance was 96.4% which is lower than last week and just below our target but above the government's expectation. Well done Belmont!

The highest attendance was in Briggs class. O'Keeffe, Wren, Kahlo and Matisse classes all had attendance below 95%.

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