

As we reach the half way point of the first half term, we can all agree that it remains a challenging and unknown time for us all. Leaders and staff in school would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and patience, we're sure you can appreciate the efforts made by school to keep the children and staff safe and the school operational. It is by no means an easy feat!

This week the children enjoyed their first learning launch afternoon which provided them with a 'hook' into their new topics of learning. The Dell was used by lots of the children with many also engaging in art activities; Year 4 very much enjoyed creating a replica of the digestive system using junk model materials.



## Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

**Pen Licence:** Rina: (Y5)

**Blue Peter Badge:** Olivia (Y2), Daisy (Y2), Paige (Y4)

**Brownie Badge:** Elizabeth (Y5)

**Rainbow Gold Award:** Yasmin (Y3)

**Rainbow Bronze & Silver Award:** Olivia (Y2)

**Rainbow certificate:** Sonya (Y3)

**Summer Reading Challenge:** Paige (Y4), Daisy (Y2)

**Tap rosette:** Scarlett (Y3)

Belmont Parliament Representatives for 2020/21:

## House Captains Vice-Captains for 2020/21:

Seacole: Ire (HC) Roma (VC) Dickens: Dilan T (HC) Frank (VC)

Fawcett: Max B (HC) Scarlet (VC) Churchill: Amy (HC) Aman (CC)



## Diary Dates:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest assembly (pupils only)

*This year we would ask you to donate your food items directly to the foodbank. More information about Harvest will be shared next week.*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – last day of the half term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – INSET day – school closed to all pupils.

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Together Achieving



## Pupil Voice:



*"it feels just like year 4. It feels normal and I am happy to be back at school"* Cara

*"I am really enjoying English at the moment because of our new book, Wonder"* Finley

*"When I was voted on to Belmont Parliament, I felt very surprised, but thrilled"* Lola

## 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>

## Help & Advice:

With modern technology playing an ever increasing role in the lives of young people, it is vital that we continue to educate and support our children to stay safe online. Below are useful resources and guides for parents:

What to do if your child sees something upsetting online (Safer Internet Centre) <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>

Online resources for parents & carers (Childnet International) <https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parents-and-carers-resource-sheet-1019.pdf>

## Notices:

### Road Safety:

The roads surrounding the school site remain extremely busy particularly during peak times. With the need for us to utilise all access points to the school site, we would ask that you please remain extra vigilant and supervise young children at all times.

### Packed Lunches:

Please be reminded that Belmont encourages parents/carers to provide a healthy packed lunch. There has been a rise in the number of children having chocolate, biscuits and sweet products in their lunchbox all of which have little to no nutritional value. Our Packed Lunch Policy is available on our website for your information and we ask that this is used by our families as a guide.

### Remote Learning:

Homework tasks will be set via Google Classroom from today. Going forward, if your child is required to isolate at home, learning tasks will be shared via Google Classroom. Your child's login details for this platform will be in their home/school contact book. If you experience any difficulties accessing Google Classroom please contact the school office.

## 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 97.5%, which is above the government's minimum expectation of 95%. Well done to our Reception children, both classes had 100% attendance.

This week our attendance was 96.4% which was lower than last week but still above the government's expectation.

The highest attendance was in Morris class who had 100% attendance. Well done to all of the pupils in Morris class

O'Keeffe, Wren, Hokusai and Matisse classes had attendance below 95%.

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