

The first few weeks of the summer term have started positively. The children have 'launched straight into their new topics of learning starting with their 'learning launch' afternoon which saw some year groups dress up as people from the past.

This week we were delighted to have had our first residential visits since before the pandemic. Our Year 4 children had a three night activity stay at Windmill Hill in Sussex. The children took part in a range of activities including raft building, fencing, giant swing and campfire. The children who stayed at school made the most of our Dell taking part in a Forest School session with Mrs Richardson. They also visited the bowling alley at Bexleyheath and Pizza Express.

This term is super busy and we are so pleased to once again, be able to open up events to our parents/carers including sports day, Year 6 leavers' and a planned open afternoon in late June. The PTA also plan to host a number of events (see notices for more information) that we hope you are able to support.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher Postcard: Erva (YR), Ruben, Tabitha (Y5)

Handwriting Heroes: Cameron, Amba (Y1) Dylan, Lucia C (Y2)

Pen Licence: Scarlett, Sammy, Sienna, Isabella (Y2)

Blue Peter Badge: Laurie (Y5)

Gymnastics: Amber (Y3)

Football Medal: Albert (Y3) Welling Utd star player

Player of the week: Samuel A (Y1)

Swimming: Stage 2: Ben (Y1)

TT Rock Legend: Vivienne (Y1)



Diary Dates:

We will be collecting donations for the RNLI next week – thank you for your continued support with our chosen charities.

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday – school closed

Thursday 5th May – Polling Day – school open as usual

Thursday 5th May – Final Year 6 parent residential meeting, 3:30pm - main hall

Better Together,
Together Achieving



Pupil Voice:

This week, our pupil voice comes from some of our Year 4 pupils who have been on residential. Here's what they had to say about their experience:

Freya "I like the rafting...we built the boat and then went in the water"

Ruby F "I liked all the songs and stories at the camp fire"

Daisy-Rae "My favourite was the giant swing"

Sonya "I liked all the activities and the staff are kind"

Rex "the best thing was the cabin with my friends and the climbing wall"

The children who stayed at school had a fab few days too:

Yusuf "bowling was fun, you get to throw the ball so far and try to get a strike!"

Harley "pizza express was good because you get to make your own pizza, eat it and take some home."

Help & Information:

Parent Champion Community Event 12th May, 9:30-1:00pm – Civic Offices, Bexleyheath

Live in Bexley and want to know more about how the Council and local charities are working to keep our children safe? Come Along!

This is your chance to talk to experts, ask questions and meet other local parents -drop in or stay all morning.

Refreshments provided and a prize draw worth £50!

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 94.7%, which above the government's minimum expectation of 92% but below our school target. This week our attendance is 95.2% which is above the government expectation and although below our target a huge improvement.

The highest attendance last week goes to Brunel class who had 97.9% attendance. Well done to all the pupils in Brunel Class. This week Matisse class had the highest attendance with 99%. Well done to all pupils in Matisse Class!

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

Notices:

PTA

The PTA at Belmont are a huge asset to the school organising and hosting a range of events across the year for the benefit of the pupils and our school community. They are hoping to organise an event in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee and are asking for parent/carer helpers. The event will only go ahead if there are enough volunteers. If you are able to spare a few hours on Thursday 26th May please do contact the PTA directly: PTABelmont@hotmail.co.uk. It would be disappointing if the event were unable to go ahead due to a lack of support.

Summer Term Events

Please refer to the calendar of events shared on Parent Mail for all upcoming summer term events. They are of course subject to slight change but we will of course, continue to share updates via Parent Mail.

