Belmont News

Date:
Friday 12th September

Welcome Back!
We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's been great to welcome the children back – noticeably taller, more mature, and ready to learn and embrace the new school year with enthusiasm. A warm welcome to our new Reception children who have made a fantastic start – we are so proud of how positively they've settled in. We're also very excited to welcome our Nursery children next week as they begin their school journey with us.
The year began with a fantastic adventure for our Year 6 pupils, who enjoyed their residential stay at Bowles Rocks. They took part in a wide range of exciting activities including dry-slope skiing, pool kayaking, low ropes, and rock climbing using the amazing prehistoric sandstone rocks.
We are looking forward to a positive and successful year ahead, full of learning, growth, and memorable experiences!

Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

2024/25 Headteacher Postcard: Lottie (Y3) Willow (Y4)
Teacher postcard: Isabella (Y2) Millie M, Will, Kirpa, Isabella, Noah, Armaan, Bjorn (Y4), Florence, Harley (Y6)
Bexley Libraries Reading Challenge: Henry, Arthur (Y1) Lola (Y3) Sahvan (Y4) Logan (Y4) Skye (Y6) Akain, Jasper, Millie C (Y4)
Swimming: Riley (Y2) Stage I; Liam (Y3) Stage 4; Joshua (Y4) stage 7; Willow (Y4) Stage 4; Skyla (Y6) Stage 6; Maisie first in 200m front and 100m individual medley
Football: Arthur (Y3)
Climbing: Anna (Y3)
Top Ten Texts: Akain (Y4)
BMX: Sayed (Y1)
Legoland Driving Licence: Lyra (Y3)
Super Sibling Medal: Imogen (Y2)
Tennis: Harper (Y2)

Diary Dates:

Monday 15th September: Nursery pupils start

Friday 19th September: Jeans for Genes Day (please see separate parentmail)

Thursday 25th September: PTA Inflatables Event (after school)

Better Together, Together

Community Links & News:

We have been made aware of an online challenge that has become popular among children and young people that poses a significant health and safety risk.
The 'Salt and Ice Challenge' appears to be harmless fun but is actually risky and dangerous with cases reportedly resulting in second and third degree burns, scarring and in some cases, nerve damage.
The challenge encourages young people to place salt on their skin and press ice on top for as long as possible creating a chemical reaction causing cryogenic (cold) burns similar to frostbite.
Please ensure you remain vigilant around your child's use of social media and what they are accessing. Further information accompanies this week's newsletter on this challenge.

Pupil Voice:

Read what our Year 6 pupils have to say about their first weeks back including their residential visit…

Olive "I really enjoyed the campfire as we had toasted marshmallows!"
Elsie-May "I enjoyed the skiing as we went really high up."
Zac "The low ropes were fun because we were connected to a rope and if we fell, we ended up hanging from it!"
Jasmine "I really enjoyed learning about Andy Goldsworthy and creating some nature art in the Dell."
Sarwan "I enjoyed creating posters all about composting."
Summayyah "We got to harvest potatoes which were fun to dig up and plant daffodils."
Samaira "We even got to have hot chocolate in the Dell."
Lenny "I really enjoyed climbing as it was fun and I have never done it before."
Harley "Skiing and sledging were my favourite activities."
Zachary "I liked abseiling because it was fun but still challenging."

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 95.5%.

Our attendance last week was 95.5% which is above national meets our own target. Our attendance for this week was 97% which is above our target and national – well done Belmont!

Last week, the highest attendance was in Gormley Class with 100% attendance. Well done to the pupils in Gormley Class. This week the highest attendance goes Gormley xx class who had attendance of 99.7%. Well done to all of the pupils in Gormley Class.

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

Notices:

Parent & Teacher Meetings:
Our autumn term parent/teacher consultations will take place on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October. Information about the booking process will follow later this term.

Homework:
Homework will be shared from next week. Your child will find their log in details for Google Classroom, TTRS and My Maths glued in the inside cover of their Reading Record by the end of next week ready to access online learning tasks.