Belmont News

Date:
Friday 13th February 2026

It has been another busy and exciting few weeks at school! Our Year 4 pupils took part in the RSPB Big School Birdwatch, showing great enthusiasm as they observed and recorded the different bird species visiting our grounds. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork and a real interest in the natural world. We were also delighted to welcome Louie French MP, who met with our Parliament representatives and House Captains to talk about leadership and making a positive difference in our community. In sport, our teams have made us incredibly proud. The boys' football team secured a brilliant 3–1 victory against Belvedere, while our netball team celebrated an impressive 7–0 win over Benedict House—well done to all involved for their determination and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising the upcoming "Wear What You Love" Day to raise money for air conditioning, and for your generous donations towards this project so far—they are very much appreciated. As we approach half term, we wish all our parents and families a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back as we move into spring and (hopefully!) some drier, warmer weather ahead.

Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Head Teacher Postcard: Freddie M, Amelia (R) Mason (Y1) Isabella (Y2) Lottie, George H, Nihira (Y3) Adam, Rocco (Y4) Olive, Lucia, Harrison P (Y6)
Teacher Postcard: Bella, Lavani, Jovanie, Sachreet, Romie, Grace, Zayne (R) Florence, Henry (Y1) Pavneet, Stefano (Y2) Sarnaee, Mason, Fraiser, George K, Cooper (Y3) Isabelle, Jake, Harry, Parker, Noah, Millie M, Rio, Isabella, Logan, Georgie, Bjorn, Kirpa, Ronnie, Mason, Isla, Roman, Jake, Edie, Amaan (Y4) Poppy, Amelia, Antonio, Quinn, Seren, Finley (Y6)
Brownie's: Isabelle, Paige (Y4) ***Gymnastics:*** Emilia, Ruby, Lyra, Anna (Y3) Mia (Y5)
Swimming: Jamie (R) Joshua (Y1) Teddy, Ronnie (Y3) Frankie, Eva (Y5) Maisie, Gabe (Y6)
Park Run: Finley (Y6) ***Chess:*** Nicholson (Y6)
Basketball: Jacob (Y6) ***Boxing:*** Lydia-Rose (Y1) Elsie (Y3)
Top Ten Texts: Isabella, Sophia, Beau (Y2) ***Rugby:*** Freddie R
Muay Thai: Ryan (Y6) selected to represent England in Thailand
Music Concert: Bjorn (Y4) ***Pony Club:*** Anna (Y3)
Football: Blake (Y3) Akain, Daman (Y4) Velencie, Harley (Y6)
Half Term Achievers: **N:** Skyelar, Tommy, Franco, Ehizogie. **YR:** Alba, Hayden, Joanna, Rudy, Tofunmi, Carla, Daisy, Jamie, Tommy. **Y1:** Ariella, Florence C, Freya, Ishaq, Leo, Florence R, Gurbaaz, Lilly, Logan, Riya
Y2: Oscar, Migira, Margot, Saramay, Charlie, Louis, Maggie, Evie, Lilly, Isla-Rose. **Y3:** Bronte, Eahej, Harrison T, Jacob, Ronnie, Arthur, Cooper, Erin, Esi-Marie, Neve. Y4: Logan, Noah, Tavish, Kirpa, Isla-Rose, Shazana, Kody, Jasper, George, Daisy **Y5:** Noah, Kimaya, Nathan, Isabella, Cameron, Joshua, Mia, Daisy, Sid, Jenson
Y6: Tayyibah, Scarlett, Tilly, Sarwan, Isla, Finley, Seren, Maya, Skyla, Antonio

Pupil Voice:

We were delighted to welcome Louie French MP Shadow Sports Secretary into Belmont last week to meet with our parliament and house captains to support their understanding of democracy and responsibility. Here's what some of the children had to say about their experience:

"I liked meeting an MP and talking to him to find out what he cares about in our local area" Blake

"I enjoyed taking Louie French on a tour around our school and learning more about the life of an MP" Isabella

"I love how he tries to protect green spaces and tries to make hospitals and schools even better. I learnt that even if you have a very little career, even a small go can change everything. He really inspired me with his backstory". Mina

Notices:

Mrs Gonzalez's Retirement

Sadly, Mrs Gonzalez, Belmont's Office Manager, is retiring on Friday 27th February. Whilst we have successfully recruited a replacement – Mrs Julie Jones – I'm sure you will agree that this is a loss to the school. I know that you will join me in thanking Mrs Gonzalez for the 10 years of service and commitment she has given not only to the school but also to the pupils and families. I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Gonzalez the very best as she starts her retirement.

Diary Dates:

Monday 23rd February: INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Friday 27th February: Year 2 Trip to Woodlands Farm
PTA wear red day

Tuesday 3rd March: Nursery Space Day

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

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Community Links & News:

Words First Parent Workshop:

Please be reminded that the first workshop hosted by therapists from Words First Therapy. The first session will be on Friday 27th February at 12pm for an hour. It will focus on helping your child manage emotions and sensory needs. The session will run via Teams and it is encouraged that the Teams app is downloaded on a device for ease of access (this is free). The link for the session which is open to all parents is below:

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/328366461799462?p=5nVe9tmB93tWLFqoce
Meeting ID: 328 366 461 799 46
Passcode: MS9pY6Eg

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%.

Last week our attendance was 94.5% which is below our school target and below national.
Gormley class had the best attendance with 99.3% - well done to the pupils in Gormley class.
This week our attendance was 94.2% which is below our target and below national. Hokusai Class had the best attendance with 97.9% - well done Hokusai Class!

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