Belmont News

BELMONT ACADEMY

Date:
Friday 16th January 2026

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! The new term has begun on a very positive note, and it has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and focus for their learning, which is clearly reflected in their comments below. We have already had some exciting opportunities, including a girls' football tournament where our team played brilliantly and won one of their two matches — well done to everyone involved.
This is a short but busy term running up to Easter, with lots planned to include class trips, our Year 4 residential, sporting events, and our spring term parent/teacher meetings. As we move through the term, we continue to encourage good attendance so that all children can make the most of these learning opportunities (please see the notices section of the newsletter for more information).
As you may already be thinking ahead to half term, we were delighted to share that Coach Lewis will be running a February half term club. A separate ParentMail has been sent with full details on how to book a place.

Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Teacher Postcard: Rudy, Preston, Gagan, Freddie T, Harley S (R) Prabhnoor, Freya (Y1) Maggie, Charlie (Y2) Esther, George K (Y3) Kirpa, Millie M, Logan, Noah, Edie, Rio, Bobby, Bjorn, Samuel, Georgie, Amaan (Y4) Noah (Y5) Jake, Samaira, Jasmine, Teddy-Ray, Maya, Florence, Avni, Isabelle, Seren, Alex, Maisie, Zach (Y6) Morris Class (Y1)
Swimming: Alba (Y1) Lily (Y2) George F (Y3) Maisie (Y6)
Cubs: Sarnaee (Y3) Freddy (Y3)
Boxing: Isla-Rose (Y4)
Ninja Warrior: Phoebe (Y2)
Pen Licence: Harrison, Archie, Lexie, Aria, Noah, Parker, Louie, Teddy, Cameron, Daisy, Olivia (Y5)
Free Reader: Raiyan (Y2)
Top Ten Texts: Logan (Y4)
TTRS Certificate: Alex, Elsie (Y3)
Football: Hugo, Riley (Y3) Elsie-May (Y6)
Climbing: Zack (Y3)
Outstanding learning: (Y4)

Pupil Voice:

The children have had a busy first few weeks back, starting spring term off on a positive note. Here's what some of our KS1 pupils have to say...

Year 1:
Freya "I am enjoying our book 'The Black Dog."
Jack "I have worked hard at making my work neater."
Peyton "I like learning in Maths and learning to count to 20."

Year 2:
Jaya "I have enjoyed learning about habitats in Science because I have been wondering about where different animals live."
Beau "I have liked being back at school because I like Maths. I loved seeing my friends again as well."

Notices:

Attendance:
The spotlight nationally remains firmly on ensuring attendance improves. Like all schools, we have a shared responsibility alongside you as parents, to ensure pupils attend school Did you know:
90% attendance = 8 days of lost learning (based on year to date)
85% attendance = 12 days of lost learning (based on year to date)
90% attendance by the end of the school year equates to 19 days of lost learning = almost 4 school weeks!
Poor attendance increases pupil anxiety, creates gaps in learning and impacts on friendships.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 21st January: Year 1 Animals workshop (school based)

Friday 23rd January: Year 5 trip – Science Museum

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Community Links & News:

Parent Workshops:
We are pleased to share that our Trust has partnered with Words First to offer a series of parent workshops across the remainder of the school year. These online sessions will cover a range of helpful topics and will be delivered by members of the Words First therapy team including Educational Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Play Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists.
Workshops will be held online via Teams, making them easy to access, and will run for one hour. For parents who are unable to attend live, access to the workshop content will be provided afterwards. The first workshop will be as follows:
Friday 27th February 12:00 – 1:00pm: Helping your child manage emotions and sensory needs. Delivered by Words First's Occupational Therapist and Play Therapist
The link to access the workshop will be shared before 27/2.
To find out more about Words First, visit their website:
https://wordsfirst.uk/

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 95.5% which meets our school target and is above national – this is a great achievement!
O'Keeffe class had the best attendance with 99.2% - well done to the pupils in O'Keeffe class.
This week our attendance was 93.6% which is below our target and below national. Gormley Class had the best attendance with an amazing 100% - well done Gormley Class!

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