Belmont News

BELMONT ACADEMY

Date:
Friday 2nd May 2025

Welcome back! We hope that you all enjoyed the half term break. Summer term has started positively and there is much planned for the final term of the year. Key diary dates including Year 6 leavers events and sports days will be shared in the next few weeks to allow for parent to prepare.
Last week saw lots of our Year 4 pupils visit Windmill Hill for their two night residential. They all had a fantastic time and staff were incredibly impressed with the kindness the children showed each other particularly at bedtime which can see some children struggle to settle. They were very fortunate with the weather and seem to have brought the sunshine back with them. With the weather expecting to stay fairly warm, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared with a named water bottle and sunhat.
We were delighted to find out yesterday that Belmont is the Bexley Eco Primary School of the Year 2025 runner up. We are incredibly pleased that our efforts to become a more sustainable school has been recognised and this is a great achievement for our Eco-Committee. We look forward to continuing to move forward with our sustainability roadmap.
Our participation in sporting events and trips and visits will continue across the term. Our Reception children visit Godstone Farm next week and we will also see our Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 children attend trips linked to their learning. Please do keep up-to-date with your parentmail for further information.

Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher Postcard:
Teacher postcard: Lily, Jaya, Lyla, Olivia, Migira, Laura, Imogen, Eliza (Y1) Holly, Erva (Y3) Ben, Amba, Jasmine, Tobi (Y4)
Swimming: Olivia (N) stage 1; Florence R (R) Stage 1; Charlie (Y1) Bethany (Y2) Stage 2; Isabella (Y3) Stage 4; Millie C (Y3) Stage 3; Joshua (Y3) Stage 6; Maisie (Y5) London legacy medals; Sahvan (Y5) 75m; Manyav (Y6) stage 4
Art Ambassador: Bjorn (Y3)
Football: Sonny, Stanley (Y1) Archie (Y2) Riley, Hugo (Y2) 2nd in Ken Pickerel finals; Joshua (Y3) Kylo, Daman, Bily, Kody, Rocco (Y3) 2nd place finalists
Rugby: Teddy (Y2)
Dance: Olive-Rose (Y5) 1st place
Diggerland Award: Tanishi (Y1)
Cat Trail Challenge: Alex (Y2)
Mini-Marathon: Ronnie (Y2)
Gymnastics: Sehej, Livvy (R) Ivy-Rose, Srinika (Y1); Anna, Lyra (Y2) level 4
Pen Licence: Neve (Y2)
Cubs: Joshua (Y3)
Top Ten Texts: Erin, Anna, Fraiser (Y2) Sahvan (Y3)
Football 5-a-side finalists: Jayden, Jaideep, Max, Sidney, Saajun, Teddy (Y6)
Pen Licence: Sarnaee (Y2)

Pupil Voice:

Last week our Year 4's went on their residential. Here's what they had to say about their time at Windmill Hill…

"I loved residential, the lake was the best part because we got to build a raft and get soaked!" Louie

"On residential, when we were on the giant swing, it was super fun because I've never experienced that before" Ayla

"Whilst we stayed at school, we made yummy, tasty pizzas that turned out really well. Mine was delicious and I wish I could make it again" Eva.

"On the residential my favourite part was the giant swing because it went so high up in the air that I felt like a real life bird! It was super exciting and amazing fun!" Samuel

"My favourite part of last week was making spicy Jalapenos and cheese and tomato pizza at school. It was such an amazing experience!" Kemi

Notices

Scooters & Bikes:

There has been an increase in pupils riding their scooters and bikes on site. Please ensure your child disembarks before coming through the gates; it would be unfortunate if we had to introduce a complete ban.

Parent Survey:

If you did not have the chance to respond to our parent survey we would ask that you do take the time to share your views – they do matter to us: https://forms.gle/9DZRRpMeUwVscrY87

Diary Dates:

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th May: Reception trip to Godstone Farm

Thursday 8th May: VE Day 80 years – children to wear red/white/blue

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Community/School Links:

Summer Reading Challenge:
Bexley libraries are looking for volunteers to support with their summer reading challenge. The reading challenge runs from 5th July until 6th September and applicants must be 16 years or over once they begin the role. There is a minimum requirement of 15 hours of volunteering and this does contribute towards the Duke of Edinburgh awards as well as others. Further information can be found: https://www.bexley.gov.uk/bexley-libraries
The closing date for applications is 7th June 2025.

Ygam Workshop:
Ygam are working with the MET Police to offer online information sessions to parents to develop understanding of gaming harm. Four sessions are available and more information can be found: parents.ygam.org

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 96%

Last week, our whole school attendance was 95.4% which is above national but below our target. Wren class had the best attendance with 99.1% - well done Wren Class!

This week our whole school attendance was 95% which is in-line with national but below our target. Seurat and O'Keeffe class had the best attendance with 97%. Well done to the pupils in Seurat and O'Keeffe Class.

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