

Belmont Newsletter

Spring Term 3 - 2024



A message from the Head

Dear Belmont families,

This may have been a shorter term but, as always, Belmont has made every minute count! Every class has been pouring every ounce of energy into providing the very best learning experiences for our students, and they have responded with determination and enthusiasm. The past five weeks have also been filled with wonderful experiences such as an Alligators' trip to Westonbirt, enrichment visits to the ski slope in Gloucester, and riding stables at Cheltenham racecourse. Perhaps the greatest highlight was seeing 29 members of our wonderful Belmont choir join 5,000 other children for an amazing Young Voices concert in Birmingham – a totally unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

As always, I would like to express heartfelt thanks to all the people who make all these things happen for our pupils, and to the students themselves for making the very most of every opportunity, and for being the very best they can be.

Have a wonderful and well-deserved break, and we'll see you back in school on Monday, 19th February.

Kevin Day, Head Teacher

Rotary sponsors Belmont

A huge 'thank you' to Cheltenham North Rotary Club, as the sponsors of Belmont's football teams. This season, led by Mr Mansell, Belmont's players have stepped out to play in competitive fixtures for the first time, and are doing us proud. Their new shirts, complete with the Rotary logo, will be in use very soon – keep an eye open for the team photos!



NOTICES

KEY DATES

Thursday, 8th February:

Last day of Term 3

Friday, 9th February:

INSET DAY – school closed to students

Monday, 19th February:

First day of Term 4

Saturday, 24th February:

Belmont Saturday Drop-In

Thursday 29th February:

F@B's Sponsored Leap

Friday, 8th March:

Football tournament, Hartpury College

Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th March:

Y10 London residential

Saturday, 16th March:

F@B Quiz Night

Tuesday 19th – Wednesday 20th March:

Y6 PGL

Friday, 22nd March:

Last day of Term 4

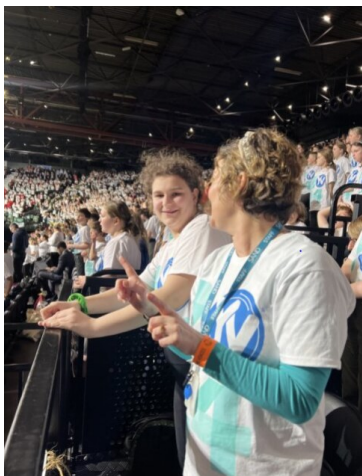
REMINDER

We are a 'No Nuts School'!

Please be aware of this when sending snacks/lunchboxes to school.

Pure pride at Young Voices

Taking their seats in a sea of white t-shirts, our 29-strong Belmont Choir became part of one of the largest children's choir concerts in the world. After months of rehearsals in their school classroom, our students were at last ready to perform alongside more than 5,000 other children as a single choir to a sell-out audience of their families and friends. And what an unforgettable experience it was: performing alongside world-famous artists, accompanied by a professional band, with fireworks and lighting adding to the superb showmanship! However, the stars of this wonderful show were undoubtedly the Belmont choir who sang their hearts out, danced their way through the entire performance, and stole everyone's hearts. We couldn't have been prouder.



Happy New Year from us all at F@B!

We kick-started the year with an exciting meeting planning new fundraising ideas and have already organised our first family quiz with live music from the amazing Teddy! Full details are on the poster - please come if you can! Also watch this space for sponsored 'Leap Year' bouncing and a lot more fun!

F@B has just agreed to donate £2000 across each four of the Key Stages at school and are looking forward to hearing what the money is spent on.

We also recently enjoyed supporting the school trip to the Young Voices concert. We were so proud of the children and grateful to the amazing staff who made it happen.

The team continues to enjoy providing refreshments (cake!) at the Saturday Drop Ins - it's such a relaxed, friendly afternoon so please do come along and say hi at the next one!

We've already started looking ahead to the Summer Fayre - so if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts you'd like to donate they are always very welcome and gratefully received.

Our next meeting is on a Saturday at The Chamwell Centre cafe 17th February 10.00am - they have a great little play area and some f@bulous cake so feel free to come along, children are more than welcome!

Thanks for all your support as always - if you'd like to find out more, please feel free to drop us a message thefabpta@gmail.com or on Facebook—Friends at Belmont - Warden Hill.

Team F@B



Seeking your support – deadline 16th February

It's been more than two years since Belmont set out on a journey to improve sports facilities here at school. Our mission to replace a muddy field with an all-weather athletics track, a multi-use games area (MUGA) and a BMX pump track has been enthusiastically supported by everyone who knows just what a difference this will make to inclusive physical activity at Belmont.

The road to planning permission has taken a while. We have been fortunate enough to have a dedicated steering group of professionals to advise us, many of them volunteers and happy to give their time and talents. Our application for permission is now with the planning authority – and it's here that we need your help.

Please let the planners know just how important these new facilities are, and how they will impact the wellbeing of our children. It is vital that they hear from you, personally, about the need for accessible and inclusive sport for SEND students, and all the physical and emotional benefits that come with being active outdoors.

At the very heart of this plan are the emotional, social and physical benefits to each and every child, and we know you share that vision. Please do help us by officially registering your support on the planning portal (known as the Public Access).

The deadline for your responses is Friday 16th February so please consider sending your comment as soon as possible and by the end of the half-term week at the latest. Simply follow this link (or copy and paste in your browser):

[PublicAccess | Planning applications - View and comment online | Cheltenham Borough Council](#)

Click on the highlighted launch button, which reads 'I have read and agree to the limitations and copyright notices'. On the next page, search for Belmont School, or input the reference 23/00117/FUL. You can then register and add your comment.

Thank you so much for your support.

All looks good in Gruffalo world...

Alligators took a stroll through the deep dark wood.... as part of our learning about trees and The Gruffalo, Alligators went on their very first school trip to Westonbirt Arboretum.

We enjoyed looking at the really tall trees and walking through the woods to find the Gruffalo, Fox, Owl, Snake and Mouse. We enjoyed touching the Sculptures and reciting parts of the story.

It was a lovely trip out and we are excited to see where we will go next.



Friends at Belmont present



PLUS....

LIVE MUSIC FROM TEDDY

SATURDAY 16th MARCH

7.00pm - 11.00pm

Gloucester City Bowling Club

GL1 1UZ

Fun family quiz for all the family!

Nibbles included

Bar

Raffle

Tickets £3 per person - available on event brite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fb-family-quiz-night-tickets-811226419057>