

# Belmont Newsletter

Spring Term 4 - 2024



## A message from the Head

I'm writing this on Tuesday – so a little earlier than you'll be reading it – but I wanted to capture the atmosphere here this morning. It's 7.15am, a little drizzly, with cars queuing at the gates to drop off our very excited Year 6's for their first ever residential! Suitcases loaded, goodbyes and hugs shared, and off goes the minibus to PGL near Swindon for an overnight stay full of new experiences and opportunities. We are really proud of the children who are being brave and bold, and with their team of friendly staff faces they have the confidence to jump on the bus with their friends – it's lovely to see.

Re-wind seven days, and a similar scenario was being played out for our adventurous Year 10s, setting out on Belmont's legendary London residential! This trip has been running for more years than I care to remember, a three-night stay in our capital city, taking in the sights and making lasting memories – a phenomenal (if exhausting!) experience for everyone involved. Every year we are proud of how the children represent our school, town and county when so far away, but this year I received a wonderful letter from a London resident who felt compelled to write after meeting our young people on the tube. The letter was full of praise for the staff and children who were having fun while being brave, curious and – as is always the Belmont way – kind and considerate. Well done to Llamas and the amazing team that made it all happen!

Add in our visits to All Things Wild (Busy Bees), Cleeve Hill (Foxes), the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum (Koalas), a pottery trip (Otters), the Aerospace Museum (Hippos), countless football fixtures, and a planned trip to the funfair at the end of term for years 9, 10 and 11 – and there's definitely a sense of Spring and adventure in the air!

Of course, underpinning all of these wonderful activities is the commitment of our young people to making the most of every opportunity, and our staff in ensuring that every trip is meaningful, safe and fun. My thanks, as always, to every single staff member involved, and to our families for their continuing support.

Elsewhere in school we have marked Red Nose Day with our 'wear something red' fundraising, World Book Day by dressing as our favourite book characters, and Easter with a visit to church. We also held a very successful Careers Fair with a whole range of supportive exhibitors. The students were greatly inspired and motivated by these visits and, again, we are very thankful to the exhibitors for their support.

I hope you all have a very peaceful and happy Easter holiday, and we look forward to seeing the students back in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Kevin and Team Belmont



# BELMONT AT THE POWERHOUSE GAMES

Llamas and Monkeys took part in the 'PowerHouse Games' at Dean Close School this term. It was organised by the charity 'Power2Inspire' and included six accessible sporting activities for our students to take on! Belmont students were teamed up with Dean Close students to create 12 teams, with fun, inclusivity and the importance of being active the key themes of the day. Well done Llamas and Monkeys for representing Belmont so well.



## PARTNERSHIP AT WORK

Belmont is delighted to celebrate its continued links with nearby Dean Close School: this term we have welcomed six Dean Close students into a selection of our primary and secondary classrooms for work experience.

Those links have been extended with our Year 10 students visiting Dean Close to work alongside their Year 10s on a range of activities. It has been fantastic to develop this community partnership, and to see students from both schools benefiting from the opportunities and experiences it offers.



## NOTICES KEY DATES

### Friday 22nd March:

Last day of Term 4

### Monday 8th April:

First day of Term 5

### Friday 12th April:

10am—F@B AGM at school

### Monday 4th May:

May Day Bank Holiday—school closed

### Monday 13th May:

Class Photographs

### Wed 15th/Thurs 16th May:

Teaching and Learning Conversations

### Tuesday 21st May:

Cattle Country Trip

### Friday 24th May:

Last day of Term 5

### Monday 3rd June

First day of Term 6

## REMINDERS

### We are a 'no nuts school'.

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

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Please take a look at Belmont's Safeguarding newsletters on the school website:

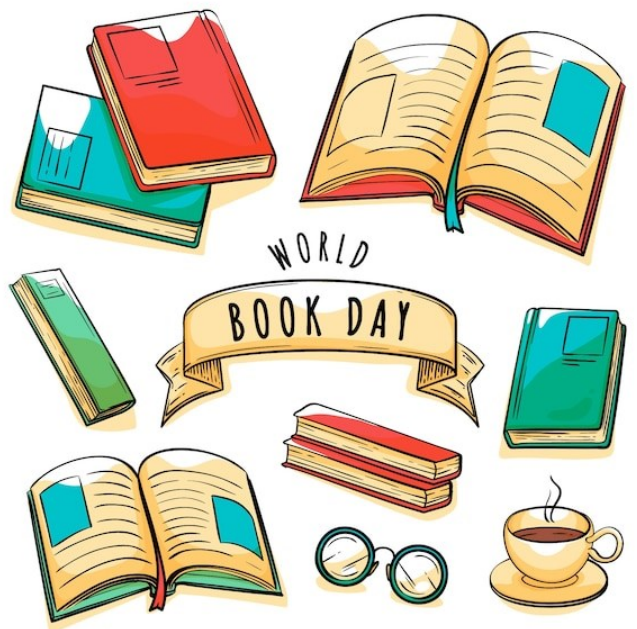
[Safeguarding - Belmont School](#)  
([sandmat.uk](http://sandmat.uk))



# CELEBRATING THE WORLD OF BOOKS

Belmont had some great tales to tell after World Book Day this year! The first chapter was all about the Daily Mile, complete with a book-themed treasure hunt. This was closely followed by a costume parade in Primary, and a World Book Day assembly in Secondary.

The final exciting page turner was a flash-mob reading activity across the classes organised by our amazing library ambassador Ms Kerfoot!





# TREE-MENDOUS ADDITION

If you've seen the Growing Hope garden this week, you might have been in for a surprise! One of the things the children were really keen to plan was a 'secret entrance' into the garden. With the help of a grant that the children won, we were able to purchase the willow 'kit' but we couldn't have done this without the expertise, patience and dedication of James Todman (Zac's dad). We are so grateful he gave up his time to do this and to work with some of our children to realise their dreams for the garden. We also had some offcuts which we have planted to grow and harvest next year and we are sure there will be lots of projects around school that will benefit!



## COUNTY TABLE CRICKET COMPETITION

This term 12 pupils from Year 7 had the opportunity to take part in a county table cricket competition. There were 7 schools and 9 teams taking part. Both teams played very well as a team. Team A faced the overall winners in their first group game and managed to win their final game to finish 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Team B won all of their group games and lost by a small margin to the overall winners, therefore finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The competition was played with great sportsmanship, often congratulating players from other teams for having good shots. Well done to all who represented Belmont.





# CAREERS WEEK AT BELMONT

The theme of this year's Careers Week was 'Celebrating our Strengths' and each class aimed to weave a careers message into lessons and tutor time during the course of the week.

The highlight was a Careers Fayre for Key Stages 3 and 4, with exhibitors including the Civil Service, Barnwood Construction, Forwards, Gloucestershire College, Holiday Inn, Agincare, and Cheltenham Town Football Club. Many thanks to Mr Farrer-Grover for organising a very inspiring week!



## A VERY HOPPY EASTER FROM F@B



F@B have been busy helping out the Easter bunny this half term and we really hope the children enjoy their gift for the holidays.

We can hardly believe it but we are now starting to plan our Summer Fayre!

We are always in desperate need for volunteers so if you can spare an hour or so please do get in touch! Another way to help would be if your place of work match funds and would be able to support our Fayre this way! Please get in touch if this is the case.

Friends at Belmont PTA is a registered charity and all money raised goes back to school to support our children. We have helped purchase the new school minibus, equipment for OPAL and cooking, and contributed toward the costs of school trips and coach hire. We really appreciate any support you can offer. Plus we are a very friendly bunch of people!



# FUNDRAISING AND MATCH FUNDING



**Raised funds**

**Match funding**

Could your company support us by offering to match funds raised on our raffles or sponsored events?

**Donated funds**

**F@B at Belmont**

\*funds can be matched, or a maximum amount can be applied



## MATCHED FUNDING

Does your employer offer to match funds?

Here are some that do:

- 3i
- 3i Deutschland GmbH
- Abbey National
- ABN Amro Bank
- Accenture
- Alfred Dunhill
- Alliance & Leicester
- Alliance Capital
- American Express
- Amoco Foundation
- Anglian Water
- Argos
- Arla Foods
- ARM Holdings
- Asda
- ASSEAL
- AstraZeneca
- AT Kearney
- BAA
- Bank of America
- Bank of England
- Bank of Scotland
- Bank Of Tokyo
- Mitsubishi
- Bankers Trust
- Barclays Bank
- Barclays Capital
- Barclays Group
- BG Group
- BOC Group
- Boeing Commercial Airplanes
- Boots
- Boston Consulting Group
- BP
- Bradford and Bingley
- Bristol Myers Squibb
- British American Tobacco
- British Gas
- BT
- C & A Stores
- Cable & Wireless
- Camelot Group
- Cap Gemini
- Capital International Research
- Carlsberg Tetley
- Cemex UK
- Centrica
- Chase Manhattan
- Citibank Group
- Cooperative Bank
- Cornhill Insurance
- Coutts Bank
- Credit Suisse First Boston
- De La Rue
- Debenhams
- Deloitte Consulting
- Deutsche Bank
- DHL
- Diageo
- Dixons Group
- Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein
- Eli Lilly
- EMI Group
- Energis
- Ernst & Young
- Experian
- Exxon Mobil
- Fidelity Investments
- First Bus
- First Group
- Ford Motor Company
- Goldman Sachs
- Guardian Royal Exchange
- Halifax
- HSBC
- IBM
- IDEO
- Industrial Bank of Japan
- Invenys
- J Sainsbury
- Johnson & Johnson
- J P Morgan & Co
- Kellogg's
- Kingfisher
- KPMG
- Legal & General
- Littlewoods
- Lloyds TSB
- Marks and Spencer
- Mars
- Marsh & McLennan Companies
- McKinsey & Co
- Mercury Asset Management
- Merrill Lynch
- Microsoft
- Midland Bank
- Midlands Electricity
- Mitsubishi
- Moody's Investors Services Ltd
- Morgan Stanley
- National Grid Transco
- National Power
- National Westminster Bank
- NCR Corporation
- NFC Northern Electric
- Norwich Union
- O2
- Pearson
- Peugeot Motor Company
- Pfizer
- Philip Morris International
- Philips
- PPG Industries Foundation
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Procter & Gamble
- Reuters
- Robert Fleming & Co
- Rolls Royce
- Royal and Sun Alliance
- Royal Bank of Scotland Group
- Royal London Mutual Insurance
- Royal Sun Alliance
- Schroder's
- Scottish and Southern Energy
- Seaboard
- Shell
- Siemens Medical
- Sigma Securities
- SIT Investment Associates Foundation
- Sky Broadcasting
- SmithKline Beecham
- Southern Electric
- Stagecoach Group
- Stagecoach Holdings
- Standard & Poor's
- Sun Life of Canada
- Swiss Bank Corp
- Tesco
- Texaco
- Thames Water
- The Economist Group
- UBS Warburg
- Unilever
- United Airlines
- United Utilities
- Vodafone
- Warner Music International
- William M Mercer
- Woolwich
- Yorkshire Water

Find out more about matched funding and how it works at [tinyurl.com/MatchedFundingFAQs](http://tinyurl.com/MatchedFundingFAQs)

One of the most effective ways for F@B to raise even more money is if your employer offers match funding. If you work for a company that offers this, you can ask them to match fund the money you raise for F@B. Your employer might be on the list above—but, if not, please ask!

Companies might match-fund any fundraising that you do as an individual, or they might be prepared to match what F@B raises through a specific event—our Christmas, or Summer Fayres perhaps.

Please get in touch with F@B if you think your employer may offer match-funding—we would be very happy to speak to them! Our email address is:

**thefabpta@gmail.com**

Thank you!

**Happy  
Easter**