

Belmont School

Newsletter - Term 5 2024



Celebrating Belmont in Term 5!

I can't actually believe how much the Belmont team has squeezed into a very short term 5! The school and lessons feel really vibrant this term and the children have been wonderful!

Trips and wider learning experiences have been a regular feature this term, Belmont is a partner within SAND Academy Trust and on Tuesday our schools had the most wonderful day at Cattle Country, the weather was perfect and the children had a great time exploring with friends and had brilliant support from staff & volunteers making a brilliant day. Thank you all.



As I write this morning our year 11 will be packing ruck sacks for their final Duke of Edinburgh challenge as they camp overnight and navigate the Cotswolds in the hope of retuning to Belmont before nightfall! Good luck team year 11 and thank you to Mr Grover and the staff team supporting.

Can I now please offer an extended thanks to all the parents and carers who attended learning conversations last week, close partnership with families is always the key to best progress for our children. The feedback from the evening has been very helpful we noted the positive views around communications, school curriculum, interventions with your children and confidence in Belmont and the team. Following views on things to improve I will next be focusing with the staff team on a review of food in the lunch hall with our catering provider, looking to keep building on the success of interventions and ensuring families can understand our information and data for tracking the progress of the children. The full details of the feedback from parents will be shared with the school governors at the next meeting and then be added to the school website and targets linked to our school development plan for next school year.

This has been another very busy term for Ruth and the team from Friends@Belmont, the summer fair is looking great and the team is already planning events for next year! The very first is an opportunity for any parents or carers to join members of staff and run Cheltenham half marathon. The run is on Sunday 1st Sept so anyone interested has time to train and be ready in the nice summer months, we have had small teams of all abilities run in the past so please have a go if you're a first timer or an established runner. The route is flat and very well supported. If anyone is interested, please drop Ruth from F@B an email thefabpta@gmail.com



Lots more to come in term 6!

Thank you all and best wishes for a fun, dry and safe May half term break.

Kevin & Team Belmont

SKIING ENRICHMENT



NOTICES

KEY DATES

- Monday 3rd June - Term 6 starts
- Wednesday 5th June – Science Festival for KS3
- Thursday 6th June – Big Cluster SEN Choir Rehearsal
- Friday 7th June – Athletics at Prince of Wales Stadium
- Wednesday 19th & 26th June – Stay and Play sessions for new pupils
- Friday 14th June - Primary Sports Day
- Friday 21st June - Secondary Sports Day
- Friday 28th June - Year 11 Leavers Day
- Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July – Class transition day
- Saturday 13th July - FAB Summer Fayre
- Friday 19th July - End Of Term

BUSY BEE CHECK IN

Term 5 has been filled with a lot of exciting moments in Busy Bees. Our English lessons have given us the opportunity to explore lots of different, imaginative scenarios - which was focused around our topic of understanding and structuring instructions - some of our favourite moments were a visit from 'Grandma Grace' and becoming Pizza Chefs. In maths we have enjoyed many practical activities to help us learn the concepts of weight and capacity by weighing our favourite toys and making potions. One of our biggest highlights this term was a visit from Little Citys, where we explored all of the interactive role play equipment. We had the pleasure of experiencing many different job roles such as police officers, hairdressers, and so much more!



LLAMAS CLASS CHECK IN

This term, Llama class have been learning about what makes someone a hero. They have looked at real life heroes as well as fictional heroes. The children worked hard to plan and write their own picture books which contained a fictional hero they had created. Alongside this, we spent time evaluating readymade puppets, before each child made the hero they had created into a hand puppet. Llama class shared their stories and hand puppets with the children in Busy Bees class.

Llama class have visited the local church this term to interview Rev. Lauren Gate and learn more about the building. They asked lots of brilliant questions and learnt a lot about the beautiful stained-glass windows.



CHEETAHS

We have had great fun in term 5 in Cheetahs!

We have really enjoyed looking at *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and thinking about how to have a tea party. We have written, typed or ordered pictures for a range of instructions about different things needed for our tea party, like how to make a sandwich and squash. Each of us have made individual artwork pieces to create our own tea party with a tiger - we used scented paint, real sprinkles, play dough, crayons, pencils and other media to decorate each element.

Our favourite thing we have done this term is weekly music sessions with Music Works. Each week they bring a selection of instruments and we each get to play a couple, either to a pop song or acoustic song. We are currently working on our own song about *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* where we have come up with the chords and some lyrics already. We cannot wait to finish the song and perform it!



F@B Friends At Belmont

Hi everyone,

It's been another great half term for Friends at Belmont PTA (F@B)

We held our AGM on 12th April where Ruth Hansell and Neil Rushen were re-elected as co-chairs. We also welcome a new treasurer Faruk Ali and secretary Jan Tee! Welcome both to our committee – and a massive thank you to Carolyn Jones who finally was able to stand back from treasurer. Minutes from our AGM are available on the school website.

On Friday 10th May we were very excited to be involved with the reintroduction of Belbucks. We provided hot chocolate, cakes and other refreshments to KS3 and 4 and were delighted to be joined by 6 Belmont pupils – who served and made drinks excellently! With the support of SALT and teaching staff it was a lovely opportunity for the children to chat, practice ordering drinks, develop new skills and chat to F@B and local advisory board members. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

A special thank you to Sally and Sue who raised £300 for F@B selling easter goodies and presented us with a cheque! Their employer BUPA have match funded their efforts – so another £300 has come our way! Another special thank you to F@B members who supported the Cattle Country trip and came along to the parents consultation evenings to promote F@B.



We are now in full swing for organising the Summer Fayre and still are keen for volunteers – the fayre will be on Saturday 13th July 12-3. Also – any bottle, teddy or chocolate donations for our tombolas or raffle prizes are always needed and very much appreciated.

We have been chatting to school about possible future fundraising projects – now that we have helped fund the new school mini-bus. We have agreed to raise money for a

new OPAL trim trail and sensory room in Secondary School and money raised from Summer Fayre will help go towards this.

So please do help in any way you can and feel free to contact us on thefabpta@gmail.com for more information.

Monkeys Residential to London

This term, Monkeys class visited the capital for their residential. The students were lucky with fantastic weather and were able to enjoy London to the full over 3 days. On day 1, the class enjoyed a tour of London on the top deck of an open top bus and a walk through Hyde Park. The next day, we visited Madame Tussauds, Buckingham Palace and enjoyed a cruise along the River Thames. On our final full day, we visited the British Science Museum and went for a browse in Harrods and finally enjoyed some street performances at Covent Garden. The students also travelled through the city on the Underground, sometimes in very busy conditions and managed brilliantly!



YEAR 9 ASSEMBLY - GEORGE AND THE DRAGON



OTTERS CLASS CHECK IN

Otters' have had a busy term finishing off their studies. They have now completed all of their short courses in Food Wise, Citizenship, Living Independently, Careers & Experiencing Work and PSHE, having completed their ASDAN Personal Development Portfolio and achieving gold award in it last year. All Otters have also passed their Arts Award at Bronze level and have achieved Basic Food Hygiene Certificate at level 2.

We are looking forward to our travel training next week. We are looking at train travel, using online timetables, travel safety and how to purchase train tickets. Once in Bristol, we hope to see some of Banksy's street art and enjoy lunch together. During the last week of term we are looking forward to our Cattle Country trip and our Duke of Edinburgh expedition and camping overnight.



Cattle Country 2024



ALLIGATORS CLASS CHECK IN

This term has been super busy in Alligator class.

We've enjoyed washing Woolly Mammoths , creating and devouring teddy bear toast and fruit kebabs. Drawing our own caterpillars, making and enjoying delicious blackcurrant squash and yummy jam sandwiches, as part of our topic on following instructions. The children have been great at ordering the instructions especially when the adults get muddled!

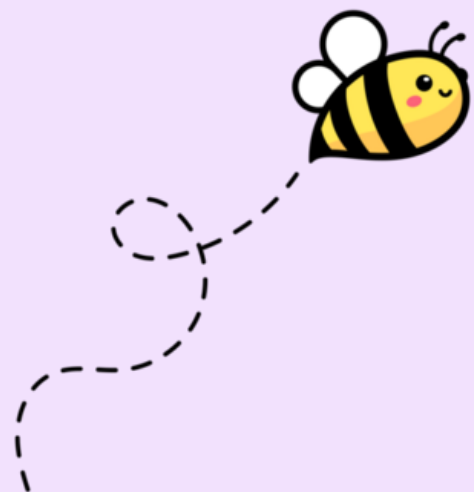
In maths we've been developing our counting and number formation skills, even creating our own number lines. We've also learnt an action song to help us count to 20 which has been lots of fun.

During art we've explored fruit painting with scented paints, the strawberry smelling paint was a particular favourite, the classroom smelt incredible.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School council have been busy at work, debating changes to the school break times, discussing a school mascot and being part of Q&A sessions with visitors. They recently asked questions in the latest set of interviews for prospective teachers. Our school council team strongly support our school values





BELMONT SCHOOL

SUMMER

FETE



FREE
ENTRY

13TH JULY 12-3PM.



Raffle • Stalls • Tombola
Performance by Belmont choir
Performance by APT Dance



Bouncy castle • Softplay • Cycling
BBQ • Cakes • Refreshments • Ice cream van



Raising money for Friends at Belmont PTA

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