

Belmont School

Newsletter - Term 3 2024/25



A Message from the Head

Dear Belmont Families,

The weather has been dark and gloomy during Term 3, but your children have lit up the classrooms and provided the usual enthusiasm and energy to keep all our staff on their toes. Thank you for your support during this difficult term. Many of the staff have been hit by winter bugs, and illness levels have been high, but the children have adapted so well, and parents and carers have been so understanding. The team has supported each other exceptionally well, pulling together to allow leaders to keep all classes open and ensure learning progress. I am keen to provide more support for the team and classes, and we are once again looking to recruit more excellent staff next term. Please share this across social media to help us attract the very best people to work with your children in the future. [Vacancies, Placements & Volunteering - Belmont School](#)

We have much to celebrate this term. In addition to the great work from staff and children, I am pleased to confirm that we will soon have a new parent governor. Becky Baker will join the board at the next meeting. She has a son in Year 7 and has already been a proactive member of F@B. We are delighted to have her join the Local Advisory Board. I would also like to thank all the families who voted. It was clear we had three exceptional candidates, and we hope to include the others in some aspects of Belmont life in the future.

Some of our long-standing families will remember that our last Ofsted inspection was 7 years ago, back in 2018, before many of our youngest children were even born. Belmont will be inspected in the near future, and we are keen to share the work and progress we have made with the inspection team and welcome feedback on anything we might be able to improve. I am very pleased that the modern inspection process really listens to parents and carers, so I strongly encourage everyone to complete the questionnaire and share your views and experiences. As leaders and staff, we have valued the feedback over the years, and many of our significant changes have come from your suggestions. These include: more curriculum time for PSHE and life skills, the development of the Relational School to ensure safe, happy, and respectful relationships, and a big focus on reading, communication, and interaction. Once we receive the call, I will inform families, so please engage with the process and reassure any anxious children. It's the school and children's time to shine. If families have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy, safe, and restful half-term break. A reminder that we have made slight changes to the collection time for primary children next term. Children will be leaving from 2:50 p.m., with the gates opening for access at 2:40 p.m.

Many thanks
Kevin & Team Belmont



Cheltenham Young Artists—Winter Wonderland

Llamas class were invited to enter the Cheltenham Young Artist art competition. Each child drew a picture which related to the theme of 'Winter Moments'. We were very pleased that 3 pupils; Cole Nock, Gage Mulaj and Munachim Unaeze, had their artwork displayed in a local art gallery as well as receiving a certificate and their framed artwork. Munachim Unaeze also won the judges award and was given a selection of art supplies.



Growing Hope

"Growing Hope" have been spring cleaning! Not only weeding and sweeping, but having a sort out of the shed and the solar dome ready to put some exciting plans into action. Our bereavement group has been going for about three years now and around ten children from across the school meet every Tuesday. We get busy in the garden and there is an opportunity for children, if they wish to share something about their special person who has died, talk about how they are feeling, not to mention an all important hot chocolate break!

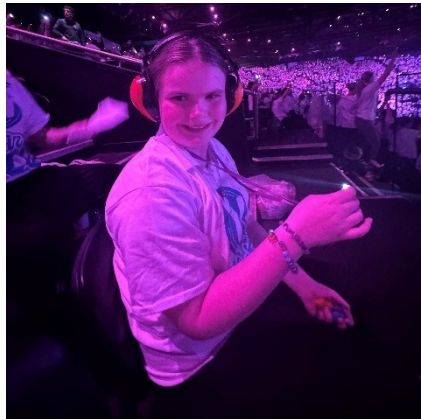


On Friday 31st January 9 adults and 28 children made their way to the BP Pulse arena in Birmingham.

The atmosphere in the arena was electric and we couldn't be prouder of the pupil's behaviour and their incredible performance. They sang with a live band and enjoyed performances from Urban Strides and MC Grammar. We all loved every moment of singing in the choir with over 5,000 children. Their hard work practising over the last few months well and truly paid off.

A big thank you to the parents, carers and staff who made their own way to Birmingham to watch us.

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The children have said that they cant wait to go again next year!!



Also a big thank you to all the parents who support F@B who were kind enough to pay for this amazing event.

Wall Wraps

We are excited to share a new feature within our school – our vibrant wall wraps that bring our values and educational aims to life! These wraps serve as a constant reminder of the skills and principles we are nurturing in our students to prepare them for the future.

The wall highlights key areas of development, such as managing conflict through Restorative Practices, inspiring career aspirations, and promoting the 5 Ways to Wellbeing to foster positive mental health. It also emphasizes the importance of British Values in instilling a sense of community and citizenship, while encouraging mindfulness and yoga to support emotional resilience and balance.





Koalas went to Hatherley park to litter pick last week.



Term 3 has been a very wintry term but nevertheless Ibexes have shown that they won't let the winter get them down.



This Ibexes class have been practicing their table tennis skills in 'our bodies' lessons. They have gained a number of skills and are able to have a good rally in pairs or teams. They have shown good hand co-ordination skills using the bat and ball. This has come from lots of practice and concentration.



In Maths the Ibexes have been working on multiplication and division and have been looking at multi using their skills to problem-solve. They have also had the opportunity for this last week of term to play with some maths multiplication board games to consolidate their thinking.





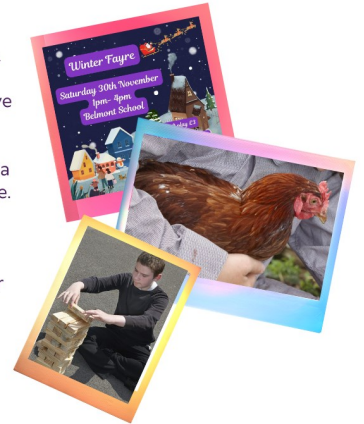
Belbucks

It was great to see all of the KS3 and KS4 pupils enjoying time at the coffee shop. Fantastic C&I in action from all classes alongside delicious hot chocolates and cakes. Smiles and conversation a plenty. The volunteer helpers were excellent - thank you. Brandon Hall's quote of the morning ... "I'm good at this! I could be a Barista easy". Thanks for your support all - it ran effortlessly



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Exciting New Garden Project at Belmont



We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful Belmont community for their generous support of our Christmas Fayre. Thanks to your contributions, Friends at Belmont (FAB) are thrilled to launch an exciting new Garden Project!

This project will transform the green space between the Solar dome and the independent cabin into a vibrant, welcoming area. The vision for this space is to create a safe and accessible environment with raised vegetable beds, where students can actively engage in planting, growing, and harvesting a variety of vegetables.

We can't wait to see this space come to life – so be sure to *watch this space* for updates on the progress



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Term Time
Bank Holiday



Holidays

Inset



Term 1: Wed 4th Sept – Fri 25th Oct 2024	38 days
Term 2: Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20th Dec 2024	35 days
Term 3: Tues 7th Jan - Thurs 13th Feb 2025	28 days
Term 4: Mon 24th Feb – Thurs 10th Apr 2025	34 days
Term 5: Mon 28th April – Fri 23rd May 2025	19 days
Term 6: Mon 2nd June – Fri 18th July 2025	35 days

Christmas Bank Holidays	25th December 2024
	26th December 2024
New Year Bank Holiday	1st January 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025
Easter Monday	21st April 2025
Early May Bank Holiday	5th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025

INSET: 2nd/3rd Sept, 6th Jan, 14th Feb, 11th April, 21st July