

Although summer term has begun it doesn't feel much like summer has arrived with the weather remaining cold and wet. Despite this, the term has started positively with much planned for the last part of the school year. The children have returned ready to learn and classes have launched into their summer term topics of learning which all have a history theme and focus. Our Year 1 children particularly enjoyed dressing up as Victorians and over the next few weeks will find out more about life in our local area in the past. With a combined topic of Ancient Egypt for Year 3 and Year 4, the children are looking forward to their upcoming trips to find out more about life in Ancient Egypt. Our new Eco Champions attended a green leaders workshop today which has helped them to understand how they can lead the school to become more ecofriendly and sustainable. As part of a wider Trust commitment, the group have begun their campaign with their battery recycling mission and sustainability posters. We look forward to another busy, productive and successful term to end the school year.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher postcard: Harper (YR) Marty (Y4)

Teacher postcard: George, Willow, Albie, Daman, Billy, Ronnie (Y2) Mina, Amelia, Olivia, Finely, Avni, Harley (Y4) Charlotte (6)

Football: Daman, Kody, Adam (Y2) player of the match, Akain, Albie (Y2) players of the week, Adam (Y2) Outstanding afterschool football; Ben (Y3) Sam (Y4) player of the match; Jayden (Y5) football tournament win in Barcelona
Daisy-Rae (Y6) represented Bexley District in the Kent Super Cup final

Swimming: Charlie (YR), Elsie (Y1) 25m; Ruby (Y1) Aria (Y3) stage 3, Bobby (Y2) level 2; Tavish (Y2) Stage 3; Ayla (Y3) Stage 5; Noah (Y3) stage 4 and 50m; Sam (Y4) stage 6

Gymnastics: Emilia (Y1) Level 4

Horse Riding: Isabelle (Y1) rosette/certificate

Haven Easter Trail: Daisy (Y2)

London Children's Marathon: Saramay (YR)

Cub Scouts: Ronnie (Y3)

Rainbows: Millie (Y2)

Piano: Sami (Y5) Grade 1 with distinction

Blue Peter Badges: Mokshu (Y5)

Top Ten Texts: Elise, George (Y3)

Pen Licence: Izzy, Ben, Sofia (Y5)

5 A-Side Finalists: Max, Jayden (Y5) Tommy, Talha, Jacob, Shaylan, Samuel (Y6)

TTRS Star: Zac, Lucia E, Damian, Mina, Harrison, Avni (Y4)

TTRS Legend: Tayyibah, Jacob, Riley, James, Fayzan, Summayyah, Sienna, Skye, Olivia, Antonio, Fin (Y4) Nicole, Harry, Saajun, Will, Rohan (Y5)

Green Leaders Workshop: Amelia, Ben, Harry (Y5) Zac, Isabella, Lucia, Antonio (Y4)



Diary Dates:

Friday 26th April – PTA Krispy Kreme doughnut sale (after school)

Friday 3rd May – Trust photographer on site

Monday 6th May – bank holiday – school closed.

Better Together,
Together



Community Links & News:

Belmont are very fortunate to have a lot of outdoor space which is used to support and enrich learning. Our allotment area was redeveloped around two years ago and is a real asset to the school site. Year groups have been assigned planting areas and these are used to support teaching across the curriculum.

However, the area very quickly becomes overgrown which is where we need your help. If you or a relative or neighbour perhaps has a keen interest in gardening and some spare free time, Mrs Richardson would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office to volunteer.

Pupil Voice:

"I have loved learning about the Victorians and dressing up too, the children actually got hit by a cane if they were naughty!" - Anna (Y1)

"We are learning about Rosa Parks and I am enjoying finding out about the past and civil rights". Santi (Y2)

"I like doing Maths - we are learning about volume and capacity and I really like doing the pink arrow challenge questions". Roman (Y2)

"I am enjoying learning about new things, especially about ancient Egyptians" – Samuel (Y3)

Notices:

Coats:

With the weather remaining cold and wet, please ensure that your child continues to bring a coat into school.

Battery Collections:

We are still accepting your donations of used batteries as part of our sustainability drive. Batteries can be deposited into the box in the office foyer.



Attendance and Punctuality:



School attendance is mandatory for all pupils. We continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 96%.

Last week our attendance was 94.4% which is above national but below our school target. Kahlo and Matisse classes had the best attendance with 99% - well done to the pupils in Kahlo and Matisse classes!

This week, our attendance was 93.6% which is below national and below our school target. Warhol class had the best attendance with 99.2% - well done to pupils in Warhol Class!

Don't forget, you can keep an eye on your child's attendance rate in your Arbor app. Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.