

The first half of this term has flown by and I am sure that the children are looking forward to a half term break. Our staff have not been unaffected by the viruses circulating and we have experienced a significant level of staff absence this half term. We thank all of our families for their support and flexibility during this challenging time and hope to be back to full staff capacity after the half term.

Our Year 1 children enjoyed a visit from Safari Pete this week as part of their learning on 'Amazing Animals'. His engaging attitude and enthusiasm really shone and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The wet weather didn't stop Year 6 from visiting the Natural History Museum either! They travelled by train and tube and spent a fabulous few hours exploring all that it had to offer as part of their topic of learning on evolution. Our Year 3 children were treated to a session of Goalball yesterday organized by Ms Hollands our QTVI. The game is a Paralympic sport aimed at individuals with a visual impairment and promotes inclusivity in sport. Participants wear eyeshades and rely on their sense of hearing and touch to play on a tactile court. The children had a super time and we were delighted to have been asked to host the event here at Belmont.

Head over to our website for more news items and photographs of events and visits.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher postcard: Noah, Millie M, Holly, Daisy, Ronnie, Santi, Sahvan, Isabelle, Aurora, Roman, Akain (Y2) Jesse-James (Y3); Isla, Tilly, Sienna, Isabella, Damian, Lucia E (Y4)

Teacher postcard: Arthur, Lily, Emilia, Federico (Y1) Akain, Daisy, Daman, Joshua, Kody, Billy, George, Yashitha (Y2) Mia, Rehaan, Daisy, Darcy, Ruby, Vivienne, Ocean, Khyaan, Nathan (Y3) Lucia, Dylan, Olive-Rose, Velencie, Quinn (Y4) Tommy, Sami, Josephine, Ben, Sophia A (Y5) Talha (Y6)

Football: Freddy (Y1) Player of the day; Akain, Kylo, Adam, Rocco, Daman (Y2) Daley (Y3) Harley, Jake (Y4) Jaideep (Y5) players of the match,

Karate: Rehaan (Y3) Yellow belt; Max (Y5) determination award

Swimming: Ranveer, Milena (Y1) Stage 1; Albie (Y1) Tavish (Y2) Stage 2; Holly (Y2) 75m; Deergh (Y3), Mokshu (Y5) Stage 2; Zac (Y4) swam 150m and received letter from the King; Gabe (Y4) Stage 4; Sienna (Y4) Stage 8

Pen Licence: Vivienne, Oliver, Thea, Deergh, Samuel, Jenson, Reggy, Daisy, Darcie, Rehaan (Y3)

Top Ten Texts: Noah, Harry (Y2)

Blue Peter Badge: Amber (Y5)

Scouts Trophy: Joshua (Y5)

Rugby: Teddy (Y1) player of the match

Library Award: Riley (Y1) Book Buddies Star

Park Run: Joshua (Y2)

TTRS Star: Nicole, Ben, Zara, Lillie-Rose, Jaideep (Y5) **Legend:** Zeliya, Melissa, Samuel, Max, Harry, Jaideep, Rohan, Will, Sophia A, Rohan (Y5)

Hero: Daniel (Y5)

Half Term Achievers:

N: Alara, Jack R, Jessica, Jivika, Joshua; **R:** Olivia, Phoebe, Shawna, Simar, Stefano, Yuven, Beau, Jesse, Srinika, Jesse **Y1:** Federico, George, Isla, Noah, Ruby, Cooper, Jazmin, Lily, Lyra, Neve

Y2: Santi, Alfie, Ronnie, Ambar, Yashitha, Holly, Kirpa, Mason, Noah, Roman P **Y3:** Aaron, Deergh, Oliver, Ruby, Vivienne, Ben, Nathan, Olivia, Sriyaan, Stevie **Y4:** Isla, Jacob, Riley, Sam, Zac, Amelia, Austin, Bethel, Florence, Marty **Y5:** Ava, Billie, Jaiden, Jessica, Sami, Izzy, Natalie, Rammim, Saajun, Zeliya **Y6:** Carter-Milan, Erin, Jokubas, Ruby Talha, Avani, Billy, Charlotte, Jacob, Martha.



Diary Dates:

Monday 19th February – first day of spring term 2

Wednesday 21st February – Year 4 residential – final parent meeting at 2:40pm (main hall)

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – further information to follow

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Community Links & News:

YADT are hosting a number of workshops aimed at parents. The workshops will support in developing understanding around ADHD and Autism and are as follows:

ADHD: Every Wednesday from 13th to 27th March

Autism: Every Thursday from 14th to 28th March

Both courses will run from 10am to 1pm at North Cray Neighbourhood Centre, Davis Way, Sidcup DA14 5JR. There is a cost of £60 per person/£100 per couple.

More information can be found by contacting YADT on 0202 83083862 or emailing: yadt@sky.com

February Half Term Clubs:

We have received information regarding a number of activity clubs running over the half term. Please contact the office for information or see your Parent Mail if this is something of interest to you.

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%.

Our attendance for the week of 22nd January was 94.1% which is above national but below our target. Kahlo class had the best attendance with 99.3% - well done to the pupils in Kahlo class.

Last week our attendance was 95.9% again, above national but just below our target. Morris Class had the best attendance with 98.3%. Well done to pupils in Morris class.

This week our attendance was 93.4% which is in line with national but below our school target. Kahlo class had the best attendance of 98.7%. Well done Kahlo class"

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.

Notices:

Items in School:

Please ensure that your child does not bring anything into school that is of value including money and jewellery. Money brought into school should coincide with contributions for events hosted by the PTA/school.

Scooters:

There has been an increase in pupils riding their scooters on site particularly children in the lower year groups. Please do encourage your child to disembark on entry to school and walk their scooter to the scooter park.

