



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

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Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 1st May 2020

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

★ Little Bells – Theo

★ Year 1 – Alfie C

★ Year 3 – Hollie

★ Year 5 – Megan

★ Reception – Ariana

★ Year 2 – Isaac

★ Year 4 – Ruben

★ Year 6 – on holiday

Welcome to this week's newsletter.....

We hope everyone is safe and well at home. We are really missing you all – school isn't the same without all the noise, fun and busyness. We know you are busy working and learning at home and the pictures you sent in for us to share at the end of our virtual Good Work Assembly really made my week. I have the pleasure of tuning in with Year 4 on Thursday and Friday, and despite it being a bit like Mr Carr's What's the Point video, it was brilliant to tune in with the Year 4 children and see what they are getting up to. Thank you again for all your help in supporting your children with work and fun things to do at home.

In school this week we have had Mrs Middleton and Mrs Oddie who have been helping the children with their Showbie work as well as doing a little bit of cooking and other activities in the afternoon. The weather hasn't been too great, but we have tried to get outside when we can. In addition, Mrs Wright, Mrs Hall and Mrs Drugan have been in school for a few hours each day to make some calls home. We just wanted to keep in touch with everyone, to check that all is ok. If you haven't received a call yet, you will be contacted within the next two weeks.



As we move into May, we are usually planning to be meeting with our new parents. This week Mrs Drugan has been preparing a PowerPoint and a virtual tour of the Reception classroom to send out to parents. We don't know yet if we are going to be able to have a parent's meeting with our new parents or what the transition will look like, but we will do our best to keep in touch with all our families.

Next week in school we have Miss Trafford and Mr Griffiths. As we are celebrating and remembering VE day on Friday, we will be having a mini focus on this in school. You could join in with this by sending any VE related pictures to our special email address and we will add them to our gallery for Virtual

Learning. We thought we would make paper bunting and display it in the school windows. We are also keen to see your pictures/paintings of your super heroes to display. Please email any pictures to belthorn.homelearning@gmail.com Thank you.

Miss Egan and Mr Furness will be back at work next week, so Year 6 we hope you are well rested and raring to go. Year 4 will be pleased to see the return of Miss Egan on Thursday and Friday. I have had to use my growth mindset this week in getting to grips with technology and facing my fears with the Showbie app. My son, who is back living with me at the moment has been very patient and I feel like I have learnt a lot so I am hoping to 'pop in' virtually to different classes next week to see what everyone is up to.



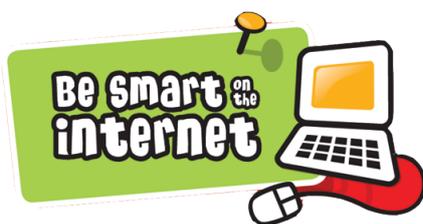
We hope you enjoyed our Good Work Assembly. We thought it would be nice for the children to see their teachers. Thanks to Mr Lenge for helping out with the tech side of things and to all the teachers for taking part. If you haven't seen it go onto our school Facebook page. We are also hoping to put a link onto our website.

Kooth.com - online support for young people

Kooth is a BACP accredited service which provides online emotional wellbeing and counselling support from trained counsellors to children and young people in Lancashire. The service is commissioned by Lancashire CCG and is completely free, safe and anonymous, so children and young people can seek the support they may need without having to disclose their personal information. The age range for Kooth in Lancashire was recently lowered to 10 years, making the service accessible for all children and young people aged between 10 and 16 years old, so it may be useful for some of your year 6 pupils during this unsettled time.

To find out more visit www.Kooth.com where young people can register and others can find out more about the service.

You can also view a short video about the service at: <https://vimeo.com/318731977/a9f32c87de>.



A reminder about online safety – as your children will be working on their ipads and using technology more and more, it is really important that we keep them safe on line. Please seek advice if you are not sure – our school website has ideas, and please monitor your child's use of the internet. It is also important not to let screen time take over as I am sure you

know.

And finally

Our continued thanks to everyone – staff, parents and children for supporting and helping each other. We have seen some amazing acts of kindness and inspiration on the news and I know that the community is there to support those who need it. If you need support – please get in touch.

Happy weekend from Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn team.