



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 8th October



★ ★ This week's **BADGE WINNERS**... ★ ★

★ Year 1 – Tom

★ Year 3 – Haashim

★ Year 5 – Madiha

★ Reception – Hettie

★ Year 2 – Jackson

★ Year 4 – Alfie U

★ Year 6 – Daisy

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

It has been wonderful to have the whole school in this week and Year 6 have been working very hard. Miss Egan and I had the pleasure of popping into an English lesson on Thursday and we were very impressed with the children's writing – they were working on their finished piece of persuasive writing which will hopefully be made into a mini film. We also visited Reception this week and the children were thinking about what they want to be when they are older. Their love of learning, and how they are all interacting with each other was so inspiring – oh, to be 4 years old again.

Authentic outcomes – this is one of our new foci for the year. How do we make what the children learn authentic? If there is a purpose and a reason to what we do, then we all work harder. This week the Year 6 children had a Zoom call from someone who earns money from writing adverts and is also an actress. Hopefully this has inspired them to produce better quality work as they can see that in the future they might be able to use their skills in the workforce. We are looking to link in to many different job roles – so if there are any parents who are builders or architects and have 30 minutes spare to make a Zoom call into school we would like to speak to you.



Today Years 3 and 4 have had a French café experience as part of their topic of 'What makes Europe great?'. Teachers in the other year group are also planning their WOW events which are intended to motivate and engage pupils and therefore impact on their progress and learning.



We currently have involvement with Child Action North West, and the support worker Ricky comes into school on Tuesday afternoons. CANW provides support for children who are struggling emotionally. We are finding that children are more anxious at the moment, and Ricky is holding some more informal catch up meetings with some children. **If you do not want your child to go to any informal meetings with Ricky or the CANW staff, then please let school know. If a more formal intervention is needed, we will always seek consent from parents.**



We have been discussing how Parent's evening will operate this term, as we are not going to be having face to face meetings. We know that Showbie proved to be an effective communication tool during school partial closures from March – July. Therefore we are going to ask that all parents download the Showbie app if you have not already got it.

This can be on a phone or ipad/PC/laptop. In this way we can send pictures of children's work so that you can see work that your child is proud of. We will also send out details of the dates we will be offering parents the opportunity to have a phone conversation with class teachers regarding progress and attainment as well as discussing how your child is settling into their new year group. As there are not enough phone lines in school to do this we would have to hold these telephone meetings over the course of 2 weeks. Your child's class teacher will put the available dates and timings on the Showbie app and we will be asking you to contact your child's teacher via email or the Showbie app to book a time slot if you would like one.



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And finally.....

Staffing news – Miss Dugdale has been working from home for the last few weeks and will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this half term. Miss Trafford will be leaving her classroom duties from Wednesday 14th October, but will be in school until Friday 16th October. She will then begin working from home – teaching via Zoom and helping with management duties. Miss Delafield will take over teaching in Year 3 and she will be supported by Miss Hindle. Miss Delafield has had an excellent induction to life in Year 3 and will be in regular contact with Miss Trafford until she begins her maternity leave at the end of December.

We wish Miss Dugdale and Miss Trafford all the best. They are valued members of staff and will be missed by us all.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff

Please see next week's menu below

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday:

Battered min chicken fillets
Quorn Dippers
Quiche
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Curly Fries, Baby corn cobs,
Spaghetti Hoops
Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna
Apple Crumble and Custard

Tuesday:

Pork Meatballs in Gravy
Quorn Frankfurt Sausages
in Gravy
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Mashed potatoes
Swede, peas
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna
Chocolate Brownie and Ice
Cream

Wednesday:

Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets
Quorn Chicken Fillet
Cheese Lattice Finger
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Roast Potatoes
Baton Carrots, broccoli
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna.
Raspberry Mousse

Thursday:

Pasta Bolognese with
Garlic Bread
Quorn Lasagne with
Garlic bread
Pasta in tomato Sauce
New Potatoes,
Sweetcorn, Peas
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Sticky Toffee Pudding
and custard

Friday:

Fish Fingers
Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Beans, Mushy Peas,
chips.
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Angel Delight

Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots and yoghurt are available everyday