



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 12th February 2021

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

- ★ Year 1 – Ariana
- ★ Year 3 – Isaac
- ★ Year 5 – Evelyn

- ★ Reception – India
- ★ Year 2 – Ayishah
- ★ Year 4 – Wiktor
- ★ Year 6 – Ewan

Welcome to this week's newsletter...



A big well done to children in Year 3 who, this week, have been awarded a History Hunter Certificate from Heritage Learning Lancashire. They have been learning about the Stone Age which has been linked to their literacy work and class novel; Stig of the Dump. As part of this, the children sent in ten questions they wanted to know the answers to about the Stone Age. Miss Delafield had to select which ones to send, which was difficult job as lots of questions were sent in. There were many interesting ones such as "what did Stone Age people do if they needed a doctor?" which I thought was brilliant as it is linking modern day issues to the past. Lancashire Heritage will now take these questions and make a podcast tailored to answer them, which the children will be able to listen to after half term. A really authentic outcome for their work and one which will further develop their knowledge and understanding of history and how it links to the present.



On Tuesday, it was safer internet day. Miss Egan delivered an assembly on 'An Internet We Can Trust' to Key Stage 2 and emphasised the importance of checking the information we see on the internet by using the strategies Miss Egan shared; rather than trusting all the information that we see. It is particularly important at the current time, when so many children are on line for longer periods that adults take time to ensure they are safe and understand what they need to do to safeguard against any dangers. We are always available to advise regarding this if anyone would like our support.



You should have received an email for your child's parent's evening appointment. We realise this will be somewhat different, but it will be a chance for you to have a 1 to 1 chat with the class teacher. Please email your child's teacher using the details provided on the letter regarding a preferred time on the days given.



Thank you to Mr Griffiths and Mr Furness for spreading a little bit of light relief. They have returned this week for a final show. It was lovely to hear some of our wonderful pupils taking part in the mad antics.



Before the Christmas break, we advertised for new parent governors. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Noon and Mr Tomlinson have joined our Governing Body, and will be familiarising themselves with all this involves over the coming months. Welcome on board. This means we now have a range of experience and talents amongst our governors and the various committees they sit on.



We have an increasing amount of parents who are asking to take up places in school and we are doing our best to accommodate all requests at least for part of the time. It is important that you let us know in advance that you need a place in school so that we can plan for this.



It is important that you inform school if you, or any of your contacts test positive for Covid-19. This applies if you are currently at home as well as those in school. During the half term break, I will be checking my emails for any messages, so please let us know so that we can inform others if we need to. Please use the office@belthornacacdmj.co.uk email address.

And finally

Parents may be aware of proposed development of land at Guide. As a school, we have responded to this and our letter is attached for your information. In addition, the local communities have drafted a letter of objection which is also attached. The closing date for any objections is 19th February.

We have all survived another half term of home learning. Well done to all parents, children and staff for their resilience and sticking with it. Hopefully it won't be too long before our doors will be open to all pupils and we can carry on with what we do best, which is face to face teaching, and we don't have to cope with the daily challenges of Zoom.

On the subject of this... Mr Carr has produced a special 'What's the Point?' to take a light-hearted look at some of the issues we have come across.

More Belthorn baby news – Mr Lenge has welcomed a new daughter – Elise, born on Friday 5th February, we have sent him and his family best wishes from everyone at school.



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Have a marvellous break everyone. Let's hope for dry weather and then we can be outside getting some Vitamin D and boosting our mental health. Eddy the Beagle won't know what has happened. Whatever you do, we hope that you re-charge your batteries and come back refreshed either in person or virtually on February 22nd.

Best wishes

Mrs Rowan and the Belthorn team.