



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 12th March 2021



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

★ Year 1 – Austen

★ Year 3 – Evelyn

★ Year 5 – Jennifer

★ Reception – Eli

★ Year 2 – Mariyam

★ Year 4 – Ellis

★ Year 6 – Charlie

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Welcome back to everyone – it has been so nice to catch up with everyone; the children on the whole seem excited to be back and eager to get on with their learning. The school feels very full and very busy. We are keeping to our bubble structure to ensure everyone stays safe and have implemented some new strategies for this period up until Easter such as eating in classrooms for the majority of classes. We will continue to monitor everything, but for now, all seems to be going well.

Thank you to all parents for following social distancing guidelines, especially when outside on the playground. This helps staff to feel safer when they are working with your children, as well as keeping the whole community safe.

This week we have had science week – which has involving watching some 'interesting' live science lessons. It also seems to have involved an awful lot of sweetcorn, peas and tomatoes, I think these were for experiments, unless Mr G is back on his health kick. We have been outside learning when possible. Although the weather has not been on our side.

Accrington Stanley has been in school working with year 5, year 1 and Reception; the children seem to have enjoyed being active and I am sure it will be doing everyone good to be engaged in some physical activities. As well as all of this, staff have been focusing on Reading, Writing, Maths, Art and Wellbeing.

To mark our new start, each class has put up a new corridor display linked to their current topic – we have Paul Klee inspired houses, self-portraits in the style of Kathe Kollwitz, Collages of the Great Fire of London, Banksy style stencils, digital art, art though the ages and multimedia seasonal pictures. It is a shame we can't have visitors into school to see the work, but we will post some photographs on our website and on Facebook.

Today we have had our belated World Book day – thank you for embracing this. Once again the children have amazed us with their enthusiasm and willingness to have a go.



Collins
BIG CAT

One of the new changes we have put into place during the last few months is a re-vamp of our reading scheme. Mr Furness and Mrs Drugan have carried out a lot of research, spoken to other schools and met with book reps from a variety of companies and we have decided that the time is right to embrace an e-book scheme. This scheme will provide a wider range of fiction and non-fiction books for our children – based on current themes. It also matches our phonics programme in early years, enabling the children to use the phonic sounds they have learnt in their early reading. Class teachers will unlock books which your child can access digitally through an app or web browser and there are short quizzes and comprehension questions for many of the books too. Using an e scheme is also safer at the current time. Many of our books were tatty and old fashioned and we feel this is the way to move forward. All parents will have received a letter about this, and we are in the process of getting all the children set up. We will continue to send books home too; if children want to read other books, but the eBooks will be the ones which your child will read to an adult in school. I am sure there might be some small teething issues but we are all looking forward to seeing how the children respond to our new scheme. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Furness or Mrs Drugan who will be happy to talk you through the scheme. Mr Furness and Mrs Drugan are filming a short information video about the scheme which will be available for parents to watch.



As mentioned on last week's newsletter, we will be supporting Red Nose Day next week – on Friday children will be able to buy a pack of 2 red nose biscuits for a £1. Two of our year 6 pupils will be carrying out their sponsored walk – if the weather next Friday looks too awful, they will do it earlier in the week. If you would like to sponsor Dominic or Ahad, please send money in a named envelope to school. The boys have been in training during the last six weeks and we are really proud of them



Please see the attached letter regarding how you can get involved at home with our growing competition. **Belthorn in Bloom – June 25th**.



If you would like to sign up for cool milk, please click on the link and follow the instructions www.coolmilk.co.uk



Please remember that sweets, crisps, biscuits and chocolate are not allowed as snacks for playtimes. We have fruit in school which children can choose, or you can send a healthy snack in from home. Other snacks will be returned home. Thank you.



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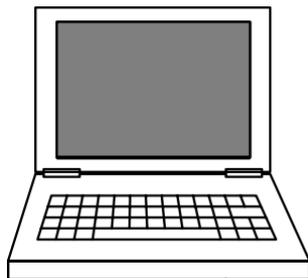
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Thank you to all those parents who park and walk. This is just a reminder to please park responsibly – not on the Zigzag's or across resident's driveways. We know that drop off and collection times are busy. The staggered times should help if we stick to them. Also use can be made of the Dog Inn carpark. Please do not park on the school carpark – this causes a hazard for both children and parents

who use it as a pedestrian route at drop off and pick up time.



Hot off the press – at lunch time today we were delighted to receive 25 new laptops as part of a successful bid to LCC by our School Business Manager. This is part of the scheme for local businesses to support schools. We are very excited about it.

And finally

Don't forget that we will be having a decorated egg competition on Friday 26th March.

Also if you would like to take part in the Belthorn uniform buy, sell or swap – please contact school via office@belthornacademy.co.uk and we can put you in touch with the WhatsApp group.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff

Please see next week's menu below

Monday:

Beef Burger in a bun
Quorn Burger in a bun
Cheese and Tomato
Pizza
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Curly Fries
Mixed Vegetables
Jacket Potato with
cheese, baked beans or
tuna
Marble Cake and Custard

Tuesday:

Pork Sausages & gravy
Quorn Sausages &
gravy
Veggie Kiev
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Mashed potatoes,
peas, sweetcorn
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Jelly & Ice Cream

Wednesday:

Roast Beef & Yorkshire
Pudding
Quorn Chicken fillets
Cheese and Onion Pie
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Roast Potatoes
Baton Carrots, Broccoli
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna.
Mini Chocolate Donut

Thursday:

Chicken Tikka
Masala with Rice
and Naan Bread
Quorn Steak Strips
in Gravy
Pasta in Tomato
Sauce
Cheesy cubes with
herbs, Sweetcorn,
Cauliflower
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or
Tuna
Jam Sponge and
custard

Friday:

Salmon Fishcakes
Veggie Burger
Pasta in Tomato
Sauce
Beans, Mushy Peas,
Chips
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or
Tuna
Chips
Choc Ice

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