



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 16th April 2021

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

★ Year 1 – Austin H

★ Year 3 – Seth

★ Year 5 – Autumn

★ Reception – Zachary

★ Year 2 – Isabella C

★ Year 4 – Ted

★ Year 6 – Finlay

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

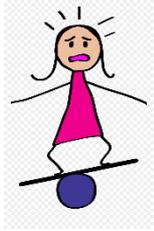
Spring has definitely been in the air this week, what wonderful sunny days we have had. This sun seems to have had a positive impact on all of us, and we all seem to have come back raring to go.

All classes from Little Bells to Year 6 have had a yoga session this week, delivered by an outside provider. The children and staff really enjoyed this taster session and the one I joined in certainly seemed to have a calming effect. It made me realise how un-bendy I am – maybe something to think about doing in retirement.

Reception enjoyed their visit to the farm to see Mrs Brown's lambs, they also enjoyed rolling down the hill so I am told. We really are very lucky to have this opportunity every year to go and see the new born lambs and chicks. Many thanks to Mrs Brown, as always for making this possible.



All classes have been exploring their e-books this week. Well done to those children who have embraced the new scheme and are loving reading the new books. I know it will take a little bit of getting used to, but we are here to support families who are struggling to access it. The new books provide much more interesting titles, they are linked to our phonic scheme and there is a wider variety. Class teachers can unlock several books at a time for children who are reading a lot rather than waiting for their 'reading day' in school. We anticipate some teething issues, but hopefully, we can work together with families to reduce these.



Resilience

Something else new for after Easter has been the launch of our new super Hero characters. This week we have met Have-a-go Hannah amongst others. Each day a new character has been revealed. These are part of our Resilience/Growth Mindset work which we have been focusing on this year.



Many thanks to Mr Griffiths senior for this week's gardening initiative. The sweet peas went like hot potatoes and hopefully the competition is on to grow the tallest plant. Our 'Garden Festival' in June is starting to take shape. Don't forget we are also having a potato competition. Mr Griffith's video about growing potatoes is on the school website, but we have noticed that it isn't able to be viewed via phones. We are seeking tech support regarding this as Mr G is raring to go with more home tutorials about gardening. If you aren't green fingered, we will be having a baking competition too and I know Belthorn has some excellent and dare I say, competitive bakers. Who knows we might have a courgette or beetroot cake competition.

PE Bags

Please can all PE bags come into school. These will be stored in lockers or on pegs until the half term holiday. Hopefully, we can get outside to do our PE lessons more often if the weather stays dry.



Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school including ties (Year 5 and 6) and school shoes not trainers. The school uniform list is available on the website. If your child has lost their tie, please contact school as we do have a small supply of spare ties to buy.

Also another plea about school bags – these are still being kept in the classrooms in most cases and need to be small. Your child does not need a large bag; all equipment is provided in school. Just a home reading diary and a heathy snack/water bottle is needed. Thank you.

I will be looking at the lost property cupboard next week, and weather permitting, any unclaimed and un-named spare uniform will be available for people to view outside. I will keep everyone posted via text/Facebook.

And finally.....

Thank you very much for keeping to the social distancing procedures when outside on the playground. I am sure all families feel as we do, that we want to avoid any bubble closures. We have done so well.

Have a good weekend everyone – I am getting my hair cut tonight and I can't wait.

Mrs Rowan and the Belthorn Team

SEE BELOW FOR NEXT WEEK'S MENU



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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 and yoghurt are available everyday