



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 30th April 2021

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

★ Year 1 – Alexa

★ Year 3 – Archie W

★ Year 5 – Evelyn

★ Reception – Imogen

★ Year 2 – Eryn

★ Year 4 – Bentley

★ Year 6 – Katie

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

It has been quite a quiet week in school – although I have just enjoyed reading all the teacher's blogs and it sounds like it hasn't been quiet in the classrooms with some very interactive and inspiring learning taking place.



Today has been our RE day with a focus on Hinduism. Each Year group was looking at a different aspect of the Hindu faith which relates to the year group RE question. As I popped round each class during the first lesson of the day, this is what the children were learning about:

Little Bells and Reception were exploring colour and the festival of Holi, Year 1 were looking at different emotions and they are going to make clay representations of Ganesh (good luck – that sounds tricky), Year 2 were learning about Puja, which is a worship ritual, Year 3 were looking at why family is important to Hindu life, Year 4 had been reading the story of Rama and Sita and they were discussing how this links to the festival of Diwali, Year 5 were looking at Hindu stories and fables and discussing the morals of the stories, Year 6 were looking at different milestones within the Hindu religion and reflecting on their own milestones. I am sure there will be pictures of the day posted on Facebook. The teachers are to be commended for the creative way they are delivering their lessons and trying to make it meaningful to the child.

Next week each year group will look at and discuss Christianity throughout the school – it will be the same question, but with a different religion focus. The following week is Islam and on Friday 21st the whole school will look at Sikhism.



Congratulations goes to Mrs Drugan, who was appointed as our Deputy Head Teacher from September 2021. I am sure Mrs Drugan will work brilliantly alongside Miss Egan and the rest of the teaching and non-teaching staff in school.



Mr Griffiths senior, Mrs Drugan and some of the Reception class along with their parents enjoyed the second session of their gardening club last night. It has been a lovely opportunity for some of our youngest children to meet different members of staff and have a go at planting and thinking about how things grow. Don't forget our big garden event on June 25th. We are very much looking forward to it.



We have had a bumper crop of rhubarb which Year 6 have harvested this week and Mrs McGurk has used to make rhubarb crumble today. I am not sure if the children will love or hate it but I know of plenty of adults who will not turn down rhubarb crumble and custard at lunchtime today.



As many of you know the school is used as a polling station. In the past, school has had to close for the day, but from last year we were able to utilise the new kitchen extension to enable school to be open, whilst still offering the village this service. Please be aware that next Thursday (6th May) there may well be residents coming through the car park, and along the pedestrian path to vote. We will be partially closing the school carpark gate to ensure that cars don't drive up the car park at busy drop off and collection times, but parents and children can still walk up through the car park. Staff will be out at the beginning and end of the school day to provide extra safeguarding measures.

And finally.....



Next Wednesday (5th May) is our school photo day. Children in Little Bells through to Year 5 will have their class photographs taken. Only Year 6 children will have an individual photograph and class photograph taken.

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday break everyone. We will see you all on Tuesday.

Mrs Rowan and the Belthorn Team



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SEE BELOW FOR NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday:

Bank Holiday

Tuesday:

Chicken chunks
Southern style Quorn
Burger in a bun.
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Jacket Wedges
Mixed Vegetables
Jacket Potato with
cheese, baked beans
or tuna
Peaches and Custard

Wednesday:

Roast Gammon
Quorn Chicken fillets
Macaroni Cheese
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Roast Potatoes
Baton Carrots, Broccoli
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna.
Mini Jam Donut

Thursday:

BBQ Chicken with
Rice
Quorn Chicken
Curry and Rice
Pasta in Tomato
Sauce
Sweetcorn, Peas
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or
Tuna
Syrup Sponge and
custard

Friday:

Battered Fish
Vegetarian Ravioli
Pasta in Tomato
Sauce
Beans, Mushy Peas,
Chips
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or
Tuna
Chips
Homemade Rice
Pudding

Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit and yoghurt are available everyday