



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 25th June 2021

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

★ Year 1 – Austin

★ Year 3 – William

★ Year 5 – Ava and Imaan

★ Reception – India

★ Year 2 – Paige

★ Year 4 – Echo

★ Year 6 – Felix and Jack

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

This week we have welcomed back Year 1 and Year 5 after their periods of isolation. Many thanks goes to parents for testing their children before they returned to school to ensure everyone was safe and prevent another closure. We are finding that children are testing positive even after 8-10 days isolating, so please test regularly if you possibly can.

Monday started with a museum visit for years 3 and 4, looking at Anglo Saxon life. This really brought the period in history to life for the children and they learnt lots of new information. Years 5 and 6 will have their ancient Greece visit this coming Monday.

After harvesting the potatoes on Friday, Mrs McGurk prepared a potato salad and a cheese and potato pie for Tuesday's lunch. Some of the children got to taste the dishes and the staff gobbled up the rest. Thumbs up goes to growing your own.



Today was going to be our Belthorn in Bloom day and as I drove to work in mist and heavy rain I thought what a perfect day it would have been! We shall still go ahead with judging so if you have time to make a scarecrow on the theme of a book, or a vegetable animal, then please join in. For those of you who have been cultivating your cress heads, sweet peas, fruit and vegetables it is chance to show off your skill – so send your produce in on Monday – named please, and we will let Mr Lowe be the judge. If

your pea plants aren't able to be transported due to size, then take a photograph with your child next to it and a ruler so that we can establish size. We know that Belthorn has some wonderful bakers so we hope that you get creative and send in your vegetable or fruit themed cakes for us to taste and announce the winner. Any donated cakes will then be sold on Tuesday. Your child can bring in 50p to buy a cake or biscuit if they wish.





For our sport's day on Tuesday, Mr Griffiths has organised a socially distanced school event. Following guidelines, we can have the whole school gathered outside, keeping to our bubbles of course. It will be a rare opportunity for us all to gather together and have some fun. Mrs McGurk will make a picnic lunch for those children on school dinners and we will all picnic outside. The weather so far looks good for Tuesday, but if it rains, we will move

to another day. You should have received a letter detailing which country your child's class will be representing. Don't worry if you don't have the correct coloured top – we have bibs which the children can wear.

We are excited about our class events coming up. A reminder of dates and times:

LB Graduation	2.00pm on Thursday 15 th July
Reception	2.00pm on Wednesday 7 th July
Year 1 Afternoon Tea	2.00pm on Friday 9 th July
Year 2 Afternoon Tea	2.15pm on Tuesday 13 th July
Year 3 Sow and Sew	2.00pm on Thursday 1 st July
Year 4 Bingo followed by Good work assembly	1.45pm on Friday 2 nd July
Year 5 athletics circuits	2.00pm on Monday 12 th July
Year 6 Quiz	9am on Friday 9 th July Leaver's assembly – Wednesday 14 th July at 2.00pm

For these events it is one parent per family please. They all have to take place outside so they will be weather dependent. So far it is looking promising.

Little Bells will be holding two stay and play sessions for September starters. These will be on Friday 2nd July and 9th July both at 4pm -5pm. Please can parents telephone school to book a date.

Mrs Drugan is doing individual visits for parents of new Reception starters in September. Again please book an appointment if you haven't already done so.

Year 6 Transition Days

Sadly, as with many things at the moment, I have received communications from Hyndburn and Blackburn with Darwen schools to say that face to face school visits will not go ahead this year. Each school will instead be putting on virtual events. Please see individual school websites for details of transition, virtual tours and summer holiday clubs. Year 6 will continue to receive visits in school from their secondary school transition staff. Most of these have already taken place.



School Uniform

As we come to the end of the year and parents start looking towards the new academic year, please can I urge parents to ensure they are buying the correct uniform when they are getting ready for the new term. This includes shoes and hairstyles.

We have collected quite a lot of 'lost property' and donated good condition uniform. I will display this during the parent events. Uniform is free to take, so please have a look. It will all be sent for recycling at the end of the year which would be a shame when it is still wearable.

And finally.....

A huge thank you to all the staff for these last two weeks. We have had a lot of staff not able to be in school and they have done what they can from home. Staff left in school have been taking on extra duties



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and are doing what they can to ensure we can still offer a full service regarding wrap around care, dinner times, cleaning and extra playground duties, as well as covering classes and extra office work.

Thanks also to parents for your support and understanding. Only three more weeks left of this term. Let us hope it runs smoothly.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff

Please see next week's menu below

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

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:

Sport's day picnic

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