



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 2nd July 2021

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

★ Year 1 – Tom

★ Year 3 – Evelyn

★ Year 5 – Zak and Raya

★ Reception – Joshua L

★ Year 2 – Ariana C

★ Year 4 – Rohan

★ Year 6 – Finlay

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Yay! We have had all classes in school and almost a full staffing! It is a very busy time of year with so much going on, we are so relieved.

On Monday Years 5 and 6 had their museum visit and it sounds like they thoroughly enjoyed their experience and learned a lot about the ancient Greeks.



For once, we had perfect weather for our Sports Day on Tuesday. It was lovely to gather together and take part in some outdoor activities. We had competitive races in the morning, followed by fun activities and challenges in the afternoon. We had a picnic lunch outside and it did everyone good to be together (in a socially distanced way). We know that parents would have loved to have joined us, but hope that you have enjoyed the photographs posted.



Tuesday was a busy day as we also had the judging for our Belthorn in Bloom event. This was not quite what we had imagined or planned for but it was still wonderful to see your home grown produce – either via photographs or in person (so to speak). Judging vegetables and flowers is not really my skill set – but luckily, we have Mr Lowe, one of our governors who is very skilled at these matters. He came along and was really impressed with our first attempt at this type of thing. I helped out with the cake judging – something which is definitely within my skill set. I have to say my favourite category was the vegetable animals – what a funny and creative set of children (and parents) we have.

So after some difficult decisions the following was announced:

Fruit and Vegetable category

1st place – A marvellous courgette plant – Kayson (Y3)

2nd place – A very healthy looking potato plant – Jensen (Y5)

3rd place – Fabulous sticks of rhubarb – Jack (LB's) and Max (Y1)

Special mention – Tomato plant – Susan (Belthorn Cleaning Team)

Special mention – Funniest veg – Evie W (R) – for the smallest potatoes.

Sweet Peas (fierce competition in this category)

1st place – Mr Griffiths senior

2nd place – Eva H (R)

3rd place – Ted (Y4)

Special mention – Imogen (R)

Little Bells sunflowers

1st Place – Nyla

2nd Place – Max

3rd place – Jaxon

Flowers

1st place – Sylvia (LBs)

2nd Place – Olivia (Y4)

3rd place – Bessie (Y2)

Special mention- Jenson (Y5)

Vegetable animals

1st place – Frog Mobile - Rosie (Y4)

2nd place Vegiosaurus – Owen (Y3)

3rd place – Veggie elephant – Sophia (R)

Special mention – Slow the snail -Sophia (R)

Cakes (all delicious)

1st place – Carrot cake – Beau (Y3)

2nd place – Woodland Moss Spinach buns – Lydia (Y1)

3rd place – Chocolate and beetroot brownies – Hattie (LB's)

Thank you so much to everyone who entered. From small beginnings and all that maybe it will become a regular event.



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Last week we signed up to the Hyndburn Book Heroes project which is a really simple project aimed at collecting and re-distributing pre-loved books. I am sure that we have many families who have books which they have read and are now sitting in bedrooms or on bookshelves. The idea of the project is to collect the books from a collection point and the re-distribute them to those who are disadvantaged and might not have access to books. We are going to be a collection point, and so if there are any families who have unwanted books at home, please bring them to school and leave at the drop off point. A box will be left at the pedestrian entrance to school and books can be placed in them. Just children's and young adult books please. Many thanks in advance.



Year 3 hosted their Sew and Sow parent and children event on Thursday afternoon. The weather was again kind and it was nice to have a social event with parents. We hope you enjoyed it.

On Friday afternoon Mr Carr and year 4 hosted Bingo with the parents – a little rowdier and competitive, but still a good time was had by all.



Also on Friday after school, we get a chance to meet some of our very newest starters – those children who will be joining Little Bells in September came along for a stay and play. We are looking forward to meeting you all.

Please see previous newsletters about class activities and parental involvement for other year groups.

And so to next year. Not all our pieces are in place yet regarding support staff but I am sure everyone is wanting to know about teachers:

Reception – Mrs Drugan

Year 1 – Mrs Sutcliff

Year 2 – Miss Sutton

Year 3 – Miss Dugdale and Miss Delafield (Job share until Mrs Griffiths returns from maternity leave in January, when it will be Miss Dugdale and Mrs Griffiths)

Year 4 – Mr Carr

Year 5 – Mr Griffiths

Year 6 – Mr Furness

I am sure you will agree that this is a really strong teaching team and we are excited for next year. I will send out a full staff list when everything has been confirmed.

Each class will hold a short transition event in the coming two weeks to enable children to meet their new teacher. This is likely to take place outside or in the hall.

The academic year is running out before our eyes. We are trying to make some plans for September and are waiting on DfE guidance. We expect that this might not come until the last day of term. It is therefore highly likely that we will plan for staggered start and finish times for the start of the next term. Hopefully, if the media is to be believed we will see the end of whole bubble isolations, and we can start to meet together in larger groups.

And finally.....

A reminder that school finishes on Friday 16th July for the Summer Holidays. There will be no After School Club on this day.

Also, due to the Queens Jubilee next year and the extra bank holiday, we have had to make a small amendment to our holiday pattern. Please see the letter which has been emailed out to all parents. Please avoid booking holiday in term times.

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn staff.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday:

Battered min chicken fillets
Quorn Dippers
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Curly Fries, Baby corn
cobs, Spaghetti Hoops
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna
Apple Crumble and Custard

Tuesday:

Pork Meatballs in Gravy
Quorn Frankfurt
Sausages in Gravy
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Crispy cubes
Swede, peas
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna
Sponge and ice cream

Wednesday:

Roast Turkey, Pigs in
Blankets
Quorn Chicken Fillet
Cheese Lattice Finger
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Roast Potatoes
Baton Carrots, broccoli
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna.
Donuts

Thursday:

BBQ Chicken and Rice
Quorn pieces in gravy
Pasta in tomato
Sauce
New Potatoes,
Sweetcorn, Peas
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or
Tuna
Jam sponge and
custard

Friday:

Fish Cakes
Veggie Burger
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Beans, Mushy Peas,
chips.
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Choc Ice

Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit and yoghurt are available everyday