



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A very warm welcome to this week's Belmont Buzz as the school really begins to get into its stride following our summer break.

This week, the school has been abuzz (I make no apology for my puns, there will be many) with talk of House Captains and School Councillors, alongside the many aspects of pupil leadership that are so crucial in supporting relationships and personal development here at Belmont. As a newly-minted member of the greatest house in the school, Osterley, I look forward to congratulating our new Captains and working with them to continue the excellent work they do in driving the school forward. In a week in which we reflected on the International Day of Democracy during assembly, it is truly wonderful to see it in action here in our school community.

It has also been an absolute pleasure to welcome prospective parents during the first of our open mornings, which will continue throughout the Autumn and into the Spring. The families who attended were delighted to see the opportunities our school offers, and—alongside myself—were impressed by the maturity of our Reception children, who went about their business like seasoned pros! I would encourage you, if you know families looking to visit, to invite them to do so via the website. It is a real privilege to showcase Belmont's wonderful story to all.

Looking ahead, I am excited for this Wednesday's Home-School Partnership Evening, where we can open our doors to the entire Belmont family. I will take the opportunity to introduce myself more fully and discuss with you, our parent community, the strength that comes from your engagement—whether through the PTA, Class Reps, or the Governing Body. Through many conversations over recent days, it has been clear that what makes Belmont unique is the people who make up our community. Please do keep an eye out for opportunities to collaborate both on Wednesday evening and in the weeks to come.

I will end with an exciting note for sports fans: England's Red Roses have a chance to reach the final in their upcoming Women's Rugby World Cup match against France. I hope as many of us as possible can tune in and cheer them on!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Venn-Coffey', written in a cursive style.

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Attendance

Punctuality:

There are still a number of children arriving late. Please ensure children arrive in good time for the start of the Nursery and School day. Arriving late is not only disruptive for your child, but also other children in the class and the teacher.

Nursery starts at 8.45am or 12.30pm, depending on your child's session.

The **start of the school day for children in Reception – Year 6 is 8.55am**. Arriving after this time will result in your child / children being marked late. Children arriving late must be brought to the front office to be signed in and provide a reason for lateness.

Registers are taken promptly at 9am and close at 9.10am. **Arriving after the registers have closed** will result in your child / children receiving a U mark which is **unauthorised and will affect their overall attendance**.

Sickness:

Please ensure sickness absence is reported via the online absence form. This can be found on the school website under the 'Contact Us' tab. The form should be completed by 9am. A form should be submitted for each day of absence.

Is My Child Well Enough For School?



It can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill or too anxious to attend school. The Healthier together website some information to help you decide whether it is appropriate for your child to go in.



[Click here for some more information](#)

Reception - Oranges Class

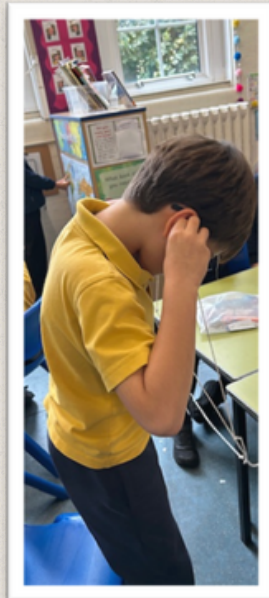
This week in Oranges, we've been reading *The Invisible String*. This story helps children understand the connections they share with the people they care about. The children had a great time colouring their own hearts, each representing someone they care about, whether it's family, friends, or even their pets!



Year 4 - Rowan & Maple

Year 4 have been exploring what sound is and how we hear in our science lessons. The children had great fun experimenting with a variety of instruments, made some strange ear gongs and we even saw the vibrations from a tuning fork in water.

In art, we have started learning about using tone to create 3D effects and how to show texture in drawings. Here are a couple of examples of the children's wonderful art.



Y5 - Chestnut & Sycamore

Year 5 have been busy fruit tasting in DT this week! They are testing out various fruits, to see which will be best to include in their crumble recipe! They tried the fruits and discussed differences in texture, appearance and taste, before giving them a rating out of 10. This links to their WWII topic and is in preparation for their trip to Chiswick School later on in the term.



School dinner? YES, PLEASE!

Here are some of the delicious side salads that the children have been enjoying with their lunch.

Do not forget to book your child's school dinner, or inform us they are bringing a packed lunch, everyday on MCAS.

Join the Accent Catering Team on Wednesday from 6:30pm to sample what's on offer for our students during lunchtime.



Admin Update

School Uniform

- Long hair must be fully tied back.
- Hair accessories should be plain school colours only and must be discreet and tidy.
- Smart watches are prohibited.
- Children may wear black or navy shoes which should be plain and appropriate for school wear. We encourage children to wear black trainers rather than traditional school shoes so they are 'active ready' for outdoor learning and to make running around at playtime more comfortable. Trainers must be entirely black with branding kept to a minimum. Wearing trainers everyday also means children may need one pair of school shoes.

A full uniform guide for Nursery and Reception-Year 6 can be found on the school website under the 'Parents / Carers' section.

Medication administered in school

If your child has been prescribed medication that needs to be administered in school, please make an appointment with our Welfare Officer, Mrs Novakovic. Medication should be brought to Mrs Novakovic (by appointment) in it's original packaging with the prescription label clearly visible. A particular form needs to be completed by parents/carers prior to us being able to administer any prescribed medication.

Medication must not be sent into school in your child's school bag.

Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 23rd September - Deadline for digital submission of Acceptable Use Policy and G Suite permissions (Years 1-6)
- Wednesday 24th September - Home School Partnership Evening 5:30-7pm Canteen Tasting & PTA Meet & Greet 6:30-7:30
- Thursday 2 October- Circus Theme School Dinner- see the website for details
- Tuesday 7th October - PTA Forum 7.30pm
- Friday 10th October - PTA Coffee morning and second hand uniform sale
- Wednesday 15th October - Individual and sibling photos
- Thursday 23rd October- PTA Quiz Night
- Friday 24th October - PTA- Y5 Halloween bake sale
- Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half term
- Monday 3rd November - Autumn term resumes