



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

To the Belmont Family,

It has been another packed week here at Belmont, one which was kicked off by Odd Socks Day, raising the profile of our participation in Anti-Bullying week throughout the school. Hot on the heels of this very colourful beginning, the children were then refocused through assemblies and lessons on the key message of this year's campaign, The Power for Good - a reminder that we can all do so much to be kind to those around us through our words and actions. It was a delight today that in our regular Star of the Week assembly, many of the certificates were awarded for children's compassionate and caring behaviour towards their peers, setting a fine example for the rest of the children to follow as we move through the term. Speaking of excellent examples, it was a pleasure for myself and Mrs Boyadjian to meet with the newly-minted School Councillors, who were eager to get down to the business of the day in acting as the voice of the children within Belmont. While some of the initial suggestions raised by the student body were deemed unworkable (the zip line, swimming pool and external slide from the top of the school to the playground being, regrettably, among them) we were delighted to hear that children wished to raise more money for charity, raise the profile of the House System and think about how playtime is organised to ensure even more positive experiences in the playground - so watch this space as the School Council go to work!

As many of you will be aware, Tuesday marked Remembrance Day, with the school coming together to reflect and remember as a community, doing so in silence to mark the moment impeccably. It has also been a week where our children were making their mark beyond the school gates, with the choir visiting local elderly residents to spend time performing for them and forming some wonderful friendships in the local area. Year 6 also managed to make a friend while on their trip to the British Museum, impressing a member of the public so much with their behaviour, manners and friendliness that they emailed into Belmont to pass on their praise for the group and their adults - a big well done to Year 6 who showed again what a wonderful example they set as "Top of the School!" Also, another well done to Nalinya and Lilly Rose for their wonderful success in the BDO Street Dance Championships, placing 1st place and 5th place in the Duo category and advancing to the Worlds!

Looking into next week, we look forward to welcoming you to Parent's Evening and celebrating with you some of the wonderful progress the children have made in the opening part of the year, and a reminder that Friday 21st November is an INSET day here at Belmont Primary.

With that, I will wish you all a lovely weekend, and see you next week!

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# Wildernessfest Belmont 2025

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY IN DECEMBER  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW VIA MCAS £6

A SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT TO REDEVELOP THE  
WILDERNESS GARDEN  
4.30PM - 6PM

MARSHMALLOW TOASTING      FIRE PIT  
PINE CONE DECORATING      HOT CHOCOLATE  
MULLED WINE



## *Wilderfest Belmont 2025 - What is it?*

### **Join Us for Wilderfest – Our Magical Wilderness Garden Fundraiser!**

We're dreaming big – and with your help, we can transform our wilderness garden into an extraordinary outdoor haven for our children to explore, learn, and thrive during forest school.

Get ready for a truly enchanting experience... because Wilderfest is here!

Event Dates: 4th December, 11th December & 18th December

Each child (with an accompanying adult) can dive into a bundle of cosy, creative, festive fun, including:

- 🔥 Toasting marshmallows around the crackling fire
- 🍫 Sipping rich, warming hot chocolate
- 🎨 Crafting a special, nature-inspired keepsake

Yes, it may be dark – but with fairy lights sparkling, the fire glowing, and a magical woodland vibe all around, it'll feel like stepping into a winter storybook.

Tickets are limited and available now on MCAS! (Every child attending needs a ticket)

Help us bring this incredible space to life while enjoying an unforgettable, heart-warming evening with friends, family, and staff.

## *Charity Fundraising*

Thank you for all the kind donations for 'Odd Socks Day'. There is still time to donate if you wish. Simply login to MCAS, visit the store and you will see the payment item.

You generosity so far has raised.....

# £186



Thank you for all the kind donations for 'Children In Need 2025'. There is still time to donate if you wish. Simply login to MCAS, visit the store and you will see the payment item.

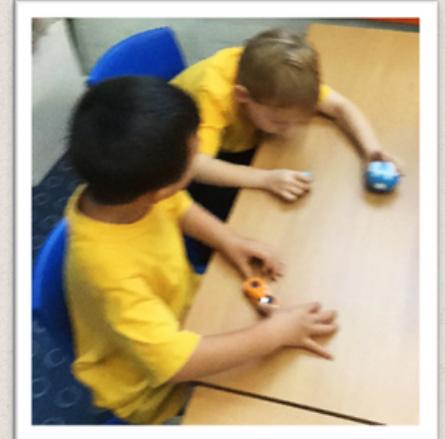
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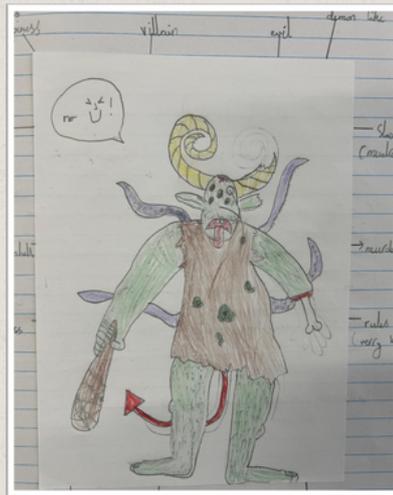
## *Year 1 - Pears & Cherries*

In our Year 1 history lesson, the children became history detectives, exploring the present by investigating toys they brought in from home. Each child shared their favourite toy and asked questions such as “What is my toy made of?” and “How do I play with it?” They compared their toys with one another, and discussed how they work. Through this activity, the children learned that by looking closely at everyday objects – like their own toys – they can discover fascinating clues about life today.



## *Year 4 - Maple & Rowan*

Year 4 have started to read Michael Morpurgo’s version of Beowulf for our unit on historical stories. We took part in some freeze frame drama and then drew pictures of what we thought the villainous character Grendel looked like.



## *Choir - Mrs Miles*

Following on from our successful Harvest visit, the choir joined residents of Jessop House and Clifton Gardens for Remembrance Day on Tuesday. The choir delighted them with war songs from the upcoming year 5 show, and invited them to sing along with old wartime favourites “Pack Up Your Troubles”, “It’s A Long Way To Tipperary” and finishing with “We’ll Meet Again.” Afterwards, the children and residents chatted about the war, whilst writing inspiring quotes on the poppy wreaths the residents had made. Much fun was had by all and the choir is looking forward to returning for Christmas.



## *BDO Street Dance Championship 2025*

Nalinya Narkpol and Lilly Rose Wakefield both Year 5, Sycamore Class recently participated in the BDO Street Dance Championship, Maidstone 2025, and achieved 1st place and 5th place in the Duo category.

Following this achievement, they have qualified to compete at the GDO World Championship 2025 in December.

We are very proud of their accomplishments and wanted to share this wonderful news with the school.

Many thanks,  
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## *Attendance*

### Attendance celebrations:

A very big 'well done' to Rowan who were our October class attendance winners with 100% attendance. They were closely followed by Maple, with 98.87%

Is my child too ill for school?

It can sometimes be difficult to know whether or not to keep your child off school/nursery if they're feeling unwell. The NHS have produced the following guidance to help:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### Term time leave:

Now we have returned from October half term, our thoughts turn to Christmas. A polite reminder to families that in line with Government guidance, there is no entitlement to holiday during term time.

The lead up to Christmas is always an exciting time in school as the children take part in nativities, concerts, pantomime experiences and of course Father Christmas visits! We do hope your child/ren will be here to enjoy this special time.

### Attendance queries/concerns:

Should you have any queries, questions, or concerns regarding your child/ren's attendance, health or general well-being, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

## Christmas Fair Donations Needed

### **Toys & Children's Gifts:**

New, nearly new and good condition toys, games, puzzles, arts & crafts. Very good condition bikes or scooters.

***NO pre-school toys please***

### **Adult Tombola:**

New/ Unused gifts, bottles, skincare/ perfumes.

### **Raffle & Silent Auction:**

Any new, high quality prizes, including promises.

**Donations should be left with  
the school office**



## Key Dates for the Diary for November

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening (No Clubs AM & PM)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Catch-up Flu Vaccinations (subject to pre-booking)
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Y4 Viking Workshop (please see details on MCAS)
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 Bake Sale
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November - INSET Day - School Closed to pupils**
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Y5 Presentation PM
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Y5 Presentation AM
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - PTA Non Uniform Day - Bring in a Tombola prize**
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening (No Clubs AM & PM)
- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Belmont Christmas Fair**