# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

To the Belmont Family,

Winter has come... to Belmont. It certainly felt like the cold season had arrived as we started the week, and it was a delight to see the children coming in wrapped up in layers of scarves, gloves, and various ear-warming headgear to keep them snug throughout the day. As many parents and carers who joined us for the first of the parents' evenings last night will know, the new school heating system is fully functional, so even though it is chilly outside, the halls and classrooms of Belmont are warm and toasty!

I want to start by thanking everyone who attended last night. It was a pleasure to see so many parents taking the opportunity to review their children's work and see how much progress they have already made in the short weeks since we began in September. I look forward to welcoming everyone for the second session next week, and thank you for your ongoing support in the partnership between school and home.

As you will no doubt have seen through posters and communications, there are many events and opportunities to join in the festive mood. The amazing Belmont Christmas Fair is rapidly approaching, and if you have some time to spare, please contact your class reps to sign up and be a part of such a magical day for the whole Belmont family. Wilderfest season is also upon us, and we cannot wait to welcome you to the enchanted Wilderness area to help raise funds to make it an ever-evolving, unique learning and experience space for the children.

Throughout the school, the children continue to be hard at work. Just this morning, I walked through a full-throated rehearsal of the upcoming Year 5 show, and then into the hall below where I was met with a Viking hoard crashing about with great enthusiasm (and this was just the staff!) as Year 4 enjoyed their History workshop funded by the PTA. Each of these events—and there are so many more throughout the school—adds up to an exciting and engaging curriculum that supports the children in building momentum to progress further with their skills and knowledge. A huge thank you to everyone who contributes, plans, and takes part—it makes all the difference!

I will sign off with a brief reminder that tomorrow's INSET day means no school, before or after care. We hope you enjoy the long weekend, and we look forward to seeing you back next week, refreshed and ready for the last week of November!

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Join us every Thursday in December
Limited Tickets on sale Now via MCAs £6

A School Fündraising event to Redevelop the Wilderness Garden
4.30pm - 6pm

MARSHMALLOW TOASTING FIRE PIT

PINE CONE DECORATING HOT CHOCOLATE

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### 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 selling fast. 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'.

The final total raised was......

£188



Thank you for all the kind donations for 'Children In Need 2025'.

The final total raised was......

£530





### **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



# Year 1 - Gunnersbury Park Museum

Year 1 had a fantastic time on their trip to Gunnersbury Park Museum, where they took part in an engaging Old Toys and Games workshop. The children explored toys from Victorian times and discovered fascinating facts about how children played in the past. They learnt a couple of traditional parlour games—Key Keeper was a clear favourite! The children also had the chance to try out a range of old-fashioned toys, including spinning tops, ball-in-a-cup challenges, and optical toys such as flip books. It was a wonderful day of hands-on learning and lots of fun!





### Year 4 - Maple & Rowan

In DT, Year 4 have been learning about healthy eating and different food groups. We have been practicing our cutting, grating and spreading skills in preparation for designing and making our own Anglo-Saxon soup.







## Admin Update

In recent months, Belmont Primary has introduced new communication systems, including our updated website, My Child At School (MCAS), and Google Classroom. As we review how these are working, we'd like to hear from parents and carers to help us refine and improve them.

We're seeking volunteers to join short focus groups (45–60 minutes) from the following cohorts:

- Nursery & Reception
- Years 1 & 2
- Years 3 & 4
- Years 5 & 6
- Parents/carers with two or more children

If you'd like to take part, please email <u>sbm@belmont.hounslow.sch.uk</u> with the subject line "Focus Group for (your year group)". We aim to meet in the coming weeks and make improvements ready for the Spring Term.

For more information please see the MCAS message sent on 19/11.

# Key Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 26th November - PTA Non Uniform Day - Bring in a Tombola prize



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening (No Clubs AM & PM)



Saturday 29th November - Belmont Christmas Fair



Wednesday 3rd December - CLUB BOOKINGS GO LIVE 6pm MCAS



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Year 4 & Year 5 - Lyric Theatre (Jack and the Beanstalk)



Thursday 4th December - Year 3 & Year 6 - Lyric Theatre (Jack and the Beanstalk)



Thursday 4th December - WILDERFEST - Tickets selling fast on MCAS



Tuesday 9th December - Nursery & Reception Panto in School



Thursday 11th December - WILDERFEST - Tickets selling fast on MCAS



Wednesday 17th December - Carol Concert (more details to follow)



Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch



Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day



Thursday 18th December - WILDERFEST Final event - Tickets selling fast on MCAS



Friday 19th December - Autumn term ends at 1.30pm



















