



WEEKLY NOSELETTER

To the Belmont Family,

A (very!) warm and sunny welcome to the Belmont Buzz!

Following the excitement of last week, it has been a pleasure to have our Belmont home back to ourselves as we continue to crack on towards the Easter break. With only one week left, it has been a wonderful time to be in Belmont, particularly due to the school marking our Neurodiversity week, as led by Mrs Nicholas. It has truly been a pleasure to see how engaged the children have been with this topic, with a spree of poster making and leaflet writing from the bottom floor to the top. It bodes very well for our upcoming STEM week and the very exciting activities that are planned to get the children dreaming big about this incredible area of learning. It is indeed a timely opportunity, as over in the United States, the new era of manned missions to the Moon are picking up pace, with Artemis II due to take a crew of astronauts around the moon - lift off is scheduled for around the start of April, so do keep an eye out as we certainly will be at Belmont!

In the spirit of aiming high, our Year 6 children acquitted themselves with great decorum in the halls of power at the Houses of Parliament this week. Since their return, they have spoken eloquently about the impact of visiting such an iconic landmark, quite literally seeing democracy in action as they sat in the galleries and observed debates on the important issues of the day. My sincere thanks to those parents who accompanied the group - as always, we simply cannot make such experiences possible without you, so thank you! Speaking of famous structures... our Year 1 children have been making the most of the wonderful weather this week in our wilderness space, taking part in their planned Forest School lessons to build their own amazing structures as part of their imaginatively titled sequence of learning... "Structures." They developed their teamwork and communication skills as they worked through the challenges, and will now apply this as they continue through the topic - well done Year 1!

Finally, a huge thank you to all parents and carers who joined us this week for our Parents' Evening. As always, it was a pleasure to see such wonderful progress from the children being celebrated by parents and teachers alike - we look forward to welcoming our next groups next week! In the meantime, I wish you all a wonderful weekend, and we will see you Monday!

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Reception - Apples & Oranges

In Reception, for our Dinosaurs topic, the children listened and acted out a story using the Now-Press-Play headphones. The children learnt what a palaeontologist does and had to dig for dinosaur bones and eggs, and how these fossils go into museums for people to see.

They were introduced to the names of the dinosaurs in the story: Brachiosaurus, Pterodactyls, Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops. The children had to listen carefully and follow the instructions for them to become the different dinosaurs.



Comic Relief Fundraise

Thank you for all the kind donations for 'Comic Relief 2026'. 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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FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Attendance

As we approach the Easter break, a polite reminder to all that there is no entitlement to holiday during term time.

Sickness absence immediately before and/or after the Easter holiday will not be automatically authorised. School review attendance data, including previous years, to identify any patterns of absence. Where a pattern is identified, the absence will initially be recorded as unauthorised and parents/carers should provide supporting evidence for this mark to be reviewed.

Periods of unauthorised absence/term time leave are reported to the School Attendance Support Service (SASS) and parents/carers will be at risk of receiving a Penalty Warning Letter or Penalty Notice.

Penalty Notices are also considered if a child has 10 sessions (five school days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or years. This threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence eg. 10 sessions of holiday (taken in term time) in one school week or four sessions of holiday (taken in term time) and six sessions of arriving late after the registers have closed.

Key Dates for the Diary

- **Monday 23rd March- STEM Week begins**
- **Monday 23rd March - Capoeira club - No other clubs**
- **Tuesday 24th March - Gymnastic club AM Club - No other clubs**
- **Wednesday 25th March - Parents Evening (originally scheduled for 11th March)**
- **Wednesday 25th March - Chess AM & French AM Club - No other clubs**
- **Thursday 26th March - Gymnastic club AM Club - No other clubs**
- **Thursday 26th March - Parents evening - Apricots and Maple ONLY**
- **Thursday 26th March - Summer Term clubs Go Live at 8pm on MCAS**
- **Friday 27th March - Basketball club - No other clubs**
- **Friday 27th March - Last day of term**



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