

Despite the weather launching fully into winter, this week all across school, the children have been taking some of their learning outside. Belmont was successful in securing over a 100 new trees from the Woodlands Trust as part of their 'free trees for school and communities' project. The saplings comprise a mix of silver birch, rowan, hawthorn, wild cherry and will be planted in the green space at the back of the staff carpark adjoining our allotment area and behind the Nursery outdoor area. This is a lovely activity for the children to take part in and will help us to develop another Forest School area to support sustainability. A huge thank you for the many donations received towards the purchase of much needed tree guards.

With the end of term only a few weeks away, the end of term festive rehearsals are well underway. Information has been shared via parentmail with specific dates and times for year group performances – please do take the time to read these, we do have a strict capacity limit in the hall which must be adhered to. A huge well done to all of the Year 5 and 6 pupils who recently competed in the Bexley athletics competition securing third place in the borough is an achievement to be proud of.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher postcard: Holly (Y2); Sienna (Y4)

Teacher postcard: Noah, Amelia, Elsie, Esther (Y1) Parker, Billy, Alfie, Rocco, Renzo, Isla-Rose, (Y2); Harrison (Y3); Alex, Riley, Harrison, Ryan, Sam, James, Lucia E, Isabella, Noah (Y4); Dominic (Y5); Sonya (Y6)

Football: Billy, Daman, Rocco (Y2), Austin (Y4) & Lillie-Rose (Y5) Player of the Match; Teddy (Y3) & George (Y3) JMF Allstars Players of the day;

Swimming: Anna (Y1) 10m; Ruby L (Y1) 200m; Saajun (Y5) stage 7; Sophia A (Y5) stage 4

Pen Licence: Freddie (Y5)

Top Ten Texts: Jenson (Y3); Antonio (Y4)

Blue Peter Badge: Ella (Y4)

Karate: Scarlett, Isabella, William (Y4) red belt; Sienna (Y4) green belt; Ben S (Y3) yellow belt; Perla (Y5) student of the month; Lacey (Y6) medal

Gymnastics: Arabella (Y3)

Published Poem for Young Writers Competition: Sienna, Sarwan, Summayyah (Y4)

3rd Place in Athletics Competition: Paige, Zeliya, Teddy, Amelia, Harry L (Y5) Daniel, Callie, Martha, Samuel, Hardaya, Shaylan, Maddie, Rhys, Poppy, Fikayo, Abraham, Daisy-Rae, Harlow (Y6)

TTRS Star: Jenson, Zac, Lucia E (Y4) Jaideep, Zeliya, Will, Melissa (Y5); Chloe, Darcie Harley, Maggie-May, James, Poppy, Ruby B, Seth, Enoch (Y6), Legend: Tayyibah, Jacob, James, Scarlett (Y4); Nicole, Saajun, Rohan, Harry, Daniel (Y5) Keerit (Y6); Hero: Fikayo (Y6)

Pupil Voice:

Our Library bus is now in use and the children have very much enjoyed using the space for their learning. Here's what they had to say...

Samuel (Y5): "I liked learning in there, it felt really nice, cosy and welcoming".

Zeliya (Y5): "I loved the library bus and enjoyed completing my comprehension somewhere else other than my classroom".

Jazmin (Y1) "I really loved the library bus because it had lots of lovely books that I really enjoy reading."

Archie (Y1) "It was really cool because you can read books and it was like we were riding a bus too!"

George K (Y1) "It was so nice and comfy to read in there."

Jasmine (Y4) "I liked it because it was very colourful and full of books."

Elsie (Y4) "It was fun because there are lots of places to get comfortable to read your book without anything annoying you."

Notices:

Fundraising:

Well done to Belmont for raising £809.38 for Children in Need.

Weather:

With the weather turning colder please ensure that your child wears a suitable coat to school. Likewise, tracksuits should now be worn over PE tops on PE/sports days.



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 5th December – KS2 Christmas Concert at Christ Church, Bexleyheath from 4:30pm.

Wednesday 6th December – Year 2 performance at 1:20pm; Year 1 performance at 2:30pm – main hall

Thursday 7th December – Year 6 trip to the British Library

Thursday 7th December – PTA Christmas Fete – main hall from 3:30pm access via staff car park

Monday 11th December – Nursery performance 10:30am. Reception performance and afternoon at 1:30pm

Thursday 14th December – Year 4 Roman Day and Year 5 Nigerian Cooking Day

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Community Links & News:

December Half Term Club:

Concept4Football are running a short half term club at the start of the December half term. The club will offer sports and arts and crafts activities and runs as follows:

Dates: Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Ages: Reception to Year 8 pupils

Location: Old Bexley Primary School, Hurst Road, DA5 3JR

Children will need trainers, a packed lunch, drinks bottle and appropriate clothing for the weather at this time of year. To book a place or find out more:

www.concept4football.co.uk

Attendance and Punctuality:



School attendance is mandatory for all pupils. We continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 96%.

Our attendance last week was 95.8% which is above national and just below our target. McQueen class had the best attendance with 97.2% - well done to the pupils in McQueen class.

This week our attendance was 95.9% again, above national but just below our target. Brunel class had the best attendance with 96.9%. Well done to pupils in Brunel Class.

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.