



THE BELMONT NEWS

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Attendance

Well done to Sunflowers and Caterpillars who were joint winners last week with nearly 99% attendance each and to Caterpillar for this week with 99%.



Do you have an interesting pet?



As part of their topic 'Can I have a tiger as a pet?' Nursery team are hoping to invite some well behaved pets for a visit. If you think you are able to bring your pet for a visit and short talk about how you look after them Constance would be very happy to hear from you. Please pop into Nursery to arrange a time that suits or email the office, thanks.

Rainbow Theatre

As a hook into their literature topic, Year 2 had a theatre workshop where they acted out the story of King Midas. The children loved acting out the story and produced some amazing writing as a result! Year 1 are getting a turn next week.



Nursery and Reception drop off

A reminder that the early years' classrooms open their doors at 9am when the bell in the main playground rings.

The team ask that all Nursery and Reception families wait in the main playground NOT directly outside the classrooms as they need time to set up the outdoor learning environment without interruptions. If you wish to speak to a member of staff please wait till 9am or arrange a suitable time.

Save the Children

Thank you to all of you who supported our Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 18th December - we managed to raise £116 for the charity!



Screen time advice

I know many children (and parents!) have enjoyed the benefit of some screen time over the Christmas break. If you are struggling to get children off their devices, want advice on setting rules or the suitability of different apps the following links may help:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games-helping-children-play-safe/>

https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-12/rcpch_screen_time_parent_fact_sheet_-_final.pdf

https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/screen-time-boundaries?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI-tKm-tvg3wIVguR3Ch0UDQ5WEAAYASABEgJKavD_BwE

There is also a poster attached to this newsletter with some tips on how to keep children safe while gaming online.

Parenting

I am pleased to let you know that there is a course being run at the Juniors for any parents, grandparents or carers with children between the ages of 3-18 who would like to enhance their parenting skills and are looking to improve how they communicate with their child(ren).



The course runs for thirteen Tuesdays, starting on 22nd January and is from 9.30am-12.30pm. Childcare is provided for younger siblings as are course materials and refreshments.

For more information please contact Anita on 0208 888 7140



We are still collecting food for those who don't have enough to feed their family. Please put contributions in the chest outside my office and we will take them to the food bank for you. Winter must be particularly tricky time for those struggling to make ends meet.

Holiday permission



We have had a very high number of requests for time off this term. Any days off for holidays have to be unauthorised as a holiday is not considered 'exceptional circumstances' and this goes down on your child's attendance record. Please try to avoid taking any time off during term time.

Curriculum Map

Take a look at the school website to find out how we are adapting and improving our curriculum. We have created a new map of the learning in Key Stage 1 based on the National Curriculum but with a more developed thematic approach. This term, Year 1 and 2 have literature led topics - see below for the titles of these and those coming up. You should have already received a letter giving more details of this half term's learning and what you can do to help at home.

Trips

As part of our new curriculum we are committing to taking the children out more - the many museums and galleries in London really bring learning alive! We also benefit from the fact that many of these sites are free as is the public transport to get there. We ask for parent helpers on these trips to ensure everyone is safe so keep an eye out for upcoming dates to see if you are free. For safety reasons, anyone helping on a trip must be 'List 99' checked so ask the office if you need help with this.



Parent Helpers

If you are able to commit to a weekly slot to help in school we'd love to have you! We have a growing team of amazing parents who are helping in Years 1 & 2 with art, reading, computing, science and more. Please talk to the office about the role and when you are available to help - we'd love to have you.

Photographer



If anyone knows of a very good portrait photographer who would be willing to give their time to the school for little (or preferably no!) cost, could they put me in touch with them? I am looking to update the photos on the school website and also to display large photos in the corridor by the library.

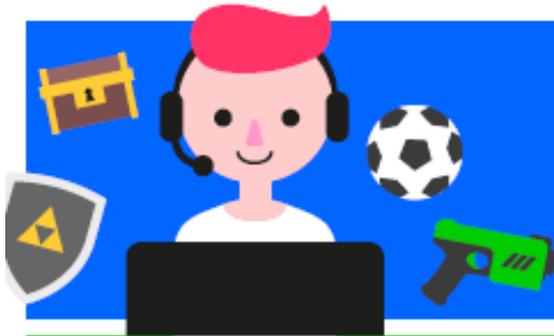
Have a good weekend!
Fiona Crean

Belmont Infant School - Dates for your diary

January	
Wednesday 23rd	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 24th	Dance and Drama Workshops for Caterpillar and Bumblebee classes
Thursday 24th	Buttercups to Natural History Museum
February	
Friday 1 st	Grasshoppers to Natural History Museum
Monday 4th	The Met Police are visiting
Tuesday 5 th	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 5 th	Health & Safety Committee (Governors)
Monday 11 th	Hedgehogs to British Museum
Tuesday 12th	Sunflowers to British Museum
Thursday 14th	Caterpillar Class sharing assembly for parents
Friday 15 th @ 3.30pm	School Art Gallery for parents
HALF TERM 18 th - 22 nd	
March	
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 19th	Finance & Personnel Committee (Governors)
Friday 22 nd @ 3.30pm	Design Technology Gallery for parents
Wednesday 27th	Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 6.30pm BUTTERCUP CLASS ONLY
Wednesday 27th	Full Governing Body meeting
April	
Tuesday 2nd	Parents' Evening 3.40pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 4th	Bumblebee Class sharing assembly for parents
Thursday 4th	Parents' Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm (NOT BUTTERCUPS)

Internet Matters six tips for keeping children safe while online gaming

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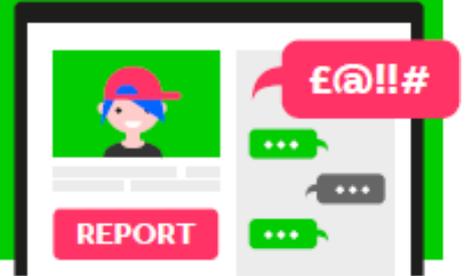


Take an active interest in the games your children are playing to get to grips with how they work and why they enjoy playing them

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Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and talk about what kind of language is being used. Make sure your child knows how to do report abusive or anti-social behaviour



For younger children, use 'airplane' mode settings on your tablet or smartphone. That way, they can play offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know

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Use PEGI ratings and App store ratings to ensure your children are playing age appropriate games. Help children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't

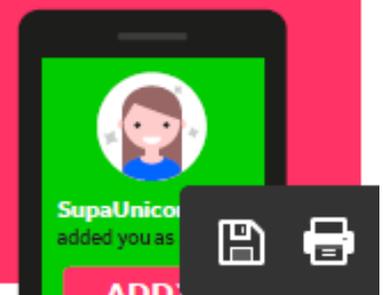


Gaming can be very addictive, so agree boundaries and how long they're allowed to play for and with whom they are allowed to play online with. Remind them that people may hide behind fake profiles and not be who they say they are

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Teach your children to protect themselves by thinking critically – remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks



Belmont Infants Curriculum Overview

Nursery					
I can sing a rainbow	Getting to know you	Can I have a tiger as a pet?	Colour, light & pattern	How does your garden grow?	Adventures & Journeys
Reception					
Tell me a story	Who am I?	Walking with dinosaurs	Bookshops and bakers and candlestick makers	Out and about in the garden	Do all heroes wear capes?
Year 1					
Why do the leaves fall?	Who has been to the moon?	Happy ever after... NOT!	Fire! Fire!	Am I an animal?	On the buses
Year 2					
I love London	Can I do ONE thing to change the world?	The minotaur and his mates	Fantastic voyages	Africa	Magical minibeasts