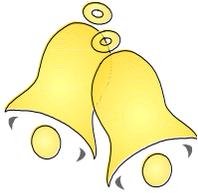


# BELLFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**SUMMER TERM**  
**27 April 2018**

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome back – I hope you had a great Easter holiday.

Y4 had an outdoor learning day with Stew, our outdoor learning expert on the first day back. Y4 also had an Inspire 'cinema' experience with their children about the Battle of Bosworth. 30 Y5 & Y6 children went to the Houses of Parliament on the last day before Easter – as well as the children saying how great the trip was, we had members of public complimenting them on their behaviour, and the workshop team complimenting them on their knowledge, teamwork and great debating skills!

We had a school 'Challenge' day on Monday this week. This was with outside consultants, including a current Ofsted inspector, who were invited in to review how well the school is doing. Some Y3, Y5 & Y6 children were interviewed, children's workbooks reviewed and some lessons observed during a learning walk. The feedback was very positive – children enjoying their learning, good progress being made, engagement of the children in lessons was very high and the visitors really enjoyed their visit – even pinching a couple of our ideas. You have brilliant children!

Just a quick reminder about children having the correct uniform, hairstyles and shoes – please check the website for up-to-date information about this.

Many thanks for all your support, as usual!

Kind regards,  
Mr Attwood  
Headteacher

## **Year 6 SATs week is w/c 14th May**

– we ask that ALL Y6 children are in school by 8.30am (in through the hall doors from the playground) so as we can ensure they are as settled as possible for the tests. The children have been absolutely brilliant in the efforts they are putting into their learning and we are already very proud of them before a test has been started! Thank you for your continued support



## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

We will be having a collection of old clothing and paired shoes during the early part of June. Please start saving any clothing you are willing to donate in readiness for the bags coming home in a couple of weeks' time. Thank you.

## **Nick Carter – adventurer – fundraising**



Nick Carter is an adventurer, who has climbed Everest, swum the channel and lived with remote tribes! He is doing a sponsored run from John O'Groats to Land's End in June/July, to raise money for children's charities in the UK. He will stop off and do an assembly in our school, and the Infants', on the way. We thought this was quite inspiring and that we should invite him in and support him.

Therefore, we are doing a sponsored run (with the Infants') on the 24th May – how many 'run-a-mile-laps' can you do in 20minutes. Nick will be visiting us on 3rd July. We hope the enjoy this event and feel inspired after his visit!



## SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

The school works hard to provide the very best education for your children. It is important that children attend school every day and on time.

**Punctuality:** We would like to thank all the parents who have their children in school on time every day. For those that do not, can we remind you that being late for school has a significant negative impact on your child's learning. Last term alone, children lost 84.3 hours of learning time. Since the start of the school year in September, there have been over 27 learning days lost made up of 9,855 minutes by 83 different children. If you need any support with any issues around attendance then please ask to speak to the Pastoral team.

*If there are any issues regarding punctuality or attendance, the school will contact you to discuss this further.*

*If you have any issues, please make an appointment to come in and see us so we can help in any way we can.*

### Every Minute Counts!

**8.45am** Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start possible.

**9.00am** Your child has probably arrived just after most children as the school day starts at 9.00am.

**9.01am** Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day, being a few minutes late often unsettles children.

**9.05am** 5 minutes late a day means 3 lost days a year.

**9.10am** 10 minutes late a day means 6 lost days a year.

**9.15am** 15 minutes late a day means 9 lost days a year.

Arriving after the register closes is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

### Attendance

PLEASE NOTE: By law, children are expected in school every day except for illness or exceptional circumstances. The Government does not allow a head teacher to approve holidays during term time.

Attendance is expected to be 97%+.

### Changes to the timetable

In the last newsletter, we talked about some small changes to the timetable to help us prepare for the extra children in September (90 children in Y3), meaning we will have grown from 176 children 6 years ago to 285! These were: 2 separate play-times for Ys3&4/ 5&6; assemblies in the afternoon (except Friday Celebration assembly) and slightly different lunchtimes. We are currently assessing how well these are working.

We have also ended Golden Time on a Friday. One child has written to Mr Attwood to say they don't like this change, and he has written to the children to explain why it has happened. Golden Time, many years ago, was brought in as a treat at the end of the week. However, we have an increasing amount of children, including autistic children, who do not enjoy this unstructured time as it is out of routine and they struggle with the noise a 'fun' session creates. Therefore, if the treat does not work for everyone, it is unfair to do it. We do many rewards and treats, and have said to the children they can suggest things to the Head Teacher, which will be looked at, and if possible/reasonable, may be used in future.

### Dominick Cunningham Gymnast

Dominic visited the school for a sponsored day in November 2016 – and we loved him!

He was very inspiring and his dream was to win a gold medal. And...he has! At the recent Commonwealth Games, he won the men's team gold and an individual bronze on the vault! This is brilliant, as he is from near the school and the children have enjoyed hearing about his success.



## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY	Gardening (FULL) Athletics Film Club Spanish	Mrs. Ireland Mr. Coleman Miss Haynes Mrs. Eggleton
TUESDAY	Football Ref Training Y5/Y6	Mr. Neadle
WEDNESDAY	Y3/4 Football (FULL)	BCFC Coaches
THURSDAY	Rounders Y4, Y5 & Y6 (starting 10/5/18)	Miss Gowran & Miss Davenport
FRIDAY	Streetdance (FULL)	Mr. Walker

We have limited places available on some clubs - please ensure your slip is returned to Mrs. Martin well in advance of the club day.

All clubs finish at **4.20pm** . Please ensure your child is collected promptly. A charge of £1 is payable each week for each club and should be paid to the Club Leader, with the exception of BCFC football, which is £3 per week.

**Please ensure you keep up-to-date with club payments - your child will lose their place if you do not. Thank you.**

## Dates for the Diary

Don't forget, these can sometimes change so always check the website, which is updated weekly!

3.5.18	School Closed to children for local elections voting
7.5.18	School Closed – bank holiday
w/c 14.5.18	Year 6 SATs Week – all year 6 to be in at 8.30am please via Hall Doors
18.5.18	Year 6 playbus treat – end of SATs!
w/c 21.5.18	Bikeability for Y6
24.5.18 (New date)	Sponsored Run for Nick Carter
25.5.18	Last day before half term – finish at 3.20pm
4.6.18	School re-opens at 8.50am
4.6.18	Y6 outdoor learning 'challenge' day, with outdoor learning expert

**PINK Contact Forms** – With the new GDPR (Data Protection Law) in May, we need to make sure all your data is accurate. Letters are being sent out to parents who have not yet checked these forms for mop-up sessions to ensure that ALL our records are up-to-date. Please try to find 2 minutes on your allocated evening to help us with this very important task. Thank you.

**Following an incident this week in the playground before the start of school, we would like to remind all parents/carers that pupils should be supervised by a parent/ carer while on school premises until the bell goes at 8.50am. Games such as football and basketball are not permitted on school premises prior to the official start of the school day.**

# Celebrating Success



Children who received 5 team points for their House Team this week were:

Lewis House: Wales  
For a brilliant persuasive letter and a super model of a Birmingham landmark

Tmiyra House: N. Ireland  
For a fantastic booklet about Birmingham

Hussein House: N. Ireland  
For his brilliant bedtime story about a dragon

Maya House: England  
For some fantastic canal art

Ellie House: Scotlie  
For her fantastic bedtime story

Kobi House: N. Ireland  
For creating a fantastic balanced argument for his English work

Nessa House: Wales  
For a super piece of canal art

Jack House: England  
For his fantastic persuasive letter

Emily House: Wales  
For her super Battle of Bosworth explanation

Lionel House: Scotland  
For his science-based non-chronological report

Well done to all of these children!

## Yes I Can

New on our "Yes I Can" Roll of Honour Board - these are children that have faced something difficult, haven't given up and have then succeeded - this month we have had:

Y3 - Leighton - for working extremely hard to understand how to find fractions of shapes.

Y3 - Harley - for his fantastic efforts in story writing. He worked hard to come up with ideas to tell his story and then read it back. Great job Harley!

## ECO COMMITTEE NEWS

This month we will be beginning a new energy survey which encourages more environmentally friendly behaviour and you could win a trophy or extra break (to be confirmed) for winning. We have also had a new bird feeding rota, and have almost finished the biodiversity project (building a habitat for animals and encouraging wildlife on the school grounds). We have almost got the silver eco schools award. Thank you for reading.

Yours sincerely,  
Ethan (newsletter editor)  
And the rest of the eco team!

