



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Belmont Family,

As another exciting week draws to a close here in W4, it is a great opportunity to reflect as we welcome in a new month and, as I type this, the true start of Autumn! The first day of term now feels a long way away (only 23 school days to be precise!), but it has been truly wonderful to have welcomed the children through the doors and have witnessed how beautifully they have settled in to their new classrooms, lessons and routines.

This week the children have been engaged and inspired by some wonderful experiences throughout the school; Year 6 have been completing their Bikeability course both in and beyond the school grounds, showing great maturity and teamwork as their pelotons lapped Belmont, while in school we have had some wonderful workshops based around Black History Month, which will remain a focus throughout the rest of October. On Thursday the children enjoyed National Poetry Day, with lots of spoken word performances echoing through all three floors! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nino and Tom who came by my office unexpectedly with their very own original poem which they delivered with aplomb and made me laugh with line after line of their excellent efforts - well done boys!

Before moving on, I must also congratulate the mighty Red Roses, who truly delivered in the World Cup final to make England Women's Rugby *World Champions*!

Last night was the first formal Governing Body meeting of the year. Among the agenda was the continued academic success of the school, and the recognition of the tremendous work done last year and in previous years to ensure such outstanding outcomes. The Belmont family should feel incredibly proud of these wonderful accomplishments. On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank you, as parents and carers, for your continued support in delivering the very best for the children who are at the centre of all we do.

We are still looking to recruit new members to the Governing Body. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please visit the Governor's section of the school website for more information. Meanwhile, the PTA is also busy preparing for a number of upcoming events this month. Next Friday there will be a second-hand (or "pre-loved" as I think of it!) uniform sale—so if your uniform drawer needs a top-up, do come along, as there is plenty to choose from.

Looking ahead to next week, I'd like to draw your attention to the SEND parent drop-in, organised by Mrs Nicholas, on Friday 10th October from 9:00–10:00 am. She will give a short introduction to sensory and emotional regulation, sharing best practice from our external partners who support Belmont and other schools in this vital area of child development. The session will take place in the Middle Hall, followed by an opportunity to speak with Mrs Nicholas and connect with other parents. All are warmly welcome, and further details can be found on the school website calendar.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming representatives from *The Upper Room* charity next week. Belmont has partnered with this organisation for many years to support those most in need in our local community. The charity will be speaking with the children about their vital work, and we will soon share details about how you can contribute, if you are able, to their ongoing efforts.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

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Year 3 - Willow & Elm

Year 3 have had a busy, fun packed week this week. As well as learning about how most volcanoes are located along the Pacific Ring of Fire, we also celebrated National Poetry Day by performing poems based on this year's theme 'Play'. On Thursday we marked the beginning of Black History Month by taking part in a fantastic drumming workshop using Djembe drums, which originate in the country of Ghana in West Africa.



Year 4 - Rowan & Maple

This week, Year 4 have been exploring different geographical locations as part of our Why Britain topic. The children analysed various settlement options for the Anglo-Saxons and each group presented the pros and cons of their chosen location, explaining why they believed it was the most suitable place for them to settle. We then had a whole class vote to decide the best location.



Y6 – Hawthorn & Oak

Year 6 had an exciting week taking part in **Bikeability**! The sessions were all about building confidence and learning how to cycle safely on the roads—from signaling clearly to spotting dangers and sharing the streets responsibly. Everyone had a great time, and we're so proud of how our Year 6s rose to the challenge!



Governor News

We are both humbled and proud to have been elected as the co-chairs of the Governing Board at Belmont Primary School. Having served as governors here for several years, we've overseen the progress the school has made and remain alert to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

On behalf of the other governors, we'd like to thank Gary Crichlow for his exemplary leadership as Chair during the last few years.

As governors it's our role to work closely with school leaders, both supporting and constructively challenging them, and to set the strategic direction that sustains Belmont's success. We believe this is vital for ensuring that every child flourishes both academically and personally.

Belmont is well known not just for its strong academic record, but also for nurturing caring, polite, and respectful pupils in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. We are committed to helping maintain this and strengthen Belmont's place as a pillar of the local community in Chiswick.

We're very pleased to be working with Mr Venn-Coffey, who has very quickly settled into his new role and is fully prepared to continue the outstanding work of Mrs Lacey. He is very ably supported by the senior leadership team and all the staff at Belmont. As governors we are very grateful to have such a dedicated team of professionals, and we have complete faith and confidence in their ability to move the school forward.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow governors for their continued support in helping to make Belmont into such a friendly and inclusive school.

We look forward to working with staff, parents, carers, and our community partners to ensure that Belmont continues to thrive.

With best wishes,

Andrew Lebentz
Alex Webster
Co-Chairs of Governors
Belmont Primary School

PTA News

We have the first PTA Forum of the school year coming up, which will be held at the Crown and Anchor at 7.30pm this coming Tuesday the 7th of October.

Come and hear what we are up to and have a chat and we would love to hear your opinions.
(Forums are a termly meeting the PTA committee holds with parents/careers)

Our next SHU sale will take place on Friday 10th October at 9:00 am. If you're still missing a few items, come along and see what's on offer. The PTA will also be serving coffee, biscuits, and a chance for a friendly chat—so do pop by and join us!

QUIZ NIGHT on Thursday the 23rd at 7pm!!!

Quiz night is famous for being lots of fun and to get groups together and socialise. And if you are new, a great way to get to know people in the community!

Year 5 will hold a spooky Halloween bake sale on Friday the 24th at 3.30 and 4.30pm.

Please check your child's bag for the PTA flyers that were handed out this week!

If you are still not sure what the PTA does or would like more information, please visit the PTA website.

<https://www.belmont-pta.org.uk/>

Thank you and hope to see you soon!



Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 7th October – PTA Forum 7.30pm
- Thursday 9th October – Phonics Workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents
- Friday 10th October – PTA coffee morning and second hand uniform sale
- Friday 10th October – SEND Parent Drop In – Middle hall
- Tuesday 14th October – Deadline for Christmas Card Artwork – NO exceptions
- Wednesday 15th October – Individual & sibling photos
- Thursday 23rd October – PTA Quiz Night
- Friday 24th October – PTA Y5 Halloween bake sale
- Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October Half term
- Monday 3rd November – Autumn term resumes