



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 21st July 2017

★ ★ This week's **BADGE WINNERS**... ★ ★

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| ★ Little Bells - | ★ Reception – Ellis Harrison |
| ★ Year 1 – Noah Carson | ★ Year 2 – Jack Parkinson |
| ★ Year 3 – Aaron Farrelly | ★ Year 4 – Marnie Naeem |
| ★ Year 5 – Bradley Barrick | ★ Year 6 – Ellie Johnson |

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Our final week seems to have been a whirlwind of activities. The weather has been kind to us and lots of outdoor learning activities have taken place. Classes have been outside writing poems, measuring shadows, chalking the grid method, engaged in drama activities, writing leaflets for renewable energy, building jelly baby houses and creating Picasso style masterpieces. It is brilliant to see the children engaged with their learning outside.

As well as this, many children have had their bank point experience rewards. Children chose, amongst other things, to go to the park, use the large apparatus, play football and the most popular choice was having a water fight. Thank goodness the weather was warm on Tuesday.

We had a large turn out to support our Sport's day. We did have to cut it short this year, because of the re-scheduling. We will take this on board when planning for next year's events.

MOVING ON

On Wednesday Little Bells had their 'Graduation Assembly'. It was lovely to see the children's enthusiasm and I am sure Miss Egan is looking forward to channelling all that natural curiosity and excitement as they move into Reception.

On Thursday Year 6 performed their Leaver's Assembly. It is always an emotional event and this year was my first as Headteacher. I remember most of the class starting in Reception and it seems like no time has passed, and they are on their way to Secondary School. For the pupils who joined us along the way, it seems like they have always been part of the school. I am sure they will all continue to be a credit to their families as they take this next step. Good luck to all of them.

Last Friday the Year 6 pupils had their Leavers party, which was a wonderful evening. Many thanks to the parents who decorated the hall, organised the food and drinks, organised the photo booth, supervised on the evening and helped to tidy up afterwards. A huge thankyou goes to Carleen Gail and Nicky Ashworth for giving up their Friday evening to take photographs of the children, I know that the photo disc will be a precious memory to keep. Thanks also to Mr Griffiths and Mr Furness who organised the disco and to Miss Egan for all her help on the night.



The KS1 Progress award goes to Harley Gallagher and KS2 Progress award goes to TJ Bradshaw. Both these pupils have made accelerated progress and have displayed a can-do mind-set.

This Year's politeness and manners awards were voted for by the teaching and non-teaching staff in school. In KS1 it goes to Daisy Smith and in KS2 to Eve Johnson. Both children were recognised by many adults.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS

I have received a letter from Lancashire Care NHS asking about children with an Individual Health Care Plan. If any parents/carers feel that their child has complex health needs, and we are not aware of them, please contact school in September to arrange a meeting.

Thank you

SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME

There will be a Summer Play-Scheme, run by Deaf Children North West, but open to deaf and hearing children, at the Dog Inn on Tuesdays throughout August. If you are interested in your child attending, please contact nicole.doherty@elds.org.uk or milena.blaszczyk@elds.org.uk

KITCHEN NEWS – From September, the school will be running the kitchen, rather than Mellors. This will give us more freedom to resource the ingredients we use and in setting the menus. We will still have to follow certain rules, but we will be sending out a questionnaire in September about the types of food you would like to see on the menu.

RACE FOR LIFE

A total of £947.00 was raised last Friday as a result of the children taking part in the Race for Life event on Friday. Thank you all for your donations.

And finally.....

Thank you to all the parents and families who have supported us this year. We have valued your feedback throughout the year and as we plan for the year ahead, we will try our best to work on the things we can improve and keep doing the things you have said we do well.

Have a wonderful summer break, and we will see you in 6 weeks' time, refreshed and ready to start all over again. School starts on Monday 4th September at 8.55am.

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff