

January Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems so long ago that we returned from our Christmas holiday.

I hope you all had a wonderful break and I want to wish a Happy New Year to you all.

As you know, this term is very short, with only one more week until half-term and another short 5-weeks until Easter. Just a reminder that children will return on **Tuesday 20th February 2018** as Monday 19th is designated as a staff training day.

On Thursday 18th January, five headteachers from other HCAT schools and two members of the school improvement team visited Bellfield to help us assess our performance. They spent time visiting classrooms, looking through books and talking to children about their school. I am pleased to inform you that they were amazed by what they saw and heard and hold Bellfield in very high regard as one of the best schools in the Trust. This is a real credit to the children and staff who make Bellfield the place it is and to you as parents for offering the ongoing support you give us — thank you!

Hopefully now you will have received a letter containing information about our new 'Seesaw' app. This is an exciting way of children celebrating the work they have been doing in school and gives you, as parents, regular updates through the Smartphone App.

Can I please remind parents/carers that bicycles and scooters should not be ridden on the school grounds and that children should not be using the adventure play equipment before or after school. This is to ensure that everybody is safe and we need you to work with us to ensure this happens. A polite reminder that our school colours are green and yellow, no grey or black jumpers please.

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Sporting Success



It has been an extremely busy month for sports since returning from the Christmas break.

8 children from classes 4 and 5 took part in the HCAT dodgeball competition, achieving 2nd place overall! In addition, Bellfield entered 6 teams from classes 1 to 6 to represent us in Boccia. We are delighted to say that children in some of these teams returned to school with bronze, silver and gold medals.

Some of our class 6 boys took part in a football tournament and, despite the freezing weather and snow downpour, they persevered and showed good teamwork.

In school, classes 5 and 6 have been taking part in boxing as part of one of their P.E. sessions each week, with a coach from Hull Amateur Boxing Club. We have offered this experience a number of times now and the all of the children tell us how much they enjoy it.

Once again, thank you to our P.E. leader, Mrs Cowap for organising these events and to our sports leaders for supporting in running them.

Visits

January has been a very busy month for children taking part in educational visits to enhance their learning.

Years 5/6 had lots of fun learning about William Wilberforce and spending time in Hull museums.

Years 3/4 visited Magna museum in Rotherham to explore Science as part of their topic work on inventions and discoveries.

Years 1/2 took a trip to Mappleton beach to hunt for dinosaur fossils as part of their topic work looking at the pre-historic. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to them and they had to return to school earlier than planned.



HCAT News



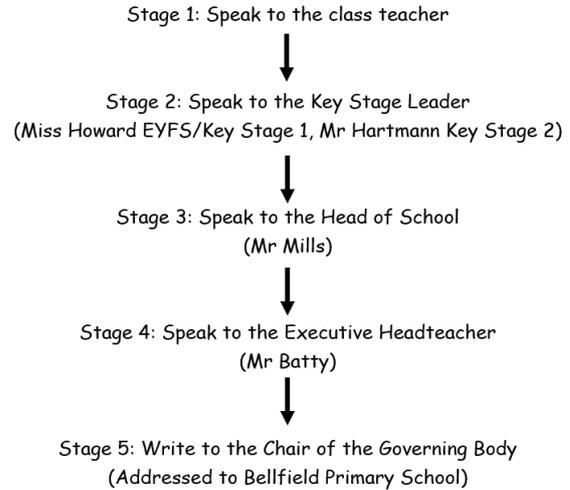
As you know, Bellfield is one of the four founding schools of Hull Collaborative Academy Trust (HCAT), which was formed in 2013. Since being established, it has grown to consist of 13 primary schools (Bellfield, Eastfield, Collingwood, Thoresby, Wansbeck, Westcott, Sutton Park, Dorchester, Wheeler, Gilberdyke, Stockwell, Longhill, Pearson) and 1 secondary school (The Marvel College). Being part of a Trust gives us many more opportunities and flexibility than we had as a Local Authority maintained school. Our children have many more opportunities to work alongside children from other Trust schools and take part in the many sporting competitions that the Trust organises each year. This week, the league tables for Academies was published by the DfE and I am immensely proud to report that HCAT was placed in the top ten Academies (out of 154 Academies across the country) for children's progress in reading, writing and maths. In addition, for all three together, HCAT is placed in the top 4! This is a significant achievement as HCAT continues to go from strength-to-strength, with the key aim of putting 'children first'.

Concerns Flow Chart

We often have parents asking about who to go to if they have a concern. In order to clarify this, and to make the process clearer, we have put together a simple flowchart (right), which should help you get the answers and resolutions you need in the quickest time possible.

As you can appreciate, if your concern is about your child, then the class teacher will usually know about the situation and be able to give you more information.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please speak to Mr Mills, Miss Howard or Mrs Puckering.



Superstars

Although there have been many superstars this month, the following children have really stood out with their learning and attitude:

Nur — **Oscar Burton** for having a mature attitude to learning!

Rec — **Thomas Brewer** for amazing effort with his handwriting and always trying his best!

Year 1 — **Kaiden Welsh** for giving 100% effort and pride into everything he does!

Year 2 — **Georgie Sullivan** for being a great role model and a ray of sunshine in the room!

Year 3 — **Bethany Adams** for a positive and enthusiastic attitude in everything she does!

Year 4 — **Emily Henning** for fantastic attitude and behaviour and always giving 100%!

Year 5 — **Ellie-Mae Sutton** for consistently having an outstanding attitude to everything!

Year 6 — **Madison Mason** for being a true Bellfield Ambassador and always setting an example!



Attendance Matters

As you may know, the Government sets a target for all children to attend school for at least **96%** of the time. Last year, our overall school attendance was 95.4%, slightly below this target. This year, our aim is to get to 97% and this will only be possible with your support.

If you need any support or advice with the attendance of your child(ren), please speak to Mrs Puckering or Mrs Ellerton. Our monthly attendance for December is as follows:

Whole-School attendance for January = **95.8%**

The below tables show each classes' attendance for the month and the amount of money they have earned so far.

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.2%	97.6%	93.8%	96.5%	97.9%	96.1%	95.8%
Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
£197	£277	£252	£226	£317	£180	£240

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At Bellfield Primary School we are proud to be a welcoming, successful, inclusive school. We recognise everyone as a unique individual with their own ambitions, skills and dreams. We aim to provide an environment that encourages life long learning.



Bellfield — Building firm foundations to empower and inspire all to do their best.

Important Dates

Tuesday 6th February	- School Council Meeting
Wednesday 7th February	- KS2 Goalball at Nuffield
Friday 9th February	- Last Day of School - Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 20th February	- Children return to school
Tuesday 20th February	- Parents Residential Meeting—3.30 pm
Wednesday 21st February	- KS1 New Age Curling Competition
Wednesday 21st February	- School Meal = Chinese New Year Celebration
Thursday 22nd February	- New Nursery Parents Meeting - 9.00 am
Monday 26th February	- KS2 New Age Curling Competition
Tuesday 27th March	- Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting - 3.30 pm
Thursday 1st March	- Reception Class visit "Tropical World"
Friday 9th March	- Nursery & Reception Mothers Day Afternoon Tea (am)
Tuesday 20th March	- Nursery & Reception Presentation of Learning
Thursday 22nd March	- Y3 & Y4 Production—1.30 pm and 6.30 pm
Friday 23rd March	- Last Day of School
Monday 9th April	- Children return

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

If your circumstances change and you believe your child may be eligible for free school meals, please visit: https://emsonline.hullcc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F.

The school receives funding for each child registered for free school meals and this allows us to invest in better resources and learning experiences for your children.