

March Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our Spring-Term, I have been reflecting on some of our achievements already this year. On Friday 9th March, we had a full Basic Skills Quality Mark (BSQM) assessment. The school has been awarded this on four previous occasions and I am delighted to say that we were once again successful. This 'mark' assesses the schools focus on improving reading, writing and maths so that our children can be successful throughout their education. The assessor (an ex-headteacher) was extremely impressed with the work the school is doing to improve and commented, "It was a pleasure to visit Bellfield. The two children who showed me around the school were very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the work in different year groups."

Our children continue to work hard and the evidence in their books is testament to the pride they take in their work. Class 2 and class 6 have been working hard in preparation for their upcoming SATs and we could not ask any more of them. They have shown resilience and maturity in abundance!

We have had some lovely messages from parents this term thanking us for the many things we have done. Your thanks really means a lot and the staff really do appreciate the feedback.

I hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 9th April**.

Mr Mills

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Parent Forum

On Tuesday 20th March, we held our second Parent Forum meeting. It was pleasing to reflect on the actions the school has taken with the suggestions from the first meeting. One of the points raised this time was about giving out sugar at Breakfast club to be put on cereals. **Clearly this is not in line with our 'healthy eating' ethos and therefore, after the Easter holidays, we will not be offering sugar as an option to go with cereals.**

Our aim as a school is to provide the very best opportunities and learning environment for your children. I strongly believe that Bellfield does this well but we know that there are always going to be things we could do even better. This is why a Parent Forum is so important to us — it gives us the platform to engage the community in decision making. So, if you do have any suggestions about making our school better, we would be delighted if you could attend the meeting. Alternatively, pass on your suggestions to other parents that attend, or pop in to the school office.



Sporting Success



Our netball team have played two games this month, narrowly losing out to Ings Primary and then outclassing Mountbatten Primary with a score of 19-0. Our year 4 football team went to the Hull finals on Thursday 15th and worked extremely hard as a team in some very competitive games.

Some of our Key Stage 2 children competed in the New Age Kurling competition at The Waudby Centre and...

In school, class 2 have enjoyed 4 hours of 'Go Scoot' with First Steps Sport and classes 3 and 4 have been taking part in cricket sessions with 'Chance to Shine'.

Sam and Radhika from class 5 became 'Special Agents' for the day on Tuesday 13th for 'Go Run for Fun' in preparation for our class 3/4 sponsored run in the Summer Term.

What's Been Happening?

This month, we have had so much going on in school! On Friday 9th March, our Foundation team invited mums and grandmas in for a Mother's Day tea party. It was lovely to see so many of you turn up and the big smiles on our children's faces. A huge thank you goes to our Foundation team, who made the morning such a success.

We have also had our parent consults this month, where teachers have been speaking to you about the progress your child is making and suggesting ways that you could help them with their learning. If you did not manage to secure an appointment on the day of the your child's consults, please contact the office to arrange one.

As a recommendation from our Parent Forum, we have also held some 'open afternoons' where we have invited parents/carers in to school to share in their children's learning. I hope those of you that attended found this enjoyable — I know the children certainly did!

On Tuesday 20th, our Foundation children came to school as 'ugly bugs' for the day. Their costumes looked amazing and the afternoon show to parents went down a real treat!

On Wednesday 21st, our KS1 and Foundation children paraded their Easter bonnets and KS2 brought in their decorated egg entries. We done to all of our children for making the effort and especially to our prize winners.

Today, we held our termly attendance celebration assembly. Well done to all of the prize winners and to the 82 children who have achieved 100% for the whole of this term — AMAZING!

Finally, we had our BEAMS celebration this afternoon. Our school council chose the activities they wanted children to take part in — and it didn't disappoint. Well done to all children who achieved their BEAMS this term.



Parking

It is with regret that I am again having to write to plead with you about parking before and after school outside of the gates.

Yet again, there have been reported instances of 'near misses' and 'foul and abusive language' outside of the gates whilst children are present. Needless to say, this is unacceptable!

Our children's safety and well-being are our priority and we will not tolerate them being put at risk. I have again been in contact with Hull City Council wardens and informed them of the parking issues, which are not only causing disruption to us, but also to local residents. If parking continues to be a concern, whereby our children's safety and well-being are put at risk, then we will be left with no alternative but to provide the council with CCTV images of offending vehicles.

I am fully aware that parking spaces are limited around the school but unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about this.

If there are no safe and legal parking spots available, then please park on the surrounding streets and walk to school. Thanks for your continued support.

Superstars

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

Nur — **Livvy Birch** for her amazing efforts with all of her homework challenges this term!

Rec — **Indie-Raine Cooper** for always putting 100% effort into her work and being a kind and caring member of the class!

Year 1 — **Lilly-Mae Wilkinson** for being an all round superstar in everything she does!

Year 2 — **Matthew Smirk** for always being a mature and thoughtful member of the class!

Year 3 — **Alfie Fewlass** for hard work and determination!

Year 4 — **Eryn Overton** for being such a hard worker and making great progress in maths!

Year 5 — **Jayden Lockyer** for an improved attitude to all of his school work!

Year 6 — **Leonie-Jo Anderson** for her hard work and determination on all areas!



Attendance Matters

It is so important that your child has good attendance. Research has proven that children who attend school regularly, do far better than those that don't. As a school, we do not authorise absences, unless there are exceptional circumstances and taking your child out of school for a holiday during term-time could result in a referral to the Local Authority for fining.

If you need any support or advice with the attendance of your child(ren), please speak to Mrs Puckering or Mrs Ellerton.

Whole-School attendance for March = A fantastic **97.2% !** and for this term =

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
97.9	99%	98%	95.8%	96.3%	96.3%	96.9%
Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
£242	£347	£304	£235	£367	£215	£300

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Important Dates

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| Friday 23rd March | - Break off for Easter |
| Monday 9th April | - Children return to school |
| Wednesday 11th April | - Class 5 First Aid |
| Wednesday 18th April | - Book Fair in school Hall for 3 days |
| Tuesday 24th April | - Class 3/4 at Brantingham for 'Fun Run' |
| Wednesday 25th April | - Year 5 - Sex Education |
| Thursday 26th April | - Class 3/4 "Harry rings Lord of the Potters"
at 2pm and 6:30pm |
| Monday 7th May | - Bank Holiday—School Closed |
| Wednesday 9th May | - HCAT rounders competition |
| Monday 14th — Thursday 17th May | - Y6 SATs Week |
| Monday 21st May | - HCAT Pupil Conference at The Royal Hotel |
| Wednesday 23rd May | - HCAT dance competition 4-6pm |
| Friday 25th May | - KS2 Athletics competition at Costello |
| Friday 25th May | - Break off for half-term |

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.