

April Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, welcome back after the Easter break — I hope you managed to spend lots of time together as a family.

It has been a real delight to see our children coming back eager to learn. I pop into all classes on a daily basis and am always impressed with the attitudes to learning that I see.

We have had a number of teachers and leaders from other Hull schools visiting us this month as part of their own professional development. They spent time with Miss Howard, looking at our EYFS provision and with Miss O'Connor, looking at how we teach phonics. Their feedback was exceptionally positive and they have taken away lots of ideas for their own schools.

We are very fortunate to have excellent teachers at Bellfield, who are able to provide support to colleagues from across the city. Within our Trust (HCAT) we are seen as one of the strongest schools and are often asked to support other schools. This is only possible because of the outstanding learning and progress of our children. They really are a credit to us and I have no hesitation telling other Heads what a wonderful school this is to lead.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support with everything that happens here!

Mr Mills

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Our Governors

The role of the school Governing body is to support and challenge the school, with a primary focus on teaching and learning. They play a crucial role in quality assuring the work we do in school in ensuring that children in this school get the very best education and opportunities. They are also there to represent you as parents and to express the views of parents/carers and the community at the local governing body meetings, which take place once a term. Here is a list of our governors and their roles, should you wish to contact them:

- Mrs Sue Liddle — Chair (community)**
- Mrs Sam Parker — Vice Chair (parent)**
- Mrs Kate Hindson — (community)**
- Mrs Helen Brown — (parent)**
- Mrs Jean Howard — (community)**
- Miss Anna Howard — (staff)**
- Mrs Mandy Taylor — (staff)**



Sporting Success



Our Y5/6 girls took part in the football finals at Goals this month. They played very well and showed exceptional sportsmanship. They should be very proud to be one of the top 12 teams in the city!

Some of our year 5 children took part in 'tri-golf' at One Stop Golf. Again, they worked extremely well as a team and showed what excellent ambassadors they are.

Finally, our netballers have been continuing to play their league games—competing against Maybury this month. Unfortunately, they lost but this did not stop them enjoying themselves and never gave up until the very end!

What's Been Happening?

Even though we have only been back at school 3 weeks, there has been so much going on — both in school and through extra-curricular enrichment activities.

Class 5 took part in their first aid training and now know how to administer CPR, as well as what do if somebody is choking. They have also received their sex and relationship education, delivered by the school nursing team and showed real maturity during some of the discussions!

Classes 3 and 4 took part in the Brantingham 'Go Run for Fun', led by Sam and Radhika from class 5 as their 'secret agents'. They had great fun and represented the school as they always do — as true ambassadors.

This week, they have also performed their production 'Harry Rings, Lord of the Potters' to the school and to parents and carers. They have only had a short time to practice such a long production and they did brilliantly! A huge thank you to all of the staff involved in making this a great success .

Our EYFS had their 'Pirates Day' this month and they looked fabulous in their costumes. Thank you to all parents for supporting this — It really does make a difference to our children's enjoyment of school.

Our clubs continue to be as popular as every, with gardening club going from strength-to-strength. The children really do appreciate the number of enrichment opportunities that we offer them and they show this by their regular attendance.

We look forward to sharing lots more with you over the coming weeks and months!



Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

Class 6 are working exceptionally hard preparing for their SATs, which are national tests set by the government and undertaken by all 11-year-olds. Can I please remind parents of class 6 children that the testing week begins on **Monday 14th May**. It is vitally important that children get a good nights sleep and are on time during that week. We advise parents to send their children to breakfast club during SATs week and we will be putting on bacon and sausage sandwiches for year 6 pupils. We appreciate that during this time, some children become anxious about sitting tests so please do notify us if you have concerns so that we can work together to overcome this.

Class 2 will be taking part in their assessment tasks during the week of 21st May. Unlike Key Stage 2 tests, the outcomes of the class 2 tasks and tests are used to inform teacher assessment and are not reported to the government.

Superstars

Although there have been many superstars this month, the following children have really stood out to their teachers:

Nur — **Daisy Rimmer** for having such great humour and always trying hard!

Rec — **Jack Metcalf** for a much improved attitude to learning and improved handwriting!

Year 1 — **Joshua Futty** for great manners and a brilliant start to Bellfield life!

Year 2 — **Chloe Futty** for demonstrating some super reading and writing skills!

Year 3 — **Jessica Jackson** for making excellent contributions to work in class!

Year 4 — **Lily Mennell** for being mature and acting as a super team-player during rehearsals!

Year 5 — **Sam Mitchell** for being an outstanding school ambassador!

Year 6 — **Logan Jubb** for applying himself extremely well in the run up to SATs!



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 April = 94.5%

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
94.9	93.8	95.5	93.4	94.1	95	94.9

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£372	£427	£409	£324	£418	£310	£410

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Important Dates

Monday 7th May	- Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8th May	- Class 2 parent afternoon
Wednesday 9th May	- HCAT rounders competition
Monday 14th — Thursday 17th May	- Y6 SATs Week
Week beginning 21st May	- Y2 tasks and tests
Wednesday 23rd May	- HCAT dance competition 4-6pm
Thursday 24th May	- KS2 Triathlon
Friday 25th May	- KS2 Athletics competition at Costello
Friday 25th May	- Break off for half-term
Monday 4th June	- Children return to school
Friday 8th June (am)	- KS1 'Race for Life'
Tuesday 19th June (am)	- KS1 Sports
Tuesday 19th June (pm)	- KS2 Sports
Thursday 28th June (2pm and 6:30pm)	- KS1 production to parents
Wednesday 4th July	- HCAT Pupil Conference at The Royal Hotel
Wednesday 4th July (pm)	- HCAT volleyball competition at Wheeler

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.