

June Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another extremely busy month is drawing to a close and we now only have 3 weeks left of this year. I cannot believe how quickly it has flown by — as the saying goes, ‘time flies when you are having fun’ and this year has certainly been filled with plenty of that at Bellfield.

Thank you to everybody who has taken the time to offer their thanks to the staff, either in person or in writing — these little things really do make a difference. As you will be aware, we have now finalised our classes and staffing for next year and it is really pleasing that we have managed to retain all of our brilliant teachers, who work tirelessly day-in-day-out to provide the very best opportunities for your children.

Last week, I gave two colleague Head Teachers a tour of Bellfield and their feedback about our school could not have been more positive! I truly believe that we get a lot of things right here and where we fall short of the expectations you have of us, we will be open and honest and work with you to improve.

This week, senior leaders have been dropping in to lessons to monitor the quality of teaching and learning taking place and I am pleased to report that this continues to be a real strength of our school. The children show such positive attitudes to learning and their enthusiasm and resilience continues to be the best I have seen in any school. Thank you for your continued support!

Mr Mills

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Parent Forum

Although a disappointing turn out at our last forum meeting, we are taking this as a positive that we are getting lots of things right and that parents support what we are doing. However, from those that did attend (including 2 of our Governors), we did have a couple of suggestions which we will look into and act upon:

- (1) The timing of the meeting is not always helpful to parents that work. **Next academic year, we will look at holding the meetings after school at a more convenient time.**
- (2) Some schools in the area are now doing the ‘daily mile’ to get children active. **Ms Cowap is keen to get Bellfield doing this therefore, we will begin taking part in this in September.**
- (3) Parking outside of the school is becoming more dangerous. **This has been a long-standing issue despite our regular pleas to parents/carers. From September, we will look at appointing children parking wardens, who will make parents/carers aware of the dangers of parking irresponsibly.**

Sporting Success

Great News — Bellfield has been awarded the School Games Gold Award for the 4th consecutive year! Schools receive the award for recognition of their commitment to sporting competitions for the pupils in their school. Well done to Ms Cowap and her Sports Leaders who have been pivotal in gaining this award! Yet again, our children have taken part in so many sporting activities this month, including:

- Rounders for some of our Class 5;
- Race for Life for our KS1 children;
- Quadkids at Costello for some of our KS1 children;
- Athletics at Costello for some of our KS2 children;
- Kwik-cricket for some of our KS2 children;
- Tennis for some of our KS2 children.
- Sports Day for all children. Thank you to those parents/carers of our EYFS children, who helped raise £75 for our EYFS reading shed.

Well done to everybody that has represented our school this month!



What's Been Happening?



So much has taken place this month with visitors to the school, visits out and performances.

Firstly, our reception children went to Scarborough as part of their topic learning. Thankfully, the weather was kind to them and they had a fantastic time!

EYFS also held their annual 'Dads Day', where dads and grandads came in to school and spent time supporting their children's learning. By the looks of the photos, the dads had more fun than the kids!

Class 1 and 2 visited East Park to create some artistic pieces, after studying the work of Andy Goldsworthy. Some of the pieces they produced were amazing. Thank you to the parents and carers who helped staff this visit.



Class 3 spent half a day at East Park taking part in the 'Big Malarkey' event. They had lots of fun and learnt lots about poetry, which ignited their desire to write their own poems.

Class 4 went to East Mount to join with other schools in a violin and singing performance. They represented us brilliantly and showed off how much they have learnt!



KS1 performed their production to parents and carers with some key messages about saving our planet. They all did amazingly well — what a credit they are!

Finally, Class 6 took part in Kid Alert and had a special invite to Bob's boxing club after their hard work in their boxing lessons. Two of our class 6 children also took part in the Children's Book Awards run by James Reckitt

Key Messages

Can I please remind parents/carers of a few things that have come to light over recent weeks.

Firstly, we are a healthy eating school and we expect that any children staying packed-lunch do not have unhealthy food items i.e. chocolate bars.

Children forgetting their P.E. kit on a regular basis is becoming a significant issue for our school. I see lots of children at the 'spare kit' boxes too often. Please ensure that your child brings their kit to school on Monday and takes it home on a Friday to be washed. We want to prepare them for what life is like beyond primary and things like this are part of that journey.

You should all have received a letter from Mr Hartmann regarding our annual Summer Fair. Just a reminder that this will be on the afternoon of Monday 9th July. If you are able to donate anything for the raffle or tombola, please send them in to school — all donations are welcome.

We invite parents to come and join in from 3:15pm until 4:00pm.

Superstars

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

Nur — **Noah Reid** for outstanding reading and writing!

Rec — **Franki Thompson** for being outstanding in everything she does!

Year 1 — **Ava-Sophia Hood** for a fantastic attitude to her work at all times!

Year 2 — **Zara Lockyer** for being a great team player!

Year 3 — **Laisey Jones** for taking extra special care with her writing!

Year 4 — **Rebecca Boynton** for an outstanding attitude to learning!

Year 5 — **James Durrant** for making excellent progress in the Rainbow Room!

Year 6 — **Ethan Parker** for doing a great job supporting others with their learning!



Attendance Matters

Our attendance over the last term has really slipped — mainly as a result of parents/carers taking their children out of school for holidays. Full school June attendance

Can I please remind you that all term-time holidays will be unauthorised and that if your child is absent for 10 sessions (5 days) or more, we will refer you to the Local Authority, who may choose to issue a fine.

Our classes have decided on their visits, paid for by the accrual of their attendance money; Reception and Class 1 are going to William's Den; Class 2 are going to Monkey Business; Class 3 and 4 are going to Lazer Quest; Class 5 are going to Rock-up and Rebound and Class 6 will be visiting Odeon to watch a movie. Well done to all classes for their efforts and teamwork and especially well done to those children who make that extra effort to be in school every day!

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.7	92.3	95.6	94.4	98	93.2	93.9

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£483	£481	£551	£441	£593	£432	£545

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Important Dates

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| Monday 2nd July | - Class 2 visit to Monkey Business |
| Monday 2nd July (pm) | - Class 1 and Class 6 parent afternoon |
| Tuesday 3rd July | - Class 3 and Class 4 visit to Lazer Quest |
| Tuesday 3rd July (pm) | - Class 5 parent afternoon |
| Wednesday 4th July | - Pupil Conference at Station Hotel |
| Wednesday 4th July (pm) | - Class 1 and Class 5 parent afternoon |
| Thursday 5th July | - Reception and Class 1 visit to William's Den |
| | - Class 5 visit to Rock-up and Rebound |
| Friday 6th July | - Class 6 visit to Odeon |
| | - Buffet Lunch for HCAT's 5th birthday |
| | - Reports go out to parents (apart from Class 6) |
| Monday 9th July (pm) | - Summer Fair (parents welcome from 3:15pm) |
| Tuesday 10th July (6:00-8:00pm) | - Class 6 leavers play / presentation |
| Thursday 12th July (5:00-6:30pm) | - Class 6 leavers disco |
| Friday 13th July (am) | - New Reception parents meeting |
| Monday 16th-Friday 20th July | - Transition Week (children move to new classes) |
| Friday 20th July | - Children break off for Summer |
| Tuesday 4th September | - Children return to school |