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Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well...the half-term is now coming to a close and what a long, busy half-term it has been....eight weeks in fact! The children, as always, have been amazing; visiting their lessons and looking through their work fills me with a great sense of pride.

Three local headteachers visited our school recently to look at how our curriculum is embedded. They were very complimentary about our environment and the amount and quality of work in children's books. This tells me that the children are really responding to the high expectations we have of them.

Can I please make a request to parents that when leaving our school site through the playground gates, you do not ask your children to press the exit button. We are doing lots of work in school around keeping safe and we have had some instances where children have approached the button to press it. We do not want our children to get mixed messages and we say that only adults should be pressing the exit buttons.

If you haven't already, please visit our new website: www.bellfieldprimary.org.uk. The site is updated regularly with key dates and letters that are sent out.

All that is left for me to say is have a lovely, restful half-term and we look forward to welcoming our children back to school on **Monday 5th November**.

Mr Mills

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Your Opinion

This month, we held our first Parent Forum of the year. Thank you to those parents/carers who attended and offered suggestions. Hopefully, you will be able to see some of your suggestions coming through over the next half-term.

The Parent Forum for next half-term will be held on **Wednesday 12th December**. We will be holding two sessions - one at **2:00pm** and the other at **3:30pm**.

Did you know?

School meals in Hull are far cheaper than in most other cities. In our neighbouring Local Authority (The East Riding) the cost of a school meal for children in years 3-6 is £2.20.

Hull Local Authority agreed to keep the cost of school meals for KS2 pupils at 50p. They contribute 80p to subsidise the cost of every meal however, what you may not be aware of is that the school has to contribute £1.00 for every meal in order to continue to charge only 50p.

Sporting Success

Ms Cowap has lots of big plans for sport at Bellfield this year! You can see our priorities in our Sports Premium plan on our website.

This month our KS2 classes have continued with their boxing, table-tennis and football session delivered by expert coaches. They are coming on leaps and bounds. A big WELL DONE to Louis from class 4, who was crowned the table-tennis champion in assembly on Monday.

Children from across the school took part in a Boccia competition this month — well done to the KS1 B Team, who were crowned champions in their competition. Thanks also goes to our sports leaders, who supported in running the competition.

Classes 5 and 6 took part in the 'Hulltimate' challenge, where they learnt all about water and completed an obstacle course. They had a brilliant time!

A big thank you also goes to First Step Cycle, who donated cycle helmets for all of our class 5!



What's been happening?



This month, class 5 have been attending The KCOM Stadium as part of a project called 'Run With It'. The project aims to develop children's Literacy and Numeracy skills through sport.

Classes 3 and 4 spent the day as Vikings, learning all about the history and exploring artefacts, as well as getting dressed up. They loved the experience and have gained lots expert knowledge as a result.

Some of our classes visited the local library to explore what is on offer and spend time reading a range of different books. Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising this. Watch out for more Literacy-themed events coming up soon!

We had our harvest assembly this month to celebrate the work our farmers do and gave our food donations to Hull Harp, who sent a letter of thanks outlining how much they appreciated your support.

We also held our MacMillan coffee morning to support the charity and raised an incredible £206.85. You are so generous as a community and it does not go unnoticed!

Our Halloween-themed disco went down a real 'trick or treat' with the children and their costumes were amazing!



This week, classes 5 and 6 have been on their annual residential to Cober Hill, visiting Scarborough Castle and Dalby Forest as part of their experience. From the feedback I have received, they have all been brilliant, representing our school and themselves exceptionally well. These are the experiences that remain with our children when they look back on their primary school days and are so valuable in developing the social and interaction skills we want them to have. Class 5 will have the opportunity to be part of next years residential again.

General Updates

Over the next few weeks, you will probably see information in the city relating to the 'The Solihull Approach'. This is something the city have invested in to support parents in understanding their children, with online modules and reference to literature, which are completely free for Hull residents. Information about this and how you can access this fantastic resource are on display in our school office area. In addition, there are handouts available from the office for you to take.

You may have noticed a new track marked out on the playground — this is to facilitate our 'Daily Mile' challenge, which will be introduced next half-term. In addition, each class now has a 'stepometer watch' which one child will wear each day for a week. Their number of steps across the week is totalled up and recorded ready for the next person to try and beat.

Our new lunch menu starts after half-term — this has been developed by the children so hopefully it will go down well. Thank you to Debbie, our cook, for being so accommodating.



Superstars

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

Nur — **Ivy Jennison** for outstanding phonics work and writing her name in cursive!

Rec — **Halle Greenwood** for an amazing attitude to learning!

Year 1 — **Indie-Raine Cooper** for an excellent effort towards learning and always trying!

Year 2 — **Maisie Waterman** for always striving to be her best and pushing herself to improve!

Year 3 — **Harvey Chan** for a fantastic attitude inside and outside of the classroom!

Year 4 — **Milly Seabrook** for working hard to be the best she can be!

Year 5 — **Rebecca Boynton** for being a Bellfield Ambassador at all times!

Year 6 — **Olivia Wood** for always giving 100% and for being a real credit to our school!



Attendance Matters

Our attendance target for this year is **97%**.

We expect our children to be in school, on time each day. If they are not in school, then the expectation is that you make contact with us to inform us of the reasons. If we haven't heard anything by 9:30am, our office will make a telephone call to you. If this is unsuccessful, a home-visit will take place. This is not to catch people out — we have a duty to know where our children are if they are not in school.

A reminder that all term-time holidays will be unauthorised and will be referred to the Local Authority if they amount to 10 sessions or more. In addition, for any child whose attendance falls below 90%, parents/carers will be asked to come and meet with staff to discuss.

Attendance for October: **97.4% - A BRILLIANT EFFORT FROM EVERYBODY!**

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.2%	97.7%	97.7%	97.9%	97.4%	98.4%	96.2%

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Our aim at Bellfield Primary School is for all children to be confident, enthusiastic and happy individuals who are brave and ambitious in all that they do.

Our restorative approach will enable children to become inclusive team players and problem solvers who treat each other with respect and empathy.

We will provide an engaging curriculum designed to prepare children to be resilient whilst on their journey to becoming successful adults.

Here at Bellfield Primary School, all children will be championed and encouraged to be the best they can be.

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Important Dates

All of our important dates and key events are now shown on our website under the 'calendar' tab.

Friday 26th October	- Break off
Monday 5th November	- Children return to school
Tuesday 6th November	- Year 4 Boys football at 'Goals'
Tuesday 13th November	- KS2 Table tennis at St Mary's College
Tuesday 20th November	- KS2 Girls football at 'Goals'
Friday 23rd November	- KS2 Badminton at 'The Waudby Centre'
Thursday 29th November	- Year 5 Boys football at 'Goals'
Thursday 6th December	- EYFS Xmas Production @ 10:00am and 1:45pm
Wednesday 12th December	- Parent Forum @ 2:00pm and 3:30pm
Tuesday 18th December	- Y5/6 Xmas Production @ 2:00pm and 6:00pm
Thursday 20th December	- Xmas jumper day & School Xmas Lunch
Thursday 20th December	- Break of for Christmas
Monday 7th January	- Children return to school

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of any benefits and have not already done so, we would urge you to apply for free school meals. Not only does this cover the cost of lunches for your child(ren), for each child in receipt of free school meals, the school receives £1320, which can then be spent on resources.

Please contact the school office for more information.