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Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another busy month! There is always a hive of activity going on in our school, no matter what the time or day.

With the dark mornings and cold weather, we certainly know winter is just around the corner. As such, can I please remind you to send children with appropriate clothing for the weather, including gloves and a scarf if needed.

The new lunch menu, which was developed by our children and implemented when we came back from half-term, is going down a real treat. Debbie, our cook, has seen hot meal numbers increase considerably from what they were.



Thank you for your support with bikes/scooters being walked on the playground and for those of you that prevent your children from using the adventure play equipment before and after school.

My final request is that you do not park on the zig-zag lines outside of the school gates. Not only does it put our children at risk, parking on these lines during the specified times is a criminal offence, which could result in a fine.

Mr Mills

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DESCRIPTION

Join us for a big Christmas Malarkey at Hull Central Library

- Christmas crafts
- Stories
- Singing
- Lego play
- Coding

With a special area for the under 5s - 'Little Larkeys'

Tickets are £5 per child (free entry for children under 1yr old)

This event is aimed at children under 12, but everyone is welcome!

Your Opinion

After some suggestions from our last parent-forum session, there is now a post box in the school reception area to post slips etc. so that you do not need to wait to see a member of our administration team during busy periods.

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?

We are very keen in our school to broaden our children's experiences through visits and visitors to the school.

When we take the children out of school, the biggest cost is always the transport. For our class 5 and 6 visit this term, the transport to the location cost £450.

Although we set aside £100 for a class visit each term, this does not go very far in covering costs.

Sporting Success

This month our class 4 boys took part in the first football competition of the year. They worked so hard together and are clearly a great team in the making.

Class 2 have started their 'Animalates' with Hull KR, practicing 'palates' using animal shapes.

Our lunchtime Yoga and Just Dance clubs, led by our sports leaders, continues to be popular.

Lots of our children took part in a table tennis competition and did brilliantly. Our Y6 girls won the competition and then played a final against Spring Cottage. They can now proudly say that they are the second best team in the city!

Finally, we continue to welcome lots of external sports coaches in to school to work with our children, offering them expert coaching!



What's been happening?

This month has been jam-packed with exciting things going on for our classes:

Nursery invited parents in to take part in 'Funky Fingers' alongside their children.

Mrs Harper is leading our Key Stage 2 Science club, which is very popular with children. So far, they have looked at forces, states of matter and aerodynamics.

We celebrated Children in Need day, raising money for children less fortunate around the world — thank you for your contributions. We also paid our respects to all of those who fought/are fighting in wars, through our remembrance activities.

Some of our Key Stage 2 children went to York to take part in a dance festival. Their performance was amazing and they did the school proud! Thanks to Miss Balmer, Ms Cowap and Miss Howard, who gave up their Saturday to accompany the children and to all the other staff and parents who helped out with the costumes, hair and make-up!

Class 1 and 2 held their 'presentation of learning' for parents, showcasing lots of their learning on 'The Great Fire of London'. The turnout from parents/carers was amazing and shows how much you value your child's education.

Some children from classes 5 and 6 visited Hull Collegiate for the day to learn about all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). They had an amazing time and came back 'buzzing'. We are always keen to open our children's minds to all of the possibilities open to them so that they can go on to be successful adults.

Finally, classes 5 and 6 had two Humberside PCSOs visit them to talk about their experiences when they were in the armed forces. The children had a great time and were able to get 'hands-on' with some of the artillery they bought with them.



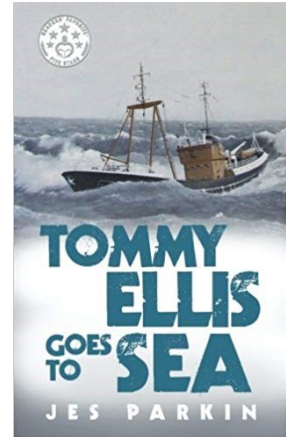
Feedback

Classes 5 and 6 were visited by a published author this month, Jes Parkin, who writes narratives about the fishing industry. Following her visit, she sent an email to school which said,

“Thank you for inviting me to Bellfield Primary School this morning. I was made to feel welcome by the staff and the children. I was impressed by the questions the children asked and also by their impeccable behaviour. I hope to be able to visit you again at some time in the future”

There have also been exceptionally positive comments when our children have been out on visits. Those who went to the dance festival in York and to Hull Collegiate were brilliant ambassadors for our school and we are really proud of them!

Thankyou to parents/carers who pop in to the school to share good news and feedback with us. We really appreciate hearing about some of the things you think we do really well.



Superstars

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

- Nur — **Elise C** for amazing work in literacy—especially with learning to read words!
- Rec — **Leon T** for putting 100% effort into his lead role in the Christmas Nativity!
- Class 1 — **Scarlett C** for excellent effort and determination across all subjects!
- Class 2 — **Aida W** for her enthusiasm to make a positive contribution!
- Class 3 — **Georgie S** for 100% effort in everything she does!
- Class 4 — **Evelyn W** for really growing in confidence!
- Class 5 — **Ava W** for always giving 100% in everything she does!
- Class 6 — **Michael P** for an improved attitude to school life!



Attendance Matters

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

I would like to say a huge thank you to parents/carers for supporting us in our endeavor to raise attendance. Since we came back in September, we have seen a significant improvement on this time last year!

As an example, October attendance last year was 94.9% and October attendance this year was 97.4% - an increase of 2.5%.

With your continued support, I am confident that we will be able to meet (or even exceed) our 97% target for the year.

Attendance for November: **97.8% - FABULOUS! Almost all classes were above our target of 97%**. 🙌😊🙌

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.3%	98.8%	98.5%	97.4%	97.0%	96.5%	97.8%

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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.

Thursday 6th December	- EYFS Xmas Production @ 10:00am and 1:45pm
Friday 7th December @ 1:15pm	- Y5/6 Presentation of Learning
Wednesday 12th December	- Parent Forum @ 2:00pm and 3:30pm
Wednesday 12th December @ 3:30pm	- Table-top sale in the school hall
Tuesday 18th December	- Y5/6 Xmas Production @ 2:00pm and 6:00pm
Wednesday 19th December (pm)	- Class Xmas Parties
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.