

March 2019 Issue



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

With only one more week to go until we break off, it is hard to believe we are already two-thirds of the way through the year. Lighter evenings always brighten the mood and hopefully, we will be able to make more use of the school field after Easter (weather permitting).

The school hosted around 25 recently qualified teachers from around the city this month, as Mr Hartmann delivered some Science sessions for them to observe. The comments they fed back about our school and our children were lovely to hear.

As you will have seen, the old mobile has now been demolished and the ground works are under way to be ready for the new one, which will hopefully be in place after Easter. However, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The hope initially is to create a community space and cookery room in the new mobile building but with tighter school budgets than ever before, we are struggling to 'kit it out'. If you, or anyone you know of, are getting rid of furniture i.e. sofas, dining room tables/chairs, then please get in touch — they could come in very useful for our new space.

I feel like I am having to mention this almost every month but can I please remind parents/carers that no bikes or scooters should be ridden on the school site (by children and adults). The safety of our children is our priority and we do not want to see anybody hurt. If you choose to allow your child to bring their bike/scooter, we need your help to ensure that they walk it on the school site. Thank you.

Mr Mills

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Your Opinion

Last month, I made reference to our aim of 100% of our families recommending our school to others. From the recent parent surveys, everybody that completed them said they would recommend our school, which is fantastic news!

If you want to get involved in having your say, our next parent forum meeting is on **Tuesday 30th April at 9:15am**. Come along for 'tea and toast' and share your thoughts with us — your views are valuable to us!

Did you know?

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust (HCAT) now consists of 14 primary schools and 1 secondary school in Hull and the East Riding, educating over 6300 children.

We regularly make reference to 'our HCAT family' in school assemblies and know that the diversity of our Trust really brings more possibilities to our school and our children!

Sporting Success

Another busy month has led to lots of success in competitions for our children.

Some of our class 3 and 4 children took part in a 'Goalball' tournament right at the start of the month. They did a brilliant job and played so well as a team together. More importantly, they had lots of fun.

Some children from class 5 took part in the Panathlon challenge and I am delighted to inform you that they won. They now go on to represent Hull at the county finals!

Classes 4 and 5 have external coaches in for their P.E. sessions, teaching them all about Kwik-cricket. I have been part of some of the sessions and have seen how much they are coming on!

A special mention goes out to our Sports Leaders from class 6, who have done a brilliant job running lunchtime sports clubs and supporting Ms Cowap at competitions.



What's been happening?



Looking back through our school Twitter feed, I am amazed at how much has gone on this month — some of which seems like a distant memory.

Class 5 and 6 visited Thackray Museum in Leeds to support their learning in topic on 'Fit for Life'. They brought lots of knowledge back with them and had a brilliant learning experience.

Class 1 and 2 spent the day at Flamingo Land looking at all of the different animals in the zoo there. Getting 'up close and personal' with some of the African animals they have learnt about really brought their learning to life!

Class 3 and 4 visited York Chocolate Museum to learn all about chocolate and make some of their very own. This really supported their topic learning about where chocolate comes from.

The whole school took part in World Book Day, where children and staff got dressed up as characters from their favourite books. There were some amazing costumes — well done to all of our winners! This was also the day we welcomed Mr Naloo to Bellfield, who was a visiting Headteacher from Sierra Leone. He had an amazing week with us and was overwhelmed by the kindness of our community!

Class 3 and 5 have been taking part in Healthy Living workshops delivered through Hull Children's University. The programme is designed to inform children about how they can live a healthy life by choosing healthy foods and exercising regularly.

As you know, we are committed to ensuring that our children are given wide experiences whilst they are with us as we know these enhance their learning and enjoyment at school.



General News

Last week, we welcomed Mrs Rennardson back to school after her maternity leave and sabbatical. She is very excited to be back and will be working Thursdays and Fridays across the school.

We also welcome two trainee teachers to Bellfield: Miss Hyde and Miss Shann, who will be working in class 1 until the end of May.

I would like to mention children's behaviour both inside and outside of school. We have an agreed behaviour policy, which all teachers follow, to deal with inappropriate behaviour. This is a staged process starting with a verbal warning and can escalate to include time out in other classrooms if the behaviour is not changed. When you choose to send your child(ren) to Bellfield, you also 'buy in' to the policies we have so can I please politely request that you do not challenge teachers when they enforce the policy. If you have a concern about how the policy has been implemented, please speak to a senior leader, Miss Howard for EYFS and KS1; and Mr Hartmann for KS2.

In addition, our staff are having to spend significant amounts of time dealing with issues from out of school, particularly involving 'online' disagreements and offensive language choices. As parents, you should be aware of what your child is doing online and who they are speaking to. If you need any support with security settings and restrictions, please contact Mr Hartmann, who will be more than happy to help.

Superstars

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

Nur — **Summer C** for an amazing effort with her number work to 5!

Rec — **Millie C** for super, imaginative story writing!

Class 1 — **Eva O** for excellent behaviour and attitude towards learning at all times!

Class 2 — **Josh F** for being a friendly, supportive and kind member of the class!

Class 3 — **Alex H** for showing great confidence in his learning!

Class 4 — **Lacey A** for really pushing herself to achieve great things!

Class 5 — **Gabrielle H** for always being the best that she can be!

Class 6 — **Olivia W** for a consistently outstanding attitude to her learning!



Attendance Matters

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

As a reminder to parents/carers, as per our policy, **all requests for term-time holidays are unauthorised**, unless they meet one of the three 'exceptional circumstances'. In addition, any holiday equating to 10 or more sessions (5 school days) will be referred to the Local Authority, who may choose to issue a fine to parents.

It is really important that children are in school every day so that they can receive the best of what we offer.

Attendance for March: **96.2%** - **our attendance appears to be going down over the last few months. Our advice is that unless children are suffering from sickness and diarrhea, send them to school and we will contact you should they be too unwell.**

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.6%	98.1%	98.3%	96.9%	97%	95.4%	94.9%

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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.

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

- whole-school church visit

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

- EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

- Y3/4 production to parents @ 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Thursday 4th April 2019

- Healthy Lifestyle workshop for class 3 and 5

Friday 5th April 2019

- BEAMS celebration

- Biathlon competition @ Ennerdale

- Break off for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

- Children return to school

Wednesday 24th April 2019

- Go Run for Fun at Brantingham

Tuesday 30th April 2019

- Parent Forum @ 9:15am

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.