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Issue



## Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that four weeks have passed since returning to school — the time seems to have absolutely flown by. Our children are continuing to work so hard in their lessons and are producing some quality work!

We have had quite a few visitors to our school this month and all have commented on the children's attitudes to their learning. Mr Marks, the school improvement leader for all schools in HCAT, has been looking at reading and science in our school and has commented on the quality of the curriculum that our children are receiving.

Science week was a real success! Thank you to Miss Balmer who organised this for us and thank you to all of you that managed to come and join us for one of the afternoons. It clearly inspired the children as I have seen on Twitter some fantastic science taking place at home.

Classes 2 and 6 are now working exceptionally hard in the lead up to their SATs in May and have shown excellent progress in their learning.

We continue to look at ways of making our school even better and have made some changes to our lunchtime routines. Lunchtimes are less structured times of the day and it is important to us that children continue to conduct themselves well and show their 'Bellfield BEAMS' at all times of the day. Hopefully, these new changes will allow them to do just that!

Mr Mills

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## Update on Electronic Payments

We are still working hard on getting Parent Pay up and running so that we can move over to electronic payments. We were hoping to be ready to go when we came back in January but were delayed due to some technical issues with our information management system. Unfortunately, we are still experiencing these technical issues and are waiting for our support team to address the problems.

We are now hoping that we will be ready to go by Easter, if not before. Keep an eye out for updates.

**On another note, we still have several families who have outstanding balances for breakfast club and lunches. Can you please contact the school to make arrangements to pay this as we are not in a position to carry this cost.**

## Sporting Success

All children have been to Aspire to complete the gymnastics element of their P.E. curriculum — and what a fantastic time they had. They have represented us so well and many have been ‘head hunted’ by the coaches there as potential future gymnasts.

Some children from across KS2 took part in a Racket festival at Sirius Academy. They worked so hard as a team and had a great time.

Some of our class 6 boys took part in a football competition at Goals. They showed excellent determination and resilience!

A small number of children from KS2 went to a Kurling tournament and came back winners with bronze, silver and gold awards!



## What's been happening?



January has been such a busy month! Looking through all of the Twitter posts, I am astounded with how much we have managed to fit in.

Children right across our school demonstrated their cookery skills to make some staple British dishes including: Victoria Sponge, scones and sandwiches. The results looked great and we pass our thanks on to Mr Brown and Asda who supported us with this.

We held our science week this month and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in numerous investigations and working in their ‘family’ groups. We had such a good turn out from parents too, which was fantastic to see (and your competitive nature shone through!)

Our music curriculum has really come alive this month with children learning to play the recorder, glockenspiel and violin as well as singing a range of different older and more modern songs.

Our two International Pupils Councillors spent the day at St. Stephen's learning about recycling and carrying out a survey with members of the public. They came back very informed and have shared their learning with us.

In addition, we have created some new roles within our school for some of our children: Eco-warriors (who will take responsibility for saving energy and looking at ways of improving the environment) and Science champions (who will take responsibility for setting up equipment for lessons and championing science in their classrooms).

Finally, we held our first ‘movie night’, which had a great turnout and was well received by our children. We look forward to our KS2 movie night in February.



## We Need You!

Do you have any additional skills that you can use to help our children thrive with their learning?

We are very keen to get parents in to school who could support us in our pursuit for excellence. As primary teachers, we are expected to teach every subject in the National Curriculum but we know we are not always the most talented in every single one. This is where we could do with your help.

If you have any specialist skills in areas such as: art, music (especially if you play an instrument), technology (such as woodwork) or languages (especially if you can speak Spanish), we would love to hear from you to see how we can work together to provide an even better education for our children.

If you have any of the above and are interested in working with us, please drop in or call the office (01482 374490) and let us know.

In addition, we are always looking for sponsors to support us with funding some of the events we want to put on, such as entering dance competitions so, if you are part of, or know of, any businesses that may support us, please do let us know.

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## Superstars

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

Nur — **Daisy H** for excellent effort in her phonics sessions!

Rec — **Elise C** for being an amazing scientist!

Class 1 — **Ellie B** for showing amazing confidence when doing gymnastics as Aspire!

Class 2 — **Emily A** for amazing bravery and determination at gymnastics!

Class 3 — **Julia P** for being an all round outstanding ambassador for our school!

Class 4 — **Mia W** for being an all round superstar and a fantastic help in the classroom!

Class 5 — **Livia D** for always representing our school outstandingly well!

Class 6 — **Katelyn C** for working hard all month to develop her arithmetic scores!



## Attendance Matters

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

Our current whole-school attendance for the year is: **95.5%**

As a reminder to parents/carers, as per our policy, **all requests for term-time holidays are unauthorised.** If they amount to 10 sessions or more (5 school days) then we will refer the matter to the Local Authority, who may choose to issue a fine (unless the absence meets one of the 3 exceptional circumstances as listed on our leave form)

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

Attendance for January: **94.4%**

**Well done to class 1 — our attendance winners for January.**



Rec	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
88.0%	96.6%	94.8%	96.4%	96.0%	94.6%	94.6%

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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 key dates and events can be found on the 'calendar' tab on our website.**

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| <b>Monday 10th February</b>   | - Reception vision tests (am)   |
| <b>Tuesday 11th February</b>  | - HCAT school council meeting (pm)<br>- School water safety talk (pm) |
| <b>Thursday 13th February</b> | - <b>Children break off for half-term</b>                             |
| <b>Monday 24th February</b>   | - HCAT training day   |
| <b>Tuesday 25th February</b>  | - <b>Children return to school</b>                                    |

## 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.