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# MIDDLESEX LEARNING PARTNERSHIP Newsletter



MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

BARNHILL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL | BELMORE PRIMARY ACADEMY | WILLIAM BYRD PRIMARY ACADEMY

*Together, achieving our very best*

# WELCOME TO THE MLP

Welcome to our first edition of our new MLP Newsletter, which celebrates the collective achievements of our young people across our Trust.

Dear MLP Community

It has been a while since we last published a Trust Newsletter and a lot has happened to our schools and our Trust in the meanwhile. The number of pages full of exciting and instructive activities should give you a real understanding of what happens when your young people are in our care.

Last year was an unusual one, following on from the Pandemic. As educators we spent much time filling the gaps in education that the Pandemic had caused. Our first set of examined external results in the Summer showed that both our staff and students have more than risen to the challenge and shown just what progress could be achieved with dedication and determination. Barnhill is placed in the top 10% of schools in the country, Belmore produced as ever, significant numbers of pupils who not only achieved their age related expectations but achieved greater depth in great numbers. William Byrd has also developed significantly and the improvements made across the board are having a fantastic impact upon their pupils.



We have introduced a number of changes in personnel across the Trust, William Byrd now has Ms Nicola Edwards as their Head of School and Belmore Primary Academy is led by Mr Lawrence Hyatt. Both of these new heads have brought expertise, passion and new and effective practice to their schools and this is showing in the ways the schools are progressing.

The Trust has also benefited from a number of new community Governors joining our LGBs. I'm very pleased to inform you that well known community figures such as Elizabeth Horrigan, a very experienced and respected ex-Hillingdon Head, Cllr Labina Basit and the Reverend Mike Talbot, have joined our Primary Governing Body. Whilst at Barnhill Community High School, we have been joined by Cllr Jas Dhot; Adam Mohammed, who many of our younger community members will know, as an ex-Barnhill pupil himself, also representing the police force is Raghavan Loganayagam. It is a really healthy sign for the Trust to have so many people who are invested and representative of the local community, also playing a role within our schools. We are always happy to hear from potential new Governors, so please get in touch with our governance professional, Kate Boulter if you would like to be considered.

MLP has also experienced some very positive press coverage, particularly in the Educational Press, where articles upon our Community focussed approach were very well received. Ofsted is never far from our minds, but here too we have had good news so far this year, with Barnhill's as yet unpublished, but eagerly anticipated Report.

I continue to be very proud to run the Middlesex Learning Partnership and hope that your families continue to have a positive experience. Wishing you Seasons Greetings and a very happy Christmas Holiday.

***Together, achieving our very best***

*T. Hemming*

TRACEY HEMMING

Executive Headteacher/CEO

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## OUR VALUES

### RESPECT

We understand that every person is important,  
and we respect everyone for who they are

### WISDOM

We admire the best of human achievements  
and we aim to become experts

### ASPIRATION

We enjoy challenges and we aspire to become better  
tomorrow than we are today

### COMMUNITY

We take an active part in our community  
in order to create belonging, fellowship and identity



**FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

The Autumn term is such a busy time at Barnhill. We welcome the new students into year 7 and the new students in to year 12. I am pleased to report how well the year 7 and 12 students have settled in and how ambitious they are for success.

In year 11 the students are preparing for their examinations next year, which is always a challenge. Having completed their mock exams, they will now know exactly what extra work is needed. I would encourage all parents and carers to ensure that year 11 students attend as many interventions as possible. Mrs Clark has very high hopes that this will be the school's most successful year yet.

Year 10 students have begun the year well and Mr Abdullahi has reported lots of positive work in classrooms and the students taking their responsibilities as older students very seriously. If the students can maintain these standards; they stand to do very well next year.

In year 9, a highlight of the year was the Prince's Trust class which worked so hard to host the community meal with the local retirement home. It is always such a great pleasure to welcome the residents to the school and the students exhibited themselves superbly. Mrs Martincevic led the class and was delighted with the event.

Year 8 students are reaching the time that they must consider which extra subject they will take in year 9. Mr Clyne is always ready to give good advice on their choices and parents will be invited to the options evening in the spring to get all information in order to make the right choices. I know how well the year 8s will do if they continue to work so well.

It is always a memorable experience moving in to year 7 from primary school. Mrs Kanda and I have been very pleased with the mature nature of the students and how helpful and hardworking they are. This promises to be a superb year group.

In the sixth form, Mr Shepherd and Miss Thomas have been guiding the new students in the challenging A level and Applied courses. Year 13s have been particularly busy making applications to university. 6 Year 13 students have been interviewed for entry to Oxbridge; it is a great achievement even to reach this stage. I wish them all the best of luck.

We also had a visit from Ofsted in November. I was very pleased that the inspection team spoke with many students, attended many lessons and - in all cases- students exhibited themselves very well indeed. The full report is due to be published next month and will be uploaded to our website as soon as this is available.

At Barnhill, our aim is to provide the highest standard of education for our community. This comes through excellence in teaching, strong pastoral care and respect for the contributions made by all students to our community. We are especially proud of our provision for personal development through enrichment experiences and clubs and encourage all of our students to explore their interests through active participation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support of the school again this year. Our aim is to provide the very best education for our community and this is only possible by having a strong community partnership. It has been a great pleasure to welcome families back in to the school this year for the parents' evenings and the upcoming winter concert. Please do share any concerns or suggestions with the school so we can continue to improve.

Very best regards and Merry Christmas.

*J. Jones*

JOHN JONES  
Headteacher







 **Barnhill**  
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

 **William Byrd**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

 **Belmore**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

### GEOGRAPHICAL BRILLIANCE!

Kirpa from Y8 has a keen interest in Geography and set about creating a A1 sized (85cm x 60cm) world map from scratch producing the amazing art work attached. The project took Kirpa a month to complete spending between one and two hours a week on her masterpiece. Well done Kirpa for producing a world class illustration!



### BLACK BRITISH HISTORY MONTH

#### *Each October brings Black History Month*

This year at Barnhill, our theme is Black British History. Although Black History is rightly well known, there is much less awareness of prominent Black British figures. Throughout this month, students across the school have taken part in several different activities to learn more.

Years 7-11 had an assembly in which students learnt about the Bristol Bus Boycott and Roy Hackett who passed away earlier this year. Inspired by the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955, the boycott aimed to end the Bristol Omnibus Company's colour bar, preventing Asian and Black people the access to jobs. Around the school, other notable Black British history is being celebrated. During form time, the lives of 31 Black British figures from history, one for each day of the month, are being explored.

The Music department have sent songs by Black British artists and musicians in form time. Social Sciences have studied the legacy of Stephen Lawrence and black activism in modern Britain. For Enrichment, Sixth Form students watched a lecture on Black British History by the famous historian David Olusoga, authors of 'Black and British: An essential shorty story'.

The Creative Design team are running a Black History Month Art and Photography competition. Some of the entries are already fantastic and we will look forward to showcasing them around the school. A great many thanks to all staff for their efforts to promote Black British History and to all students who have shown great interest and enthusiasm in this topic.





## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

### *A is for Aspiring to A Levels*

On Tuesday, 18th October, we had the pleasure of inviting our Year 11s and the wider community to our Sixth Form Open Evening.

Current and external students had the opportunity to tour the school, meet teachers and current Sixth Form students and listen to the Barnhill experiences of our Head boy, Head Girl & Oxbridge candidates.

Departments displayed the best of what is on offer for their subject through enticing experiences, discussions and dioramas, with multiple students commenting on how excited they were to take the step up to their Sixth Form studies.

If, like them, you are considering applying for Sixth Form at Barnhill, please complete the link below by Friday, 16th December.



## DEEP LEARNING DAY

### *Laser Tag*

*It was the best of times; it was the worst of times...*

The heavens may have opened on their combat mission but it failed to dampen the spirits of the students determined to make the most of the experience. After an excellent morning of Crazy Golf, a number of students from years 8, 9 & 10 were lucky enough to put their skills to the test and take part in a thrilling game of Laser Tag. In the rain. The pouring rain. The torrential rain!

Not quite 'SAS, Who Dares Wins', but close!

Thanks to everyone who made this wonderful day possible.

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### BRONZE AMBASSADOR CONFERENCE

#### *Taking a Leading Role in Sports*

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October local primary schools bought two aspiring leaders to attend the Bronze Ambassador Leadership conference. The role of the ambassadors is to:

- Increase participation in sport for all;
- Promote the Spirit of the Games' Values;
- Be an ambassador and role model for PE and school sport;
- Support PE and Sport back at school.

Pupils learned about the fundamentals of leadership and what they could take back to their own schools to implement.

There were 10 schools in total who participated and were led throughout the day by our own wonderful Year 9 leaders: Riley, Richard, Anika, Samrhiddi and Pokhrel. A great day was had by all and both the primary and secondary leaders were a credit to themselves and their



### DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

#### *Y8 Sporting Leaders ensure no dodgy moves in the Dodgeball Tournament*

The Five Rules: Dodge, Duck, Dive, Dip & Dodge leading to fast and furious FUN.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Barnhill hosted the 'British National Dodgeball' event for the West of London. Our Year 8 leaders were trained in the morning by a staff member from British Dodgeball and were in charge of officiating the event in the afternoon.

All students were a credit to themselves and the school as well as the year group and the feedback from staff from the primary schools was really positive. "Students from all the schools had an amazing time and the students that were helping out were absolutely fantastic".

The Year 8 students involved in the event were:

- |           |          |             |
|-----------|----------|-------------|
| • Mumtaza | • Amelia | • Maciej    |
| • Bavleen | • Daniel | • Kyle      |
| • Sevin   | • Billy  | • Arshpreet |
| • Gina    | • Ryan   |             |





**ORDER! ORDER!*****Sixth Form Students go round the Houses to further their political studies***

Our trip to the Houses of Parliament organised by the Politics department, was a way for us to experience the knowledge we gain in class and apply it to the real-life workings of Government. We began by taking a tour of Westminster, and heard about the history of the building as well as prominent political events - such as the signing of the Magna Carta. Between seeing the House of Commons and the Houses of Lords, we were informed about protests; exploring how freedom of speech operates and how it influences Government.

We were told that MPs are elected to hear our concerns, and that we should be able to reach them at any time – as well as the lobby of Parliament being open for protests for whatever cause. We were asked questions about our course content, being able to draw evidence from our textbooks as well as real-life events to delegate points and arguments.

One of the most interesting parts of the day was participating in a political debate – discussing the key question of whether 16-year-olds should be enfranchised, and as this subject affected us as 16- and 17-year-olds, it resulted in an engaging discussion. By being able to construct arguments for both sides of the debate and do so in the structure of a real political debate, we were given an insight into how our A-level impacts the system. The trip was a great way to apply our course, and definitely furthered our interest in the subject especially at a time of such political turmoil.

**Shivleen Y13**



## KEY DATES

EVENT	DATE
School Holidays	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Inset Day (School closed to students)	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Year 13 Parents Evening	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> —17 <sup>th</sup> Friday
Year 12 Parents Evening	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March





**William Byrd**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

## OUR VALUES

### **KIND**

We are kind and respectful

### **RESILIENT**

We are resilient and learn from our mistakes

### **CURIOUS**

We are curious and ready to learn

### **COOPERATE**

We cooperate and work together

### **ASPIRE**

We aspire to be the best we can be

**FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Parents and Carers

As the last week of autumn term approaches, I am reflecting on what an exciting term we have had as a school community. I am sure that the whole community will join me in thanking all the teaching staff, support staff, office and site staff for their relentless commitment and dedication over the past term.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who we have been able to welcome back into school this term. As ever this contribution has helped and supported the school with a number of tasks that would not get done without the additional support. It has been an incredibly busy term; parent workshops, cycling and pedestrian training, and Grandad from 'Grandads Island' to name a few!

We have also engaged in lots of sporting activities and competitions this term. Year 5 have also attended Swimming lessons which they have enjoyed as part of the statutory Physical Education curriculum. Delightfully, we held our first Nativity performance for many years in Key Stage One. The children sang and read their lines with confidence. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'thank you' for such wonderful work from all KS1 staff to support this preparation whilst ensuring learning and lessons continued during this busy time.

Thank you to parents and families who were able to attend; it is so lovely to invite you into school to enjoy these experiences. I wish all of you a wonderful holiday.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2023.

*N. Edwards*

NICOLA EDWARDS

Head of School

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised an amazing £370!



### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Children and staff at William Byrd Primary Academy wore yellow on World Mental Health Day to help raise awareness of children's mental health. We managed to raise £213.82.

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations and support.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Friday, 11th November children across the school reflected on the importance of people who protect us and keep us safe, especially the ones who suffered during the First World War.

The whole school observed a two-minute silence as a mark of respect at 11am. Nursery and Reception children used recycled materials to make poppies for our outdoor display area and painted them using watercolours. They looked fantastic!

We also had poppies on sale along with various other merchandise to help raise money and support the Royal British Legion. A huge thank you to all our families and children for your continuous support. We Raised £581.33 for this year's appeal.

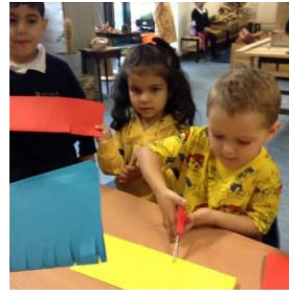




### CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need at William Byrd was another great success this year. Children and staff were asked to dress up in their spots or something yellow and bring in £1 to donate to the cause. Everyone looked fantastic in their Pudsey onesies, T-shirts, head bands and spots.

Throughout the day children across the school enjoyed doing various Pudsey related activities and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We managed to raise £384.74! Thank you for your generous donations and continuous support.



### ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks Day was on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November and invited children and staff to wear odd socks to embrace and recognise difference and individuality, and show their support for kindness and solidarity against bullying.



### HOW CAN YOU SHOW KINDNESS

Year 2 engaged in an activity related to Circle Time. We explored several ways to show kindness and compassion to each other. Children were taking turns presenting their ideas about what good choices they could make to show how kind they can be.



### STONEHENGE TRIP

On November 9th, the Year 3 children made the journey all the way to Stonehenge in Salisbury. We got to see our history learning in action! How did the stones get there? We learned that there are many theories, but the most popular one is that they used logs to roll the stones using string (though we find the alien theory the funniest). We got to try to pull the sarsen stones but not even 10 of us could move it an inch. We also went into neolithic houses and laid on the (very uncomfortable) beds they would've slept on. A very helpful volunteer showed us tools from the Stone Age and even let us hold some. We also saw an exhibition where we saw a real skeleton from the Stone Age!



### YEAR 2 & 3 ART EXHIBIT

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Year 2 and 3 parents and carers were invited in to see the amazing artwork that their children had made in Autumn 1.

Year 2 children were inspired by their trip to Kew Gardens and created pictures of beautiful flowers and plants using pencil, paint, coloured pencils, crayons and pastels.

Year 3 children spent time learning clay techniques such as making pinch pots, coils and slip. They put their skills together to create pots inspired by the Bell Beaker people of the Bronze Age.



### DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Happy Diwali to everyone who is celebrated Diwali this year. We had a fantastic day we hope you had a great time too!





### RECEPTION SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Our Reception children had a fantastic time going on a shopping experience at the local Co-op. The children bought sweets for their friends as a Christmas treat. For many of our children this was the very first independent shopping experience.

The children had to choose something, pay for the item, receive the change and receipt. The trip was also an excellent opportunity to talk about familiar places and buildings in our local community and the importance of how to cross the road safely.



### GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

Heathrow kindly donated two Christmas trees to William Byrd and with the help of Heathrow Rangers and some Year 6 children they decorated them both beautifully.



### YEAR 1 PLAY PROJECTS

In Year 1 this term, we have been spending our afternoons completing our learning through Play Projects. In Play Projects we can either make it, build it, draw it or message it. We have been learning our History, Science and PSHE in Play Projects and it's really fun.

In one of our lessons we used our Play Projects to create what we were going to put on our Christmas Hoops. It was so much fun!





### MEET THE POLICE OFFICER

Nursery & Reception children were very excited about our guests. We have the chance to meet the Police officers who tell us a lot about their job. Children have learnt that the Police use different vehicles, even boats, to help people around.

The Police officers are always happy to say "Hello" to the children, so if you meet one on the road, smile, wave and say hello. At the end of the visit, all children received a lovely sticker.



### SOW, GROW AND FARM

In Year Five this term we have been learning about seasonality and farming in our Geography topic 'Sow, Grow and Farm' and in our DT topic 'Eat the Seasons'.

Throughout these topics the children have discovered the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world and learned about the meaning and benefits of seasonal eating.

We explored recipes for vegetable soups and analysed the methods, techniques and nutritional information before creating our own recipes.

We also discussed health and safety risks which could be encountered in the kitchen to ensure we were as safe and hygienic as possible. The children were then given the exciting opportunity to explore food preparation and cooking techniques including washing, peeling, chopping and grating seasonal vegetables to prepare their own vegetable soup! Yum! We enjoyed tasting our soups and evaluating and critiquing our final product.



### NURSERY CHRISTMAS FUN SESSIONS

We were delighted to invite all parents to attend a Christmas Fun Sessions today in our nursery. This event was a big success. Most of the parents came in to play with their children, join the activities and sing songs. All children were very happy and excited to play Christmas games and decorate own Christmas trees or wreaths. The most fun of course was a snowball fight.



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December we invited pupils and staff to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers so we could raise money for Save the Children. Everyone was feeling and looking very festive and it really was a fantastic sight to see so many colourful, glittery and festive jumpers.

Thank you for helping us support such a brilliant charity, we hope to share how much we raised with you soon.



### CHRISTMAS CAROL PERFORMANCE

KS1 have been searching high and low for Santa's Hat! The old clot, where did he leave it? Year 1 and Year 2 worked with the elves, fairies, hedgehogs and Santa to look everywhere. Finally, they retrieved Santa's hat and the panic was over. Thankfully, Santa was able to deliver all the presents to the boys and girls in good time.

Well done Year 1 and Year 2, you have graciously put together a phenomenal performance for the wider community, it was wholly enjoyed by all those who attended.

Thank you to all our amazing parents and family members who came to watch and share their support!





### FAIRY TALE BALL

Children have been learning about fairy-tales in reception so we held a special fairy-tale ball to celebrate. We all came into school wearing fairy-tale outfits and were very excited. In our ball, we played some games and then did lots of dancing.

Thank you so much to Kitty for hosting our ball. We had so much fun.

### CHRISTMAS HOOPS

Once again this year each class decorated their very own Christmas hoop which have been displayed in our school hall for everyone to admire.



### CHRISTINGLE DAY

The children of Year 6 recently learnt about what a Christingle is (oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top) and how each element has a special meaning. The orange represents the world; the red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ; the sweets represent all of God's creations and the lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness. The children enjoyed making Christingles and gaining awareness of this celebration. Many children also shared some of their own experiences of traditions and festivals that are celebrated within their own faiths or homes.





### INDOOR ATHLETICS

This year, we took our athletics team to their first Indoor athletics competition and they did amazing!

<b>OBSTACLE RELAY</b> Boys - 1st Girls - 3rd	<b>CHEST PUSH</b> Boys - 1st Girls - 1st
<b>1+1 LAP RELAY</b> Boys - 1st Girls - 4th	<b>STANDING JUMP</b> Boys - 1st Girls - 1st
<b>2+2 LAP RELAY</b> Boys - 1st Girls - 3rd	<b>JAVELIN</b> Boys - 1st Girls - 1st
<b>6 LAP RELAY</b> Boys - 1st Girls - 2nd	<b>OVER/UNDER RELAY</b> Boys - 1st Girls - 4th

### DODGEBALL

Our Dodgeball team competed in their first ever tournament and they didn't disappoint! In the greater London games we came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Great things are to come from this team and we can't wait.



### TABLE TENNIS

Our Table tennis team went to their first ever competition and they did INCREDIBLE! Not to forget our girls won gold and qualified for the finals at UEL.

Congratulations to our new table tennis captain: Taakur





### DO YOU HAVE ANY GREAT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS?

Tell your class teacher about your amazing sporting achievements to be featured in our next assembly!

### INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS (AUTUMN SCORES)

Ruby - 17

Sapphire - 20

Citrine - 25

Emerald - 18

### UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

YR 3/4 Rugby Megafest

YR 3/4 Badminton

Dodgeball Inter-competition

### PE KIT

- Black shorts or black footless leggings or plain black track/jogging bottoms
- White T-shirts (long or short-sleeved)
- Plain black sweatshirt or school logo sweatshirt - **No zipped tops or hoodies**
- Black plimsolls in KS1 (with Velcro fastening)
- Black plimsolls or trainers in KS2 (these must be different from day-time shoes)

## KEY DATES

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
INSET Days	3rd and 4th Jan 2023	-	-
Children return to school	Thursday 5th Jan 2023	Normal time	
Clubs start (further info to follow)	From Mon 16th Jan 2023	-	-
Year 4 Trip to the British Museum	Tuesday 24th Jan 2023	-	-
Year 6 SATs Parent/Carer Meeting	Thursday 26th Jan 2023	From 3:20pm	KS2 Hall
World Book Day	Thursday 2nd March 2023	-	-
Comic Relief	Friday 17th March 2023	-	-



## **OUR VALUES**

### **KIND**

We are kind and respectful and work together

### **RESILIENT**

We are resilient and learn from our mistakes

### **READY**

We are ready and prepared to work

### **ACTIVE**

We will be active in mind and body

### **ASPIRE**

We aspire to be the best we can be

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent's/Carer's

It has been a busy end to the autumn term at Belmore Primary. I am so pleased that we have been able to return to our more traditional festive schedule with performances, songs, Christmas parties, lunches and carol concerts happening into the final week of term. I would like to say a huge well done to all the children for all the wonderful performances.

The children have been busy working throughout this term and the progress they are making has been positive. It has been a joy to visit classes and explore the children's learning over the course of this term ranging from the historical study of the ancient civilisation of Benin in year 6 to geographical map work in Year 2.

Throughout the school the children have also managed to celebrate Diwali, raise money and awareness for a number of charities and take part in activities including road safety and awareness amongst many other activities this term.

Considering the current challenges and financial difficulties being experienced by many throughout the country I would like to draw attention to some avenues for support that families may want to access over the winter period. The details can be found [here](#) on our website, under the Hillingdon Winter Wellness Directory Tab.

At the beginning of next term, we are saying goodbye to Ms Connett who is leaving to have her baby. We wish her and her family all the best and will miss her whilst she is away. Ms McCracken will return from maternity leave in January as Year 6 Year Leader/teacher. We would also like to welcome back Ms Lewis. Therefore, we are also saying goodbye to Ms Chelian who has been supporting the finance team whilst Ms Lewis has been away on maternity leave. Thank you Ms Chelian for all your hard work over your time with us. Farewell and goodbye to Mr Hall who has been supporting this term in Year 3 and 4. We wish you all the best in the next stage in your journey.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff for all their hard work this term and a big thank you to yourselves as parents for your continued support. I do wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a well-deserved break. I look forward too seeing you all on the **5 January**.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a restful break.



LAWRENCE HYATT  
Head of School



### COUNCIL ELECTION

Years 4 and 5 voted in Belmore's Pupil Council Elections. Each class had to go to their allocated class table in the KS2 hall to register and receive their ballot slip, taking it to the private booths where they ticked next to the person they wanted to vote for. Once they had made their decision, they put the ballot slip into the sealed ballot box. The children really enjoyed the democratic process, which gave them a realistic look at what is involved during real elections. Once the votes are counted and verified, winning candidates will be announced.



### WORLD TEACHERS DAY

It's World Teachers Day today. Our Head Boy and Head girl distributed Donuts to all our Teachers to say a huge thank for all their hard work.





### HELLO YELLOW DAY

Children and staff wore yellow on #Hello Yellow Day to help raise awareness for World Mental Health Day. It was lovely to see the school filled with lovely bright yellow for such an important cause. A big thank you to our parents/ carers for helping us by helping their children to participate in this event.



### FRIGHT NIGHT DISCO

All the children had a fantastic time at our Fright Night' Discos. Though it was very busy, (definitely the most children that have attended our discos ever!!), we had a lot of fun dancing, taking photos and enjoying treats and glo bands. A huge thank you to our parents/carers for supporting this event to help raise money for the school.



### DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October children came dressed in celebration clothes as we celebrated Diwali. As you can see some of the outfits looked fabulous!!!

All the children had found out about this very special celebration in the Hinduism, Jainism and Sikh religions in assemblies this week. Belmore

Primary Academy wishes all our families that are celebrating a very Happy Diwali.



### ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

We held two parent workshops about online safety, one in person and one online. Many thanks to those parents who attended either of these sessions. We talked about what online safety is, its importance and how we, as a school, keep our children safe online.



### POPPY APPEAL 2022

On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November Belmore Primary Academy remembered those that have and are fighting in wars. Reception and Key Stage 1 learnt all about the importance of Remembrance Day in their classes with their teachers. Key Stage 2 held an assembly that was led by some of our Year 6 who did an amazing job telling us all about the Remembrance Day and why and how Remembrance Day is observed. The whole school observed a two-minute silence as a mark of respect at 11am. The families and children also did a fantastic job of supporting the Royal British Legion through buying the poppies that had been on sale. Thank you to all children, parents and staff for raising an amazing £690.01 for the Royal British Legion to support their Poppy Appeal.





### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Belmore Primary Academy's definition of bullying;

- When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, THAT IS RUDE.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, THAT IS MEAN.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it – even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, THAT IS BULLYING!!!



One of our Core Values is - *'We are kind, respectful and work together'*

Belmore Primary Academy is joining in with the rest of the country during National Anti Bullying Week. We started the week with the children dressing in blue and wearing odd socks. Odd socks to celebrate that it is



### YEAR 3 CONTRAST & COMPLIMENT

Year 3 have been exploring the colour wheel and expanding their knowledge of how colours are used together. They have been creating secondary colours which are made from mixing two primary colours (red, blue, and yellow), tertiary colours which are made from mixing secondary and primary colours together. They have been further exploring how colours can contrast and complement each other and how some colours represent warmth and coolness and can convey emotions. They have been studying paintings to see how artists use these aspects in their work. They will then create their own piece using contrast and complementing colours and deciding how to use warm and cool colours in their own work.



## LEGO CLUB

This term we offered Lego club as an after school club, and it has proven to be extremely popular! The children were given a new challenge each week including, designing and building their own bedroom, creating a new form of transport, marble run/maze and much more.

The children have been very creative and have really enjoyed completing the weekly challenges set for them.



## ROAD SAFETY

This term Key Stage 1 & 2 had an assembly all about Road Safety. The children talked and learnt about the important things to do to keep safe on and by the roads.

## YEAR 3 PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

Year 3 took part in some pedestrian training workshops run by the Hillingdon STARS Team - School Travel and Road Safety Education team



### What is Pedestrian Training?

Pedestrian Training has been delivered and refined over several years by the Council's School Travel and Road Safety team with 7 dedicated trainers to help children of all ages develop basic pedestrian skills.

This could be from learning the importance of holding hands all the way to travelling independently. We believe it's vitally important that they have the life skills necessary to keep themselves safe when travelling. We all learnt a lot from this training -

Thank you to the Stars Team for coming into our school and delivering this workshop.





### UKULELE LESSONS

Since September year 2 have been learning to play the ukulele. We have had a specialist teacher from the London Borough of Hillingdon Music Service help us to play this new instrument. First, we learnt the parts of the instrument, these included: the strings, the tuning pegs, the sound hole and the fret (the neck of the ukulele). It's really like a small guitar. After we learnt the part we started to learn chords. We have to place our fingers onto different part of the fret while strumming on the strings. The chords we learnt were C, A minor, F and G. Once we became a bit more confident, we started to learn some songs. The first was Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, then yellow Submarine by the Beatles and after that we learnt We Will Rock You by Queen. It has been so much fun.



### LEARNING MAPS

Year 2 Children were learning to read simple maps using symbols and keys. They also know that a map can show physical and human features.



### WORLD CUP FRIDAYS

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Belmore started World Cup Fridays with our Year 6 children.

In the first of four special events being delivered by our PE and Sports specialists, PSD; the classes were divided into 4 teams and given a country to represent from all four corners of the world: Japan, Ghana, USA and Brazil.



### WALKING ZONE MAP - COMPETITION WINNERS

As you are aware many of us use a number of different modes of transport to get to and from school and the road outside of our school (Owen Road) can be quite busy when there is a lot of traffic. The school has worked alongside the London Borough of Hillingdon's STARS travel team to produce a walking map to show how we can make walking a part of our daily routine promoting healthy lifestyles and a safer community for all school citizens and residents.

To help promote our Walking Zone Map we asked students to design a poster to help pupils & parents learn about the key features of the walking zone map and its benefits.

We received a number of wonderful entries and we are pleased to reveal our two winning entries. Their winning poster designs were chosen by our school council and have been designed by our wonderful marketing team. These posters will be displayed throughout and around the school to support our walking zone map which can be located at the front of the school.

The school council felt the two designs met the criteria for the competition below.

Winning designs should:

- Explain the importance of walking to school and how it makes us healthier
- Explain how walking to school can make our school safer
- Explain how to use the walking zone map

Congratulations to our two winners and their successful poster designs. Well done Tahnee and Anaya.

Thank you and well done to all who entered.







COMPETITION WINNERS

### SAFER SCHOOL TRAVEL

- Be smart, walking helps your heart
- So use your head and walk instead
- It's not far, don't use your car
- A 5 or 10 minute walk will keep us safe!

### SAFER SCHOOL TRAVEL

- Be smart, walking helps your heart
- So use your head and walk instead
- It's not far, don't use your car
- A 5 or 10 minute pace will keep us safe!

Tahnee - Sunflower class

### safer school Travel

walking improves your mood

walking makes your heart healthier

walking is good

LESS TRAFFIC

Belmore Primary Academy School

Kinghill Ave

Yeading Lane

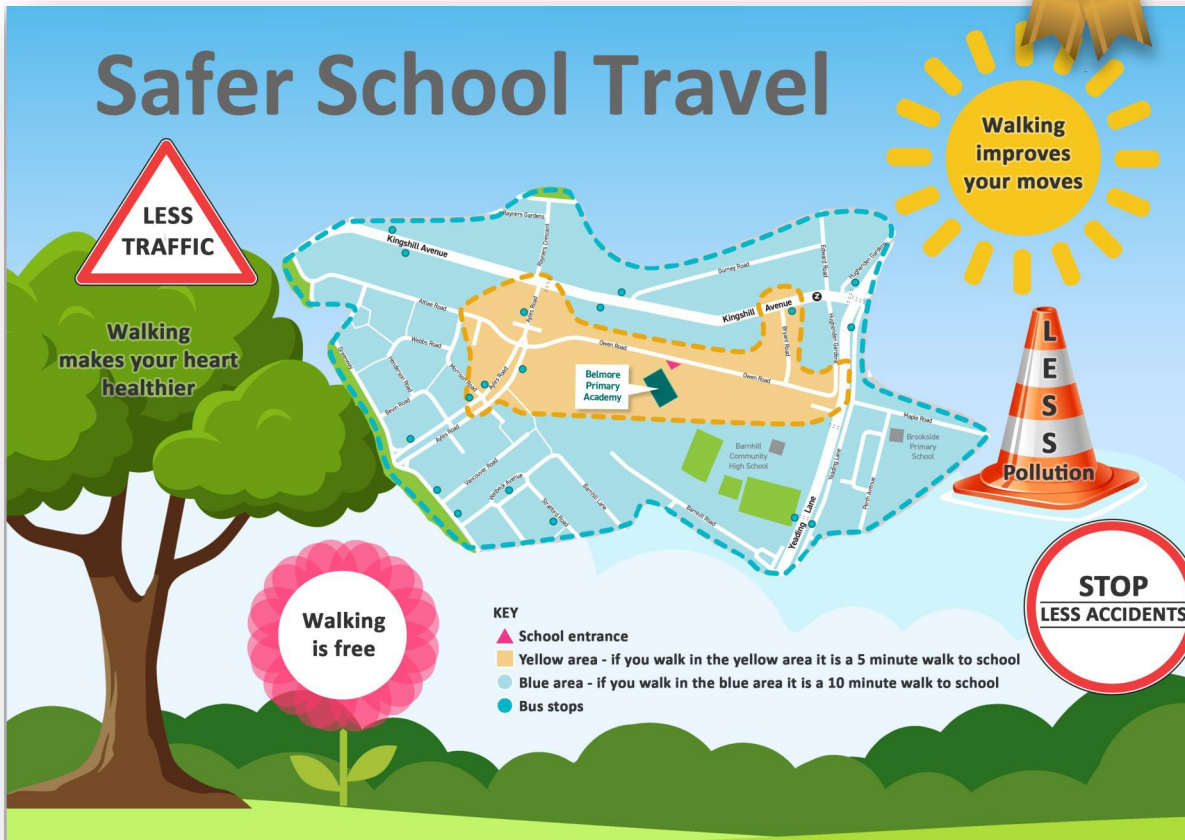
Pollution

Stop less accidents

key

- school entrance
- yellow area if you walk in the yellow area it is a 5 minute walk to school
- blue area if you walk in the blue area it is a 10 minute walk to school
- bus stops
- car - 10 minute walk

Anaya - Farah class



### Feedback regarding the cancellation of the safer school street proposal

We would like to encourage as many parents/carers as possible to complete this short survey below to voice any opinions regarding the news of the potential school street project being temporarily suspended.

#### [Safer School Streets Owen Road Proposal survey](#)

In addition to the survey, if you would like to express your opinions directly to the local ward councillors for the school, please click the links below to find their publicly available contact details.

#### Councillor Rita Judge Dhot

<https://modgov.hillingdon.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=2516>

#### Councillor Jas Dhot

<https://modgov.hillingdon.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=10515>

If you are willing to complete both the survey and contact ward councillors directly about the situation along Owen Road, then we as a school would be extremely grateful. Every little helps and we want to do as much as we can as a whole school community to make the roads surrounding our school safer.

As parents your support is always appreciated. If you would like to raise your concerns with the council please use the following details to do so.

Once again, your continued support is much appreciated.



### CONSIDERATION FOR RESIDENTS

As always, we aim to ensure the children have a safe and calm start to the school day and will continue to work with the Hillingdon STARS Team: School Travel and Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity to ensure this is the case.

However, recently we have been receiving a number of complaints from parents and residents about traffic and parking along Owen Road. We would like to encourage our school community to be mindful of others when driving and parking along Owen Road and not to park across the driveways of residents.

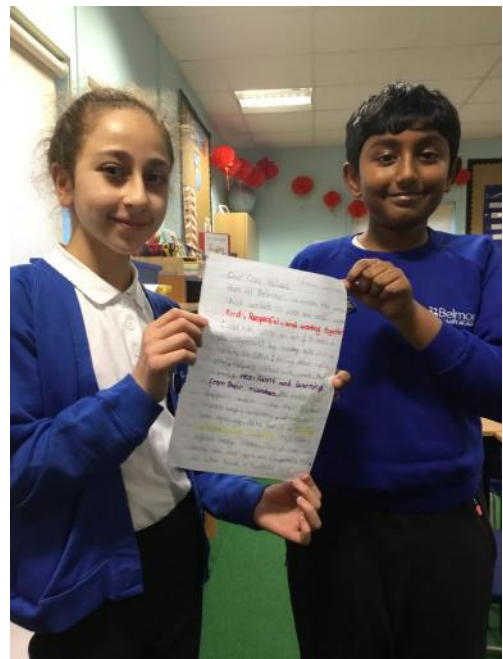
As previously communicates we are continuing our work with the Local Authority regarding the implementation of a Safer School Street on Owen Road. However, due to very recent changes at local government level the proposed changes to travel and transport down Owen Road as part of the safer school streets programme, has been postponed until further notice. This was rather disappointing for us as a school community. Therefore, this year we will be implementing a number of different ways to help reduce traffic, promote healthy lifestyles and ensure our children and families get the best start to the day possible.

### OUR CORE VALUES

Here at Belmore, we ensure that every child aims to listen and respect everyone. This is shown through our five core values. **Kind, respectful and working together:** most kids show an act of kindness on the playground by showing other children, that are hurt, to the SMSA; letting others before you; and helping others with work.

Next, is being **resilient and learning from our mistakes.** No matter what happens, students try their hardest in every way: in lessons, sports and even drawing.

After that, is being **ready and prepared to work.** This means before every lesson, the children are ready with their appropriate equipment. Also, when either break or lunchtime ends, children walk to their lines and quietly wait for their teachers or TA's.



The last two core values are **to be active in mind and body** and **to aspire to be the best they can be.** To be active in mind and body means to participate in every subject. To aspire to be the best you can be means you can achieve anything. You shouldn't think negative, always think positive. The children at our school ask questions when needed and participate in lessons.

Above all, they always try their hardest and respect other people at all times.

**Deputy Head Boy and Girl (Kishan and Malak from Anderson class)**

### WHOLE SCHOOL VIP ASSEMBLY

One child per class from Nursery to Year 6 was nominated by teachers for the Pupil of the Year, Pupil of the Term and the Right Choice award. Certificates were presented to the children at the special VIP assemblies this week. We would like to congratulate them all for their hard work and for making positive choices.



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Belmore children and staff swapped their uniforms and suits and dazzled the school in their festive knitwear for Christmas Jumper Day.

Everyone was in true Christmas spirit and had a great day. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.





### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Belmore had a delicious Christmas lunch with festive songs playing throughout lunchtime. Our kitchen staff dressed up in Santa outfits to add to the festive mood. Class teachers joined their class for lunch and everyone had fun pulling Christmas crackers.





## CHRISTMAS CAROL PERFORMANCES

All the years groups performed their first nativity in three years. Year 2 led the performance by acting out different nativity scenes and each year group sang a traditional carol and a modern Christmas song to go with each scene. It was wonderful not only for our children to perform in front of an audience, but also to see so many parents back in school again to watch.





## KEY DATES

EVENT	DATE
Individual pupil photos	25 January
Supporting Children's Mental Health Parent Workshop	Feb - tbc
Safer Internet Day	7 February
Young Voices Concert	7 February
World Book Day	2 March
Parent Consultation	2 March
Science Week	10 - 19 March
Red Nose Day	17 March
Autism Awareness Day	31 March
World Maths Day	22 March





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