



Dove and Rainbow News

15th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have finished the final week of this half term already – the year has certainly got off to a brisk start! I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and enjoy the milder weather that we are having. School will re-open on Monday 25th February.

With very best wishes,

Mrs K. Harrison-Brown

Behaviour

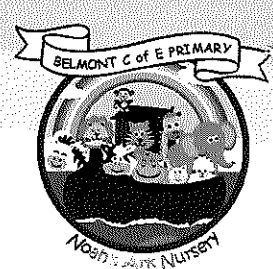
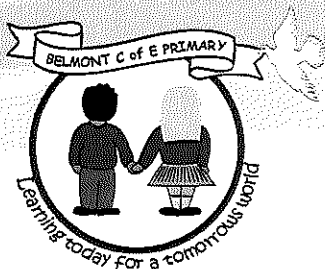
Well done everyone for excellent behaviour this half term. 99.6% of children (Year 1 – Year 6) has received a gold certificate for good behaviour.

School Disco

We would like to thank our Friends of the School for another very successful disco – the children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed their evening.

Safer Internet Week

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on the 5th February focussing on the theme of 'Together for a better Internet'. The children enjoyed a range of activities which focussed on how consent works in an online context and how to use the internet responsibly and respectfully.



Donations Please!

Our collection of DVD's for wet playtime and lunchtime has dwindled. Please can we ask you to kindly have a look in the holiday to see if you have any unwanted DVD's (U rated) that you could willingly donate. Many thanks!

Chinese New Year

Nursery and Reception have been learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated. The children enjoyed making lanterns, learning about the traditional dragon and lion dances and tasting some Chinese food. Everyone was keen to try the prawn crackers and noodles, but weren't so sure about the lychees at first sight! Once they had tasted these, they compared them to satsumas and some children even came back for more!

Christingle

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Durham Cathedral for the Christingle 50 years' Service. More than 1000 pupils from across the region joined together to celebrate 50 years of The Children's Society Christingle Service. It was very special to be invited to take part and it was magical to see so many smiling faces in such a beautiful place. Thank you for your kind donations.

Orchestra Seminar

Year 3, 4 and 5 children were very fortunate recently to attend an Orchestra Seminar at Belmont Community School. For many children, this was an opportunity to listen to classically trained singers for the first time. The students from Durham University performed sections of Handel's Messiah and helped the children join in with the chorus. Working alongside musicians from different orchestral communities, the children gained the experience of different music styles and tempos. All of the children were extremely motivated during their session and inspired by talented musicians from Belmont Community School.

KS1 Trip to Durham

Year 1 had a great time exploring the city centre. They identified and compared old and new buildings as part of their work as 'History Detectives'.

Year 2 were privileged to receive a guided tour of Durham Castle by Rev. Ric Whaite. They discovered some amazing facts about its history and why it deserves to be included in the 'special places' we have in the North East.

Beamish Visit

We went to Beamish. We went to a cottage and we did jobs. We scrubbed the pans and brushed the floor. Next we went to a school and the teacher was strict. Then it was lunchtime. Then we went to the town. Finally, we went to a sweetshop, it smelled delicious. Charlie, Class 3

Nursery News

We have had two busy weeks in Nursery. Last week we celebrated Chinese New Year, and we made Chinese Money Envelopes, Chinese Dragons, danced with ribbons and materials, enjoyed messy noodle play and we tasted a variety of Chinese foods.

This week we have embraced the theme of Valentines Day, exploring the colours red and pink. As well as discussing who we love and why, we have been creating Valentine Cards, we have worked together to bake Valentine heart-shaped biscuits and we have enjoyed decorating them.

To support our theme of People Who Help Us, on Wednesday 13th February, we had a visit from two dental nurses from the Bupa Dental Practice at Gilesgate. The dental nurses talked to the children about how they need to care for and brush their teeth. The children thoroughly enjoyed this session and the opportunity to use the big toothbrushes and brush the large teeth. The dental nurses very kindly brought the children some goodie bags to take home.

On Thursday 14th February, we had a visit from two Police Officers and their Police Car. The Police Officers sat with the children and talked about how they help us and they let us try on their jackets and hats. Unfortunately, they got called away to an emergency. However, they are going to reschedule another visit and the children will be able to go out and experience sitting in the Police car. After they had left, the children did discuss who they thought the Police Officers had gone to help.

Football Tournament

Huge congratulations to our Belmont Football team, who competed in a 5 a side tournament at Birtley. It was a difficult competition but a great effort by all. Well done!

SSOC

Our School Sports Organising Crew (SSOC) thoroughly enjoyed their training with Leanne Kemp this week. They learnt new games, developed their team work and organisation skills, in preparation for running their own inter-house festival in the upcoming weeks.

Triathlon

Well done to the eight Y5/6 children who represented our school at the Freeman's Quay triathlon. Within this, the children had to complete a 3-minute swim, 2-minute cycle and a 5-minute run. Fantastic work team!

Well-Being Week

Our Well-Being Week was filled with a variety of activities which the children all thoroughly enjoyed. These ranged from an assembly delivered by Relax Kids, explaining the impact of well-being to physical activities, such as Destination Judo and a Durham City Gym visit.