



Dove and Rainbow News

11th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the rain, we have had a fantastic fortnight in school. It has been a pleasure to see so many of our families at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening and at our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. We raised **£227.92** for this very worthy charity- thank you for the donations of cakes and biscuits and for coming to join us for a cuppa!

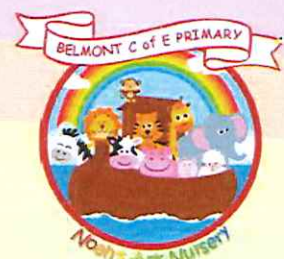
We also raised **£250.81** whilst wearing denim for Genetics Disorders UK- thank you! Our Harvest Festivals and sing-a-long will take place on 22nd and 23rd October (please see Harvest e-mail). We are looking forward to sharing our celebrations with you. Donations for Durham Foodbank will be welcomed from Monday 21st October. We very much enjoyed our visit from the Mayor of Durham, Katie Corrigan today. Thank you to our School Council who have been very busy organising and preparing for her visit.

As always, if there is anything at all that I can help you with; please do come in to see me.

Kindest wishes,

K. Harrison-Brown

Mrs K. Harrison-Brown



Polite Reminder

Please can I ask you to supervise your children carefully on the Rainbow playground before the start of the school day. For health and safety reasons please do not allow your children to get the bikes and scooters from the containers. Many thanks.

Reception 2019 Admissions

For children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, an application form needs to be completed, stating which primary school you would like your child to attend. An application still needs to be made even if you have an older child attending the same school. If your child attends our Noah's Ark Nursery you must still apply for a Reception place within our school. The deadline for applications is midnight on Wednesday, 15th January 2020.

Applications must be made via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

If you are unable to apply online, please download the form from:
<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Applyfor-a-primary-place-deadline-15-January>.

Applying for a Secondary School place 2020

For children born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009, an application form needs to be completed, stating which secondary school you would like your child to attend. The deadline for secondary school applications is midnight on Thursday 31st October 2019. Once again, it is very important to apply for a secondary school place by the deadline, as a late application greatly reduces your chances of getting a place at your preferred school.

Applications must be made via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

If you are unable to apply online, please download the form from:
<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2192/Applyfor-a-secondary-place-deadline-31-October>.

Twitter

Our number of Twitter followers continues to grow and the response from parents to our school Twitter account has been very positive. We urge you to follow us: @BelmontCof By positively using social media in school, pupils are learning how to post correctly and how not to share personal information online.

Nursery

The Nursery children are embracing the changes to the outdoor environment. They have enjoyed: jumping/splashing in magical coloured bubbly puddles, collecting and sorting Autumn leaves and conkers and creating their very own leaf crowns, using an array of coloured and sized leaves.

Thank You

Thank you to our parents for the donations of spare clothing for EYFS and also a big thank you for the kind donations of toys and resources for our toddler group.

Noah's Ark Nursery

The Belmont CE Primary School family grew in September 2016, when we opened Noah's Ark Nursery. Our Nursery offers a wide range of learning experiences in a warm and welcoming learning environment.

We work very closely with our Reception staff; this strengthens our EYFS Team and ensures a smooth transition for the children from Nursery to Reception.

We currently offer the 15 and 30-hour childcare provision during term time, as well as paid extra sessions.

All children are entitled to 15 hours free provision, from the school term after their third birthday, until they start school.

Our 15-hour provision is:

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| Five morning sessions | Monday - Friday 8.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. | Option of lunch and wrap around care to 12.30 p.m. for £4.00 |
| Five afternoon sessions | Monday- Friday 12.30 p.m.- 3.30 p.m. | Option of lunch and wrap around care from 11.45 a.m. for £4.00 |
| Two and a half days | Monday, Tuesday 9.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. and Wednesday 8.45 a.m.- 11.45 a.m. Or Wednesday 12.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. and Thursday, Friday 9.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. | (Lunch is required on full days either a paid meal or a packed lunch will be needed) |

The 30-hour government funded childcare provision is available, for children the term after their third birthday. To check if you are eligible, please use the following website:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Our 30-hour provision is:

| | |
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| Monday - Friday | 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. (Lunch is required on full days either a paid school meal or packed lunch will be needed) |
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Also, we offer a Breakfast and Tea Club service to provide wraparound care for Nursery children. Breakfast Club is open from 7.30 a.m. and Tea Club closes at 5.30 p.m.

Paid sessions for children who have turned three, are also available up until they are eligible for government funding.

Please call 0191 3844178 to speak to Mrs Sleeman (Nursery Manager) or email belmontceprimary@durhamlearning.net for further information.

Governor Update

We wish Mr. Ken Holroyd a very fond farewell from our Governing Body. Mr. Holroyd has been a Governor at our school for a great number of years. We would like to thank him for great service to the school and for his very kind donations. We wish him the very best for his retirement. We hope to see him at some of our school events, as he will always be part of our Belmont family.

We also say a fond farewell to Mr Carter and Mr Lucas. Thank you for your work on the Governing Body. We wish you both well.

A parental ballot was held during the summer term, as we had two vacancies for parent governors. We are always very fortunate in this school to have many interested parents wishing to become a governor. On this occasion, Mrs Lee and Mrs Smurthwaite-Cairns obtained the highest number of parental votes and they became your new parent governors.

We also welcome Mrs Marshall to our Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor.

All members of the Governing Body are listed below for your information.

Mr Keith Mallard Chair of Governors - Co-opted Governor

Mrs Rachel Leonard Vice-Chair - Parent Governor

Mrs Christie Marshall- Co-opted Governor

Mr John Balmer – Co-opted Governor

Miss Katie Corrigan- Local Authority Governor

Mrs Diane Jackson- Foundation Governor

Reverend Heather Murray- Foundation Governor

Mrs Louise Morton- Parent Governor

Mrs Nicola Lee- Parent Governor

Mrs Beth Smurthwaite-Cairns- Parent Governor

Miss Charlotte Watson- Staff Representative

Mrs Kirsty Harrison-Brown -Head Teacher

School Council

Well done to the 16 children from Years 1-6 who have been voted for by their classmates, to be representatives on this year's School Council. We had some excellent, confident speeches from our children to explain why they would make a great school councillor - perhaps some of our politicians in Westminster could take note! We have had our first meetings to introduce ourselves and to organise a visit to the school by the Mayor of Durham (and our Governor), Katie Corrigan. It certainly looks like we have a very responsible and enthusiastic School Council this year.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms. Thank you for adhering to our policy of black footwear and sensible hairstyles. Please can we remind you that long hair should be tied back and no jewellery should be worn, except for a small pair of stud earrings and a watch. We would also like to thank you for providing your children with the correct P.E. uniform.

Behaviour

Year 1 – Year 6

Week 1 – 100%

Week 2 – 100%

Week 3 – 99.6%

Week 4 – 100%

Week 5 – 100%

Well done to everyone for excellent behaviour and attitude to learning in school.

Sports News

Football

A fantastic finish to the first half of the football league. The boys worked brilliantly as a team, finishing fourth in the league table.

Tri-Golf

Year 3 took part in a Tri-Golf event at Meadowfield Sports Centre. There were 6 schools participating alongside ourselves. Everyone took part with great enthusiasm and they learnt some new hand-eye co-ordination skills. They were a great credit to the school.

Quicksticks Festival

On Tuesday 8th October, Year 4 went to Maiden Castle for a Quick Sticks hockey festival. This involved the children playing small hockey matches against other schools. All children played really well and had a great day playing hockey and learning new skills from hockey coaches.

Class 10 – Rock Stars - Performance at Ushaw College

Our wonderful children in Class 10, were the opening ensemble for the first ever, Durham County Commercial Services Showcase Event. The children truly shone in their guitar and singing performance. They wowed the crowd, and were not at all fazed by their very large audience. We are very proud of them -Belmont certainly has got talent!

'Super Splash Heroes'

Last week, Year1-Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed a performance and workshop by Northumbrian Water. The children are aware of many water saving tips for at home and at school.

Lenny the Line-up Lion

Lenny the very big and cuddly lion has joined our Belmont family. Lenny is going to be won every week by the class (Reception-Year 2) who lines up the most smartly! Class 4 won him last week-well done!

French Day

On the 25th September 2019, Belmont C of E Primary School celebrated Primary Language Day. All of the children had the opportunity to visit the Bibliobook bus, which had an array of French books for the children to explore. They participated in a story telling session on the bus involving pupils to perform and interact with the story. Alongside visiting the French bus, the children celebrated the French language by eating a French breakfast, constructing the Eiffel Tower out of spaghetti, listening to French music and participating in a quiz. At the end of the day, the children in KS2 constructed the French flag using the colours of their T-shirt. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and had a fantastic day celebrating learning a different language.

2019 Results

Our results from the summer tests are below and, as usual, we are well above national average in all key stages and all subjects. In addition to academic achievement, we believe in providing as many enrichment activities as possible. This year, we have residential visits to Robinwood for Year 6, Moor House for Year 5 and we are also hoping to take Year 4 for an overnight visit, but that is still to be organised. Each year group will also have educational visits or visitors each term. Year 2 are looking forward to their visit to Locomotion to supplement their History work and Year 5 and Year 6 are very excited to visit the planetarium at the Great North Museum before half term. Nursery children are going to enjoy a performance at the Gala Theatre during the Take Off Festival and Year 1 are looking forward to a visit to Wharton Park. There is always plenty happening in our school, which is what makes it such an exciting place to be!

Belmont C of E Primary School 2019 Statutory Assessment Results

Early Years 2019

This data shows the number of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) by the end of Reception in **all** the prime areas (Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development) and Reading, Writing, Number & Shape, Space and Measures. This data was also moderated by the Local Authority.

Percentage of children achieving a GLD

| | School | National | Cohort |
|------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2019 | 87% | 72% | 39 |
| 2018 | 83% | 72% | 40 |
| 2017 | 77% | 71% | 26 |

Percentage of children achieving a ExLD

| | School | National | Cohort |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2019 | 21% | n/a | 39 |
| 2018 | 20% | n/a | 40 |
| 2017 introduced | 23% | n/a | 26 |

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test 2018/9

This national test is administered in June and tests the phonics knowledge of the children – their ability to decode and read words, rather than their understanding. Children who do not reach the required standard are tested again at the end of Year 2.

Percentage of children achieving the Expected Standard in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

| | School | National | Cohort |
|------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2019 | 88% | 82% | 40 |
| 2018 | 93% | 81% | 27 |
| 2017 | 85% | 81% | 33 |

**Percentage of children achieving the Expected Standard in the
Year 2 Phonics Re-sit**

| | School | National | Cohort |
|------|--------|----------|--------|
| 2019 | 100% | 56% | 2 |
| 2018 | 60% | 61% | 5 |
| 2017 | 63% | 62% | 8 |

In May 2016, in both KS1 and KS2, assessment changed from levels to a judgement against whether children were working at Age Related Expectations (ARE). For KS2, this included a scaled score, comparing our school with all schools nationally. A scaled score of 100 means that a child has reached ARE.

Key Stage 1 Results 2019

Number in Cohort - 44

| | Reading | | Maths | | Writing | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | At Least Age Related Expectations | Working at Greater Depth | At Least Age Related Expectations | Working at Greater Depth | At Least Age Related Expectations | Working at Greater Depth |
| School | 93% | 41% | 89% | 44% | 81% | 30% |
| National | 75% | 25% | 76% | 22% | 69% | 15% |
| 2018 Results (Cohort 33) | 82% | 33% | 76% | 27% | 76% | 12% |

Science

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: our school 2019 **96 %**

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally 2019 **82 %**

Reading, Writing and Maths combined

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: our school 2019 **74 %**

Percentage of pupils working at greater depth: our school 2019 **30 %**

Key Stage 2 Results 2019

Number in Cohort – 39

| | Reading | | Maths | | GPAS | | Writing | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Achieved Expected Standard | Achieved High Scaled Score | Achieved Expected Standard | Achieved High Scaled Score | Achieved Expected Standard | Achieved High Scaled Score | Achieved Expected Standard | Working at Greater Depth |
| School | 82% | 46% | 92% | 33% | 92% | 64% | 87% | 28% |
| National | 73% | 27% | 79% | 27% | 78% | 36% | 79% | 20% |
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| 2018 Results (Cohort 38) | 89% | 50% | 92% | 18% | 89% | 55% | 84% | 26% |

National Standard = Scaled Score of 100 – 109 High Scaled Score = Scaled Score of 110 - 120

Science

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: our school 2019 **95 %**

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally 2018 **83 %**

Reading, Writing & Maths Attainment (combined)

| | Achieved National Standard in Reading, Writing & Maths | Achieved High Scaled Score in Reading & Maths & Working at Greater Depth in Writing |
|---------------------|--|---|
| School | 82% | 18% |
| National | 65% | 11% |
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| 2018 Results | 84% | 5% |

Progress from KS1 to KS2

| | Progress in Reading | Progress in Maths | Progress in Writing |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| School | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| 2018 Results | 0.5 | -0.2 | -1.5 |

Progress scores will be centred around 0, with most schools within the range of -5 to +5.

Average Scaled Score

| | Reading | Maths | GPAS |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Average Scaled Score | Average Scaled Score | Average Scaled Score |
| School | 108 | 108 | 111 |
| National | 104 | 105 | 106 |
| | | | |
| School - 2018 | 110 | 107 | 110 |

(Scaled Score of 100 is National Average)

Important Dates for 2019 – 2020

Key Stage 1 (Yr 2) Statutory Assessment Tests – May 2020

KS2 (Yr 6) Statutory Assessment Tests – Week Beginning Monday 11th May 2020

Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Test – Week Beginning Monday 8th June 2020

Parents Evenings

Appointments will open on Parent Mail, week commencing 21st October.