



Belmont Primary School Newsletter June 11th 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. I hope you all managed to have a pleasant break last week and take advantage, as best you could, of the wonderful weather!

It does look as though the warm sunshine could be with us for a while so perhaps it might be a good idea to ensure children attend school with an appropriate sun hat and also with sun protection cream applied as well as a full water bottle.

'Building Our Future' Programme

Our Year Five children have started engaging with a fantastic opportunity organised by Redcar and Cleveland which is a science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) programme looking at career opportunities within the local area. It will also give pupils the opportunity to meet and work with local employers and provide an insight into future local labour market requirements, introducing them to the range of exciting local occupations on their doorstep. Pupils will also learn and practice the essential employability skills needed to succeed in the world of work. We are the only school to be afforded this opportunity and we certainly feel it is a most worthwhile project. This week, the children received a visit from a representative of BAM construction discussing, amongst other things, the regeneration of Redcar Cinema. The children certainly brought a lot of thought, questions and responses to the session.

Sport

This week, Year Three and Year Four worked with the Cleveland School Sports Partnership participating in athletics here at the school (in their separate bubbles!). They certainly enjoyed the activities and many thanks to CSSP for coming over and working with us.

'Reading Plus'

As many of you will be aware, we have invested in a new programme to boost our pupil's reading in Key Stage Two called 'Reading Plus'. Your child should have brought home their username and password. In addition to the time spent in school, we are asking the children to spend half an hour of reading at home each week, although not necessarily in one 'sitting'. Some children are especially eager and are enjoying this initiative so much they are exceeding half an hour per week; this is fine! If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Parent Consultations

Next week, letters will be going home for you to book a Parent / Teacher Consultation meeting should you wish to have one. These will take the form of a five minute telephone conversation on either Monday 5th July or Wednesday 7th July.

Our Wonderful Pupils!

As mentioned above, we have had two 'sets' of visitors to the school this week and each of them made a point to speak with me about the impeccable manners and behaviour of our children, something which makes me incredibly proud. Of course, we know this already but for visitors to the school to notice and comment on it to me is fantastic. I would like to share with you an extract from the email sent to me from the 'Building Our Future' team:

Just wanted to say a huge thank you to you, the staff and of course Year 5, for making Mark and I feel so welcome today. The staff ensured that everything was well organised and ready for when we arrived and the children, well what can I say, they were amazing, so engaged and enthusiastic and asked lots of questions, which is always good! They also had some very interesting and unusual career thoughts including a palaeontologist, a phlebotomist and a food critic! Mark was particularly impressed also about their knowledge and interest in the Regent Cinema development in Redcar. They really are a credit to you and the school.

Not much more to say on that other than well done to Year Five (and it could apply to any of our year groups!).

Reminder...!

Just to remind you all, the school is closed to pupils on 25th June for the rearranged PD Day from earlier in the year.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. It's going to be a hot one!

With very best wishes,

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Gibson