

**JULY 2  
2018**

**BELMONT CASTLE ACADEMY  
NEWSLETTER**



**Dear Parents**

Before we break up for the Summer holidays, I wanted to reflect back on some of the many high points of this last 12 months and there have been many. It has been a fabulous year once more, with achievements in all aspects of our school life as you will see from the list below.

**Just a few of the many high points of this academic year:**

- ✦ Securing the Silver 'Diversity' award.
- ✦ Black History Month celebration.
- ✦ Year 5 'Somme' Trip.
- ✦ Christmas Fayre and also Summer Fete.
- ✦ Success at the Thurrock SSP sports awards winning in 3 categories.
- ✦ This year's KS1 and 2 SAT results which are amongst the best so far.
- ✦ The Phonics Screening Check results for both Year 1 and 2.
- ✦ The Cross-country team winning the Essex County Finals.
- ✦ The Cricket team coming 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Thurrock for only the second time.
- ✦ Group B football league champions.
- ✦ Key Steps Yr 1/2 Gymnastic team coming 5<sup>th</sup> in Essex as did the KS2 Squad.
- ✦ BCA winning the Indoor Athletics, Cross Country and District Athletics for the seventh consecutive year.
- ✦ KS1 children winning the Borough Olympics in the first year of the comp.
- ✦ Continued success of our Steel pan group and also School Choir.
- ✦ Success at the borough Performance Poetry competition with two 1<sup>st</sup> places.
- ✦ Mother's and Father's Day events with over 400 mums / 349 dads attending.
- ✦ The Waste Recycling competition with 7 winners from BCA.
- ✦ Year 5 CATs Performance and also Whole school Spring Concert
- ✦ Author Visit: Nick Butterworth and Gareth P Jones.
- ✦ Mr Smith awarded 'Governor of the year' at the Thurrock Teaching Awards.
- ✦ Spanish and Multicultural days.
- ✦ The number of charity events supported this year and particularly GOSH.



**Year 2 and 6 'Headline' SAT results**

Below is a breakdown of this year's end of Key Stage 1 and 2 tests as a percentage. Well done to all the children who have done so brilliantly and also to the teaching team who have prepared the children so well enabling many of our children to exceed expectations.



	KS1	BCA	Nat	Thurrock
Reading		80%	76.7%	75.5%
Writing		74.4%	72.2%	70%
Maths		83.7%	78.4%	76.1%



KS2 'AT'	BCA	Nat	Thurrock	KS2 'Exceeding'	BCA	Nat	Thurrock
Reading	78%	75%	75%	Reading	32%	25%	27%
Writing	77%	80%	78%	Writing	16%	23%	19%
Maths	79%	77%	75%	Maths	30%	24%	23%
GPS	79%	78%	78%	GPS	40%	35%	34%

## Belmont Castle Academy - 'Winners' of the 'District Sports Competition' for the seventh year!

It was another exciting finish to this year's District Sports competition, with BCA coming third on the track due to injuries and first in the field events with a fabulous 1<sup>st</sup> overall. In terms of medals we got 18 Gold medals, 8 silvers and 6 bronze. A very big thank you to all the staff who helped prepare the children, especially Mr Godfrey-Shaw, Mrs Bray and of course Mr Garcia. Once again, a great team effort all round.



## Infant and Junior Music Festivals

Another excellent performance from all our children who took part in both the Infant and Junior Music Festivals. I would particularly like to say a special well done to our Carmen group of singers, who in many respects stole the show with their brilliant singing. A big thankyou to both Mrs Farrow and Miss Trenery for organising these events.



## PTA Summer Fete - July 15<sup>th</sup>

What a fantastic atmosphere there was at this year's Summer Fete with everyone seeming to have a great time. Attendance was probably one of the best we have ever had; we even managed to run out of wristbands! I hope all of you who came along had a really good time. A huge thank-you not only to the PTA committee but also to the high number of staff who came along to support the event.



## Year 6 Production - Jungle Book

Well done to the Year 6 children for this year's production, the Jungle Book. I thought this was an excellent re-telling of this famous classic tale. The children did really well especially considering how little hall time they had to practise.



## Success at the Thurrock SSP Sports Awards

It was a very successful evening for BCA at this year's SSP awards evening. In total, we won three awards: 'KS1 School of the Year', 'KS2 Upper Team of the Year (this was for the Sportshall Athletics Team) and 'Runners up in the Thurrock SSP Medal table'. Congratulations to all the children who participated in any of the events and also to all the staff for helping to make it happen.



## Kwik Cricket Festival

Congratulations to our cricket team who came first in their group at the Kwik Cricket festival in Orsett beating, Warren, Giffards and Dilkes. This is the first time they have won this event. Tonight they will be playing against Dilkes, a really important game to decide who wins the 'Cup' competition this year. What a fabulous year it's been for sport at BCA with so much success.

## Final Words from myself and Ms Murthen...

**To our parents** - A huge thank you to all of you who have in some way supported our school during this last academic year and beyond. It's been a brilliant year for us as a school and we couldn't have done it without your help, support and encouragement along the way.





**To the pupils** - Well done children for another fantastic year, one in which you have helped our school to achieve so much success whether academically, in sport, music, art or in any other way. Farewell to our Year 6's who we will miss. Each and everyone of you should be very proud of your many achievements, not just this year, but throughout your time at BCA. We wish you luck in Secondary where you will continue to shine.

**To all our staff** - We feel very fortunate to have such a brilliant team here at BCA who provide so many wonderful opportunities for our children. We can't thank them enough for what they do 'day in and day out' through their hard work, commitment, passion and enthusiasm. A massive thank you to each and every one of them.



**Sept**

- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Non pupil day
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Non pupil day
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> **First day back for the pupils (end of school day - 3.10pm)**

**\*A reminder that from September we will be a paperless school. All letters and correspondence will be sent via email. Please make sure we have your current email address.**

**School Websites**

[www.belmontcastleacademy.org](http://www.belmontcastleacademy.org)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M Jones". The signature is stylized and cursive.

**M Jones Principal**