

WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 29 November 2024



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Message from Miss Taunt

Dear Families

It was great to see almost all our families at Parents Evening on Wednesday. It is really useful to share how your child is doing with you and so that you know the parts of their learning to celebrate and the next steps to success. If you weren't able to attend, your class teacher will be in touch to have a phone appointment or arrange a different meeting time. We know that when school and families work together children do better.

We are aware that it's the time of year when lots of children have colds and illnesses. Children can still come to school if they have a cold and it is fine to give them calpol or similar before they come to school. We will always contact you if your child is not well through the day. Please make sure your child is not missing school for any other reason than illness and medical appointments. We have lots of families who are travelling to see unwell relatives at present. This is unauthorised absence and you are likely to be fined by Hillingdon. Please arrange visits in the school holidays. We have over 100 children who's absence is less than 90%. That means over the school year they will miss nearly a half terms learning. This has a huge impact on how well they learn to read and write and use number and ultimately their life chances. If you are struggling with your child's attendance please email the office for a meeting and we will be very happy to arrange extra support.

Enjoy the INSET day off school today and see you all on Monday.

Rose Taunt, Head Teacher

Dates for this week

School and PSD clubs running all week

Monday

Y1 Space Experience Day

Tuesday

School Book Fair 3.20-3.45

Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday

School Book Fair 3.20-3.45

Thursday

8.35-9.30 Family Coffee Morning,

Non-uniform day for all

PTA Christmas Discos - tickets only

Friday

Celebration Assembly, Families invited to join from Years 5, 3 and 1

Y5 Anti-racism assembly

Avoid the rush at the school office

Our busy times are 8.30-9.30am and 3-3.30pm. It may be easier to email enquiries@belmore.school or phone or visit outside of these times.

Dates for your Diary

We want you to be part of our school

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in mind and body*

Autumn Term

New things that have been added this week will be highlighted yellow.



Month	Date	Time	Event
December	Tuesday 10th December	10 am	Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Assembly
	Wednesday 11 December	8.35-9.30	Meet the new SENDCo Coffee Morning
	Wednesday 11 December		Choir Singling at Yeading Library
	Wednesday 11 December	2pm	Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Assembly
	Friday 13th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
	Monday 16th December		Y1 RE Trip to Hayes Methodist Church
	Wednesday 18th December	10.30 & 2.30pm	Reception and Nursery Christmas Sing-along
	Wednesday 18th December		Y2 Guy Fawkes Workshop
	Thursday 19th December	9am	KS1 Pupil of the Term Assembly—by invite only
	Thursday 19th December	2-5pm	Y4 Aladdin Pantomime trip
	Friday 20th December	9am	KS2 Pupil of the Term Assembly—by invite only
	Friday 20th December	1.30	Finish for the Christmas Holidays
	January	Wednesday 8th January	8.35

Key Dates for 2025

March	Thursday 20th March	1pm onwards	Early Finish for Parents Evening
June	Thursday 12th June	Sports Day	Morning - Years 6 & 4 Afternoon - Years 1 & 2
June	Friday 13th June	Sports Day	Morning - Years 5 & 3 Afternoon - Reception
June	Friday 20th June	Sports Day	Morning - Nursery Afternoon - SEND Hub
July	Tuesday 1st July	4-6pm	Open Evening for existing parents to come in and see children's work, chat informally to teachers and visit their new classes

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attend today, Achieve tomorrow
Every day counts!

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If your child is unable to attend school for any reason it is important that you phone the school **before 8am** on the first day of absence and leave a message on the absence line **by calling 01895 462364** and choose option 1.

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes **Until...**

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scarlet	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Cold, flu and cough	Stomach flu
Head lice	Shingles
Throat issues	Strep throat

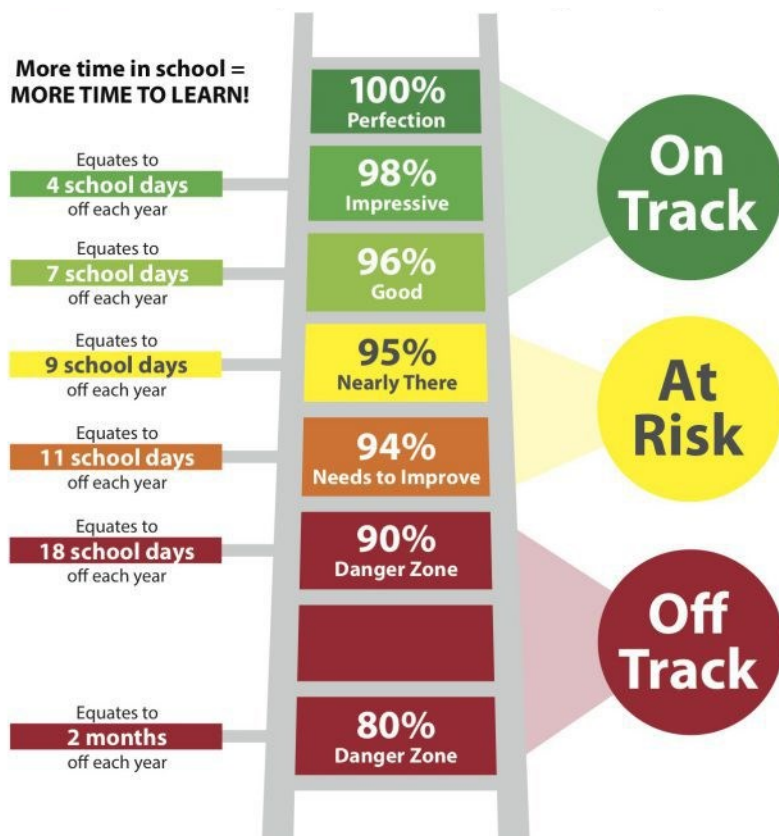
Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-in-schools>

SCAN ME

Number of children who had 100% attendance this week:

401

Well done to those families!



For every day your child is absent from school, **over 6 hours** of instructional time is lost.

Attendance WC 25/11/24

Class	Attendance
NAM	86%
NPM	74%
ALL DAY	94%
RCW	86%
RW	96%
RMR	90%
1Q	95%
1R	92%
1O	90%
2H	93%
2E	94%
2D	94%
3H	81%
3R	77%
3B	77%
4CH	85%
4CL	87%
4Q	89%
5L	90%
5M	86%
5F	96%
6F	97%
6T	94%
6L	93%

This week's whole school attendance

90%

Our target is more than 95%

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

We are **RESILIENT** and
learn from our mistakes

We are getting more and more children who are using online games and social media inappropriately. Make sure you have the right information to keep your child safe online.

Snapchat has a minimum age of 13 meaning that it is not safe for children at primary school to use.

NSPCC

Click here
for more
info from
the NSPCC

[Zoom in to read and find out more information about keeping safe online on our website—here](#)

Snapchat
Privacy & safety checklist



Click here for instructions about keeping your child safe on Snapchat

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

SNAP STREAK

97

DAYS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight' which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>

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Please let us know if there are any concerns regarding bullying online so that we can support children in school. As parents, it is your responsibility to monitor and check children's usage and devices.

Introducing Class Dojo

We use Class Dojo in school to give Dojo Points when children are showing they are following the school rules and values.

To further support behaviour in school and communication with parents, we would like to invite you to sign up to ClassDojo.

Using ClassDojo you will be able to:

- ⇒ see how many Dojo points your child is achieving and for what, this is linked to our school values and rules
- ⇒ communicate with the class teacher
- ⇒ receive reminders and updates from school
- ⇒ translate messages into your preferred language



There are clear guidelines and expectations around using ClassDojo

This is a positive learning platform. Please use it positively. If you have any concerns, please message the class teacher privately. Any negative comments or posts will be removed.

Teachers will respond to messages within 2 working days, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8am to 4.30pm. Please remember that teachers priority is to teach children. For any more urgent concerns please email or call the school office: enquiries@belmore.school. Any rude or offensive messages to staff will not be tolerated and will lead to you being removed from Class Dojo.

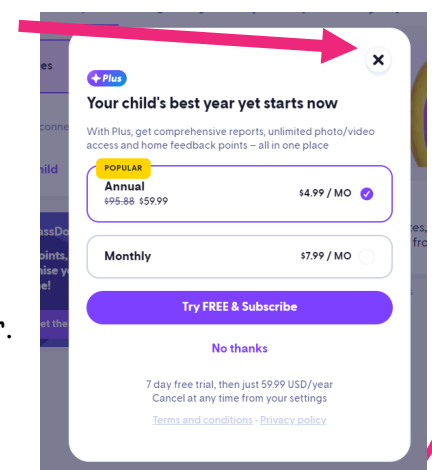
To sign up to ClassDojo please use this link and follow instructions to join the correct class:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=5b5204e3e33a9c0010dee035>

There will be an advert to pay money to sign up. You do not need to pay to sign up. It is a free app. Just click on the x here

To learn more about ClassDojo, please follow these links: www.classdojo.com/learnmore www.classdojo.com/privacycenter

If there are any technical issues or if you require assistance with the platform, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. We are here to support you and ensure that your experience with ClassDojo is a positive one.



Parent Feedback


*We will be ACTIVE
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We are a school who is constantly improving to make sure we give all our children the very best education. As part of our very well attended Family information session two weeks ago we had some really useful questions and feedback which we have summarised below. We will be holding a follow up meeting in the Spring.

You said...	We will...
Will reading books be sent home? What are the expectations for reading at home?	Families in KS1 and Reception will have received a letter about this. Please make sure you always return reading books on a Monday as we need to use them in school during the week. We are currently setting up a better library system for all children so they regularly bring home books.. We will send out more information about how to support your child reading at home at the start of next term.
I need a space at breakfast club Is there an after school club?	We currently have a waiting list for breakfast club, please email enquiries@belmore.school if you would like to be added to the waiting list. We will be consulting about starting a paid after-school club in the near future
There isn't enough homework Homework isn't marked I like to understand more about homework?	We will be working on a new homework policy in the spring and will want input from families. Look out for a survey next term.
How do I join Class Dojo? Can we message the SENDCo on Dojo?	Make sure you have signed up to see your child's Dojo points and to be able to message the class teacher. More information on page 5. If you have need to message the SENDCo please continue to do so through the school email enquiries@belmore.school so that we don't miss important communication.
How do you support children so they aren't disturbed by disruptions in class?	Our new behaviour policy is robust in the way we support children showing disruptive/challenging behaviour. You can read our behaviour policy here . If you or your child is worried about behaviour please speak to your child's Year Group Leader in the first instance or email the school office.
I am worried about a bullying incident	It is really important you speak to your class teacher or Year Group Leader about any concerns you have around bullying or email the school office on enquiries@belmore.school . We will ensure we act quickly to make sure any child who feels they are being bullied is supported and that incidents of bullying are dealt with.
We are worried about the traffic/parking outside school	We are working with the local council about how we can make the roads around our school safer. If you have any concerns please email the local council on transportstrategy@hillingdon.gov.uk The more people who complain, the more likely change will happen.
We want to know more about creativity and critical thinking in school	We will look at running a parent workshop on this in the future.

PARENTS & FAMILIES

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COME ALONG TO OUR


Pastoral Coffee Morning



Come along and meet the team; have a chat and get advice on what support is available for you

EVERY THURSDAY
After Drop Off
Entry through the front office

Pre-loved uniform available on the day









SENCO

Special Educational Needs Coordination

COFFEE MORNING

MEET OUR NEW SENCO

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER
9AM
KS1 HALL

*Refreshments will be available and
we look forward to seeing you there!*



Hillingdon Family Hubs and Children's Centres

Online Sessions September-December 2024

These are available through Microsoft Teams contact your local Children's Centre for more information and to book sessions

Be Inspired a 6-week programme for parents/carers to develop their self-confidence and communication

- Wednesday November 6, 13, 20 27 and December 4, 11 1.30pm to 3pm

Behaviour Strategy a one-hour workshop to support parents/carers to manage family life and challenging behaviours

- Wednesday 9 October 10am to 11am
- Monday 11 November 6pm to 7pm

Brush For Life and Bottle to Cup a one-hour workshop to support children from the age of 1 year to use open cups

- Tuesday 12 November 10am to 11am

Ducklings a 4-week course to support parents who have a child who is newly diagnosed with autism spectrum condition or is awaiting an assessment with the Child Development Centre

- Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 September 7pm to 8.30pm
- Wednesday 9 October, Thursday 10 October, Wednesday 16 October and Thursday 17 October 1.30pm to 3pm

Fussy Eating a workshop to encourage positive mealtimes

- Tuesday 22 October 10am to 11am
- Thursday 7 November 1.30pm to 2.30pm
- Wednesday 27 November 2pm to 3pm

Transition for children under 2 years old

- Thursday 17 October 10.30am to 11.30am

for children over 2 years old

- Monday 4 November 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Sleep Matters a workshop to promote positive bedtimes


- Friday 27 September 10am to 11am

Toilet Training a workshop to support your child to use the toilet independently

- Wednesday 4 September 10am to 11am
- Wednesday 11 September 6.30pm to 7.30pm
- Wednesday 23 October 10am to 11am
- Friday 1 November 11.15am to 12.15pm
- Friday 13 December 10.30am to 11.30am



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READING MATTERS

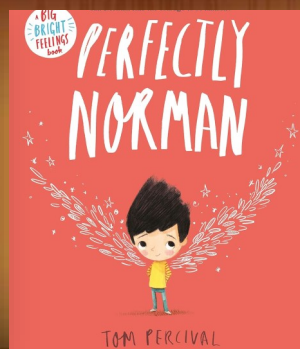
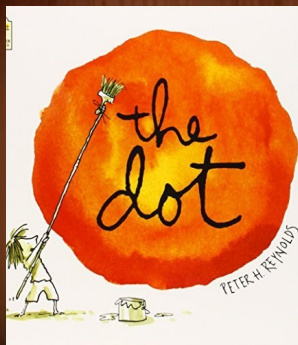
Books build a stairway to your imagination

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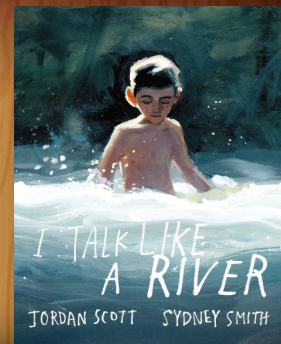
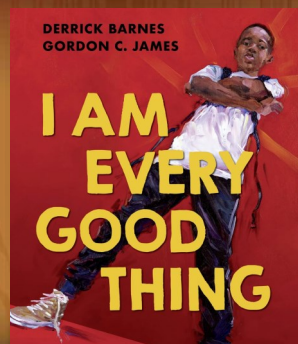
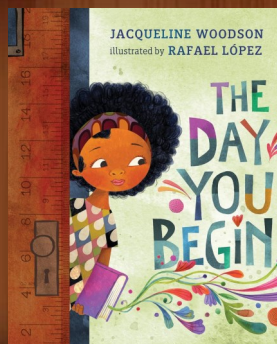
November's books are all linked to positivity and developing a positive mindset. On 25th November, Belmore will be taking part in a whole school Positive Noticing Day where all staff, children and families will make an extra effort to notice the positive things about one another—and tell them. Our Belmore behaviour policy is rooted in positive reinforcement and we know just how important it feels to (children and adults alike) when people notice something positive about us!

November 2024 Recommended Reads

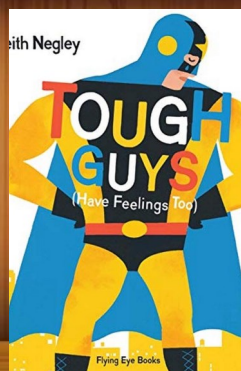
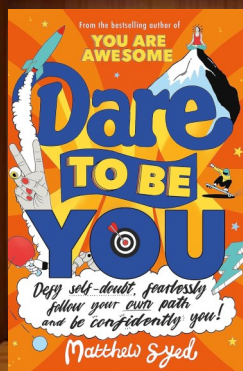
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KS1



KS2



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

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Please use recycling bin by the front gate. Please bag up your unwanted clothes and put them in the bin to **raise money** for the



Local Businesses are supporting Belmore!

Thank you to [The Flower Lady](#) on Yeading Lane for our lovely new finger puppets. The children love them!



Do you own a business or know someone who does. Would you like a weekly advert on our newsletter plus mentions on our Facebook and Social Media pages? Just buy something from our Wish list below, put your business name on the order and email the office details of your business and we'll put it on this page every week until Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who has bought from our Amazon wishlist. We have added lots of new items. Simply click and buy from the list and they will be sent directly to school. Please make sure you put your name when buying for us so we can be sure to thank you. [Click here to see our list.](#)



Highlights from our Social Media Pages


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Belmore Primary School
Posted by Instagram
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Children busy at some of our after school clubs this afternoon - board games, pottery and maths booster

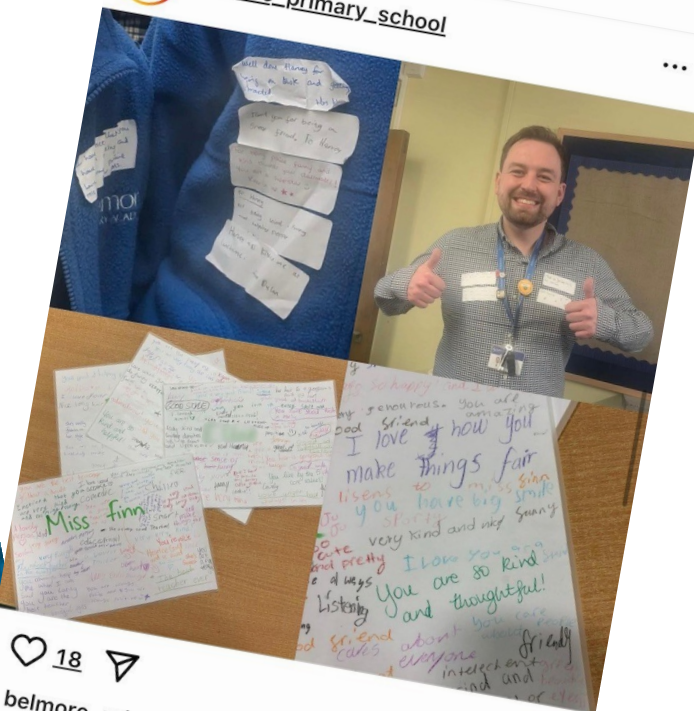


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❤️ 18 📌

belmore_primary_school Today was our Positive Noticing Day where we all took time to notice the great things about each other and write them on stickers. We felt good about all the positive things people noticed about us and also in noticing how brilliant our friends and teachers are at Belmore.

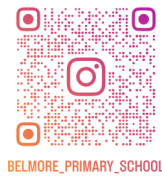
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❤️ 24 📌

belmore_primary_school We're so lucky to have such dedicated staff who come in on a Saturday to sort out, clear up and make our school a better place to be.



SCAN ME

We blur children's faces to respect children's privacy on social media.