

Belton C of E Primary  
School  
Summer Term  
**Newsletter 11**  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

### BeSKiLD News

On Monday Mrs de Looze went to a collaborative trust day where the 6 heads worked together to review this year's work and plan for next year. We have had a full and exciting year which has benefitted staff, governors and importantly our children who have been offered the chance to compete, push themselves to the limit physically, create stories, solve problems, become archaeologist, dress up work as part of a team, make new friends and visit new places, and that is just a fraction of the opportunities! Almost all our children have been involved in one activity or another and by the end of next year all our children will have been involved in an activity.

### Cinderella

On Wednesday after school Mr White's theatrical dance club put on the pantomime for parents and family of his club. The pantomime was Cinderella and all the actors did an excellent job and the audience were called on to participate loudly in the panto spirit! ..... *Oh no they didn't!*

### 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Day

Yesterday was Sports day and the whole school participated in a variety of races: running a variety of distances, novelty races and obstacle races. There was great cheering for the Mothers' race, won by Jo Hancock and for the Fathers' race, won by Mark Lott and we were pleased to see Cole Thomas win the pre-school children's race, closely followed by Alfie Warman and Theo Coppard.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this annual event.

### Minibeast Safari

On Wednesday we had a day of a different kind - a Minibeast Safari! We were able to see and touch some amazing creatures including cockroaches, millipedes, a corn snake, various stick insects a tarantula, a boa constrictor, a very large snail and a beautiful gekko.



# House Afternoon

On Tuesday we had another house afternoon which is a really popular event at school.

We all enjoyed working with children from different classes to usual.

## **Beech - chosen country - Jamaica**

We looked at Jamaican cookery and found a recipe for Jamaican Rock cakes. We investigated where the ingredients came from. We made and baked our rock cakes and then decorated a take home box for them in the colours of the Jamaican flag – Black, gold and Green.

## **Ash - chosen country - France**

We worked in 3's and talked about French food. We baked quiches and tasted a selection of French cheeses including Brie and Camembert, and croissants and petit pain. We then made models of the Eiffel Tower.

## **Willow - chosen country - Brazil**

We worked as excellent team players building bridges across the Amazon River! WE all had £100 to spend on certain materials and had to make tough decisions about the design and how to buy and use the materials economically. *"We still had money left, but not enough to re-design our bridge! So we learnt that planning had to be very precise."* *"It was very challenging, but fun!"*

## **Oak - chosen country - England**

We looked at the Olympics and Team GB and watched some of the 2012 opening ceremony. We set up a mini Olympics and held relay races and built an obstacle course. We made medals and an Olympic torch and then staged a medal presentation ceremony.



Last Friday the children who have singing lessons with Alice Styles put on a concert in the Bears classroom. The children sang a range of songs and it was a real pleasure to see how confident they were in front of quite a large audience and the progress they have made over the year.

Alice will be resuming her singing tuition next year from September. If you would like your child to take part please contact Alice direct on 07903269332.



## Governor News

Yesterday evening there was a full governors meeting in school which started with presentations from the staff and concluded with a review of the year and planning for the next year. The governors perform a vital role in the school but it is largely unseen. They set the strategic direction of the school and as you can imagine preparing for Year 6 in September 2017 and the associated increase in school size is high on the agenda. Please look at the updated governor pages on our website. They can be contacted either by email through the office at [office@belton.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@belton.leics.sch.uk) or informally if you catch them school.

**Samba drumming has been rescheduled for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July we are all looking forward to that. This is a whole school event.**

## Coming up

**Next week is all about moving - physically moving classrooms and children moving up into them. We also have induction for our year 5 children who will be going to Shepshed High School or Castle Donington College. It really does not seem 5 minutes since I taught them in Reception let alone 5 years!**

Mr Parrott is coming into school to talk to parents about Shepshed High School and the future. If anyone would like to talk with him he will be in school from 3.30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Shepshed High School and Hind Leys are undergoing many changes as they hope to become one through school for Years 7 – 13 from 2017. Please look at their website for details of a consultation taking place at this time.

## Loughborough Children's Choir open afternoon

Come and learn some fun songs, meet the choir  
and find out more! Age 7+ ~ no audition.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016

4.45 – 6.15pm



All Saints with Holy Trinity  
LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

Loughborough Parish Church, LE11 1LP

More info at: [Loughchoir.co.uk](http://Loughchoir.co.uk) /  
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LCC is a  
**DioSing!**  
Area Choir  
Directed by  
Emma Trounson



The following week we will be having a **whole school picnic on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July** with no school lunches on this day and a **seaside special lunch on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. There will be more details next week.

## Drawing Club

There will be no more  
afterschool  
drawing club  
this term.

Mike Muller will be continuing with guitar tuition next year so again if you would like your child to take part in this please contact Mike direct on 01509 821093 to arrange this.