



School Attendance=93.5% National Attendance=96% Persistent Absence = 9%

Here's an odd way to begin a school newsletter, but it is the best way that I can describe how I am feeling. The picture of the National Theatre on the South Bank in London, (one of my favourite buildings in the world), built in the late 1950's and early 1960's is a brilliant example of **Brutalism architecture**, which is a mid-20th-century architectural style known for massive, blocky forms, raw concrete (béton brut) and exposed structural elements, **emphasizing function and material honesty**.



This is exactly how the children reacted to me when I returned to school this week following the death of my father. *"Is your dad dead?"* was the common and functional question and "yes" was my honest reply. If only life was so simple. I love children when they are so direct with their interpretations and questions! Most of these conversations ended with a hug, a smile and *"we missed you Mr. Dax."* Returning to school this week to be with the children, my colleagues and the kindness of parents, has been the perfect tonic for me and I am forever grateful. Thank you. Mr Dax

Assembly Theme

I often spoke to the children about my father in assemblies when we discussed themes that linked to our Life Skills Learning such as grief, illness, memory, kindness and families. Making links to real life people and situations is so important to support our teaching because it makes the learning immediate and present for the children. This allows them to understand the human characteristics that link us all and make us better citizens.



Mr Parkinson (Mr P) has half a million followers on Facebook and various social media channels because he is a teacher working every day in the school state system. He is brutally honest about the teaching profession and the ups and downs of teacher life. Not all teachers agree with everything that he says, but he will always provide a realistic view of government educational policies as well as trying to find the humorous side to this noble profession. Well worth a look.

After School Clubs

Spring term after school clubs are now available. We cannot always fulfil every age and every taste, but we can keep the cost to a minimum which is something that other clubs and companies do not.



The first **Coalville Theatre Festival** takes place in June 2026 and Belvoirdale will be contributing their KS2 summer show: ***A Midsummer Night's Dream.*** Mr Dax will give more information soon.

£200 Million to support training for SEND

The government announced £200 million for SEND teacher training last week and as we all await the government's SEND white paper, the Department for Education (DfE) has announced that the money would "upskill all staff in every school, college and nursery". The government's SEND code of practice will also be updated as the government strives to increase inclusion in mainstream schools in a bid to tackle the SEND crisis. What has been obvious to everyone at Belvoirdale over recent years is the extra demands on teachers to deepen their knowledge of how to adapt their teaching to meet a wide range of needs. Training will also be used for pupils with speech and language needs and visual impairments; all of which we are proud to be doing already. However, what is important to remember that we have to constantly adapt and rethink our ways of working to help all students.



Ladybird: Wiktor S & Evie-Rosie R
 Bumblebee: Theo W & Aoife P
 Acorn: Elijah S
 Cherry: Gracie W & Nali M
 Palm: Ameya J & Lena T
 Oak: Albie B & Darius F
 Chestnut: Noah C & Alexander C

Cedar: Klae W & Nacy W
 Apple: John Christopher DM & Sophie H
 Birch: Hannah S & Harley JT
 Maple: Olivia B & Jason D
 Rowan: Eva S & Casey M
 Juniper: Ivy K & Bam S
 Hazel: Lily Mc & Maja D



Kindness is never wasted and needed more than ever!

Social Prescribing[®]

Link Worker Service

Non-medical health professionals to link you to local groups and services

Together, we will identify what matters most to you and link you in with those services. Such as:

Carer Strain	Learning Difficulty
Hoarding	Loneliness
Hobbies	Finances
Bereavement	Education

North West Leicestershire

Call us on **01530 831645**

Scan the QR code for a Referral Form

 

A **Social Prescriber** is a qualified help worker who is available to advise and direct you to the best service. Belvoirdale has campaigned to get direct access to this NHS group and have met NHS England over recent months to secure more support for local schools. PLEASE ask in school for help and advice, or to be referred (name and address on a simple form) and this confidential and private service will help and support you.

The aim of our role is to help you improve your health, wellbeing and independence .

We can provide you with a helping hand to achieve your social needs. We can help you access a wide range of support services provided by the NHS, County Council, or Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE)

Who is it for?

- Individuals and Families
- Parents, carers and guardians
- People looking to improve wellbeing
- Find out what is available in the area

How we can support you

- One-to-one basis
- With Families
- Telephone call
- Appointment at your GP Surgery
- Community Visits

FEBRUARY	
Mon 9th	National Children Mental Health week
Tues 10th	Internet Safety Day
Thurs 12th	FAB FINISH
Fri 13th	DOJO CELEBRATION
Fri 13th	Non-Uniform Day
HALF TERM 16th to 20th FEBRUARY	
MARCH	
Weds 4th	Parents' Evening
Thurs 5th	Parents' Evening
Thurs 5th	World Book Day
Weds 11th	Whitemoor Lakes Year 6 (11-13)
Weds 11th	Mother's Day Gift Sale: EYFS/KS1
Thurs 12th	Mother's Day Gift Sale: KS2
Mon 16th	Raffle Ticket sale begins
Weds 18th	National Child Exploitation Awareness Day
Weds 18th	Moderation Collab 360
Fri 20th	COMIC RELIEF
Fri 20th	Non-Uniform: Donate an egg
Mon 23rd	Last week school clubs
Mon 23rd	Egg Decoration: KS2
Tues 24th	Easter service: EYFS/KS1: 9:30am
Weds 24 th	Easter service: KS2: 9:30am
Thurs 26th	EASTER BONNET: EYFS/KS1
Thurs 26th	FAB FINISH
Fri 27th	DOJO CELEBRATION
Fri 27th	Non-Uniform Day
EASTER	



**NO SMOKING
VAPING
Anywhere on
school grounds**

**At the request of many
Leicester City supporters, I have promised
not to mention the 2-1 defeat
to Coventry City last week.**

Far be it from me to rub salt into open and on-going wounds and therefore I will not mention the stunning and devastating defeat of Leicester city by the mighty Coventry City. Love from Mr Dax