



The Best of Belmont

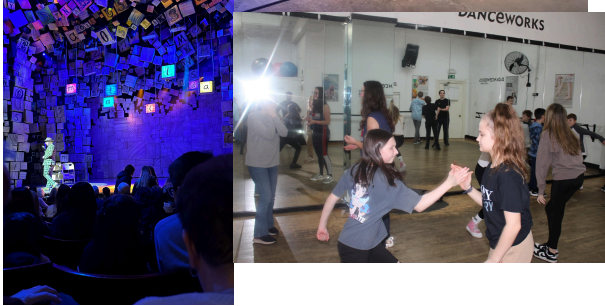
Welcome to the half term 4 newsletter: celebrating the fantastic students at Belmont Community School.



Performing Arts trip to London:

At the end of February, staff and 52 students set off for our annual 3 day Performing Arts trip to London.

Among the many amazing experiences the students were able to participate in was: a performance of Mrs Doubtfire at Shaftesbury Theatre; an expiration at the National Theatre on the Southbank; a stage combat workshop based on the play of Matilda (students were taught various stage combat techniques by the two professional fight directors including how to do a stage slap and arm lock!); a performance of Matilda the Musical; a full day exploring at the Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio tour! The events were packed with experiences and opportunities to see the many careers available to people interested in the Arts. It really was an incredible opportunity for everyone involved!



International Women's Day

Sixteen Year 10 students were invited to County Hall to an event hosted by Leader of the Council, Cllr Amanda Hopgood and corporate director for regeneration, economy, and growth Amy Harhoff. The girls were given the chance to have discussions with staff and seek advice about achieving their dreams.

Cllr Hopgood said: "International Women's Day is held every year to celebrate the achievements of women throughout history and promote an equal world now and for the future. This year's theme is 'Inspire Inclusion' - promoting the inclusion of women and girls".

Louise Langmead added: "I learned to never give up and always try even if you think you can't do it."



Cadets:

Four of our Cadets have recently completed and passed their recruits test, this means they are now 1 Star Training. These Cadets are: Eddie Davies, William Walker, Hayden Robinson and Josh Balmer. Additionally Eddie Davies has been promoted from Cadet to Lance Corporal due to him showing leadership qualities during parade nights. Congratulations to all four students!

Year 10 local church tour:

The RS Year 10 GCSE class went on a series of trips to local churches to analyse the differences in the denominations. They had some prepared questions and had some on the spot debate. A thoroughly insightful opportunity!



Congratulations to Year 9 student Jack Layton, who won the Rotary Club creative writing competition. Jack submitted a poem on the theme of 'Rebuilding' and will now be advancing into the next round of the competition.





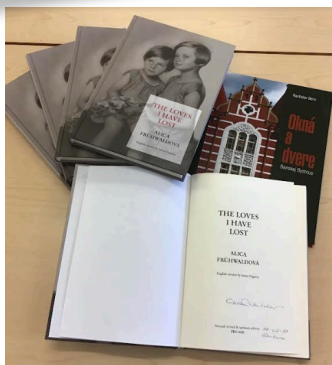
Durham Global Schools:

A Durham University student presented to a group of students about the geography of Delaware, USA, and discussed why she chose Durham as a place to study.



Mock Trial competition:

The Mock Trial competition is organised by the Young Citizens charity to help students kick start a career in law. Our team has been working hard to prepare for the magistrates trial competition since October. Miss Bloomfield said: "The students were brilliant and some students took on two roles at the last minute showing great flexibility."



Durham Global Week - Alica Fruhwaldova talks: Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to listen to Alica Fruhwaldova share the story of her Jewish family's bravery and courage, defying the odds to survive World War II. Students said that it was 'even more emotionally affecting than I thought it would be' and that they had 'huge respect for Alica,' who can tell such a sad, personal story so often.

MFL Language Detectives:

Our 12 Language Detectives enjoyed a day at Durham University where they were shown around Josephine Butler college and given a taste of college life. They also took part in a French escape room challenge and studied a French film. They even got to learn a little bit of Russian!

Red Nose Day:

Well done to all of the students and staff for raising a huge amount of money, through non-uniform day. Over £500!

Futsal success: A huge well done to our Y9 girls who are now back-to-back County Futsal Champions! Beating Woodham 8-4 in the Semi Final and St Joseph's 11-6 in the final. A great team effort with Oliiviagrance Taylorson our player of the match.



House Competitions update

Activities the students have been taking part in this half term:

Blooket Battle Royale
Readathon
Indoor Cricket
Science Poster Competition

Current totals:

1st - Durham (391)
2nd - Lumley (354)
3rd - Auckland (352)
4th - Barnard (259)

A teaser for next time...

- The NGL demolition visit
- Global Week!