



Belmont Community School

July 2014

App-solutely Fabulous!

Winners of Future Business Magnates 2014

Our team of year 8 Business Magnates were named winners of the prestigious Future Business Magnates 2014 regional competition on Friday 4th July, beating 23 Durham secondary schools.

Future Business Magnates is a fun competition with an important business message and opportunity for schools. The competition is made up of various challenges that are designed to help each school team create and run a business. The competition culminates in a presentation and Awards Dinner, held at the Excel Centre, Newton Aycliffe, where the winners were announced.

Our Business Magnates Team consisted of Mark Brennan-Collins, Tayla Burns, Sophie Chambers, Josh Edwards, Harvey Hall, Savannah Lloyd, Charlotte Lowther, Liam Twist, Ms Clark, Mrs Latta and Mr Stirrup, Finance Director from Waterstones. We were very pleased to be partnered with Waterstons, a local Business and IT consultancy.

This competition allowed our students to showcase their creative talents with their product Quarte2Stop, an anti-cyberbullying app. They learned about the world of business by building their own business, DVelap. Judges are currently investigating the possibility of funding the production of the App to make the teams dream into a reality!



Matthew Highley receives the Diana Award

Matthew, one of our year 9 students, was recently presented with the Diana Award for being a Champion Volunteer. The Diana Award is given to young people who have invested a huge amount of energy to improve the lives of others. Mr Jones, Assistant Headteacher, nominated Matthew.

Matthew and his auntie travelled to London for the Award Ceremony where Matthew was presented with a certificate and medal.



Matthew gives up a lot of his own time to help out with his family and look after his older brother who has Down's Syndrome. Matthew is very patient with him and spends a lot of time helping his brother. Combined with this Matthew gives up a lot of his own time after school, during school holidays and weekends to help out with a community organisation working with young people with a wide range of disabilities. He has recently come back from a residential visit with these young people. This visit has enabled the young people to participate in activities that they would not normally be able to do so.

Finalists for Best School in the Community

Our School was one of three schools who reached the final of the Journal and Gazette School Awards 2014. A group of students and Mr McMahon attended an awards ceremony at Ramside Hall in July. We were shortlisted for going above and beyond the call of duty working closely with The Bridge Young Carers to achieve the County Durham Young Carers Charter Status. The process has seen Mr McMahon and our students support one another and achieve outstanding recommendation in the community. Students Katie Hirst, Caitlin McGranaghan, Aidan Weatherburn and Emma Louise Winstanley made a presentation regarding the work of the school.



Miss Crozier gets published!

Miss Crozier, stimulated recently by her own English lesson and inspired by a statue in her home town of Whickham, has successfully had her poem “Jack” published in “Candlelit Thoughts”.



Summer Fair

The Campus Summer Fair was, once again, a great local event. Friends of Belmont would like to say a big thank you to stall holders, students, parents, staff and all of those who made the day a success. £2,310 was raised, which was divided between the 3 schools.

Looking forward to the Christmas Fair on 29th November !!

High School Musical 2

The curtain closed on another fantastic Belmont School Production. Well done to all the students and staff, both front of house and back stage, who made this a wonderful performance. Thank you to all the family and friends who came to support the event.

We cannot wait to get started on our Christmas Panto—Cinderella Gets Her Fella!!



Transition Activities

Thanks to all of our local primary schools who have visited us as part of our ongoing transition process.

Activities have included a brilliant Butterflies and Beasts Mono Print Workshop with Pitington Primary and Laurel Avenue Primary.



Year 5's from Pitington Primary, Cheveley Park Primary and Belmont C of E Juniors took part in our Maths Challenge. Teams worked together on various activities, including a poster competition "Mathematics within the Brazil 2014 World Cup" where points were awarded for both presentation and general mathematical content.



Year 6 students participated in 2 days in school as part of their transition programme. They learned to work together with their new form members and tutors. Pupils had lessons in Maths, English, Art, History, Music and ICT and were looked after during the day by our Student Transition Team lead by senior prefects.



Students from Laurel Avenue, Gillesgate and Belmont C of E Juniors attended our Enterprise Day . We had over 100 year 3 and 4 students in the morning, and over 100 year 5 and 6 students in the afternoon. Students were greeted by Batman and Spiderman, and taken over to the Performing Arts department for the Superhero Challenge.

Students took part in team building challenges, such as building the tallest tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. They had to create their own unique superhero, and present their ideas.



MacMillan and Family Action Charity Apprentice Winners

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students set themselves a challenge to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support by entering the Young Carers Apprentice Challenge. We were issued with £5 and through students' creativity and innovation had to turn the £5 into as much money as they could for Macmillan Cancer Support. The £5 was used to print letters to parents and sponsor forms. After consulting with students it was decided that a fun run and a sponsored spell would be the ideal activities - catering for all students.

The sponsored spell was a success in Y7 and Y8 as was the fun run, pictured here, with students dressing up to do laps of the school track.

Y10 also paid £1 to go in non-uniform on an external visit.

Between the three events, so far we have raised £1,851, which has made us the winning team beating companies such as Rolls Royce!!



Physicist of the Year Award

Mrs Ryder had the pleasure of accompanying Emma Ross to the Durham University Physicist of the Year Award in June. During the evening we enjoyed demonstrations and interactive activities together with an opportunity to meet Durham University staff and students.

Following this we enjoyed a brief talk by Dr Pete Edwards & Dr Lorraine Coghill from Durham University before the official presentation of awards by Tim Simmons from The Ogden Trust

Emma, pictured here receiving her award, is an outstanding science student and a worthy recipient of the award for Belmont. Well done.



Hockey Star



Congratulations to Jonathan Vickers on reaching Junior Regional Performance Centre level at hockey. Jonathan plays as goalkeeper for Durham City Hockey Club and he will be representing the north-east at trials for England hockey later in the year!

Hattie Keane visits Belmont

As part of her Inspire The Kids tour Hattie visited our school to talk to students about the downside of drugs and alcohol. She performed a few songs and even got some of our students to join her. Students in years 7 and year 10 Expressive Arts students really enjoyed the performance.



Their War, Our History

Belmont & District WW1 Project



2014-2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the First World War. Our Project plans to hold small and large scale events, projects, dedications and activities to include all members of the community in Belmont, Carrville, Gilesgate Moor, Sherburn Road and Sunderland Road. If you would like to be involved in this Project by volunteering at events, offering information, advice or resources, personal stories, family memoirs etc. please get in touch.

First Shots Friday 18th July 7.30-9.30pm

Belmont Parish Hall (St. Mary Magdalene Church)

Everyone is welcome to this free evening with talks from David Butler and Steve Shannon followed by music and songs from the era. Drinks, snacks and Tea & Coffee will be available.



Lights Out Evening Monday 4th August 7.30-11.00pm

Belmont Community Centre, Sunderland Road



Please join us to create a unique National moment for the United Kingdom and The Royal British Legion. The evening will include light entertainment, supper, raffle, drinks, children's activities and information stands – everyone welcome. For Free tickets please contact Erika Denholm.

Summer Community Day Sunday 24th August 1.00-4.30pm

Belmont Community Centre/Moor Field, Sunderland Road

A day for all the family to commemorate the local men, women and children from our community who lived, worked and fought in WW1

Café – Information Stands – WW1 Resources – Art & Craft Stalls –

Games – Competitions – Birds of Prey Display – Punch & Judy.

Lots on offer for all of the family. Please come along and support our project.



For more information on the 'Their War, Our History' Project or our planned events please contact Erika Denholm, WW1 Project Officer on 07743 246 803 / 01913751252 or email: erika0176@yahoo.co.uk

Youth Service

The Youth Service have continued their great work with many of our students. This term they have helped student groups gain keyfund grants for activities such as paintballing, a weekend in Blackpool and visit to see North East Live at the Stadium of Light



Laurel Avenue Girls Group took part in the midnight walk to raise money for St Cuthbert's Hospice.



Congratulations to our students who worked very hard to gain their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. It was great to see families, Governors, Councillors and staff at the Summer Teatime Celebration Event where students were presented with their awards.

School re-opens to students on Wednesday 3rd September.

Gates open at 8:15am, school starts at 8:30am

Have a great summer !!



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