

# Hello BELMONT



We asked a few Belmont boys and girls to tell us if and why they liked Belmont. This is what they said...

"There is nice play equipment but sadly I can't use it because I am an infant not a junior. I would like some equipment. The maths are a bit easy. My favourite school out of Belmont and Hogarth is Belmont because we get to do more work so learn more."

Olivia 6 Y2

Harry L 7 Y3

"I like Belmont because we get to do swimming. The teachers really help you. I also enjoy guided reading. It is fun!"

Daniel 9 Y4

"My favourite trip is when we went to St Albans because we could see real armour and weapons. I would add some free time every day but enrichment should stay the same."

"I like Belmont because the teachers teach us how to respect other people with religions and without. When you lose 5 minutes I would at least like to have 3 warnings."

Manon 9 Y4

"I like Belmont because there is good equipment. The teachers really push you to your best and that really helps me learn."

Archie 9 Y4

"In lessons teachers always add jokes. The workshops are great because they always include fun and facts. I would change the 5 minute rule to just a telling-off."

Adena 9 Y4

Ella Sophia 8 Y4

"In Belmont there are good workshops especially the Viking one. They're like you're really in the Viking times. I would add more variety of food. I would also like to be able to visit other playgrounds so that I can see my sister."

"There are really friendly people and no

Felix 9 Y5

"I like Belmont because we can do competitions and fun sport."

Teo 9 Y5

"Clubs are fun with nice teachers. We also get the opportunity to be House Captain and School Counsellor."

Tom 10 Y6

# Profile: Mr Martin

Mr Martin joined us in the summer as the new Deputy Head Teacher. Hello Belmont interviewed him to get to know a little bit more about him.

Where did you grow up?  
I grew up in Hornchurch in Essex.

What did you want to be when you were a kid?  
I wanted to be a teacher like my mum who worked in a primary school. I used to help her in the evenings and because of that I became interested in teaching.

What was your favourite subject?  
My favourite subjects were PE and Geography.

Where did you work before?  
I worked in a school in Southall in Ealing called Durdans Park Primary School.

Why did you want to come to Belmont?  
I came to Belmont because I wanted a new challenge and work somewhere really different to where I was working in Southall. I was looking for an exciting new adventure.

What do you like about Belmont?  
There are lots of things I like about Belmont. I like the hard working children. They are polite and respectful. They love learning, they are like sponges, they soak everything up. They are very enthusiastic. The staff is excellent and very supportive. They too enjoy being at work. Also, the parents are very friendly, as are the governors, who work very hard to make sure that Belmont is a great school to come to and a good place to work.



What are your hobbies?  
I have lots of hobbies, including horse riding, cycling and running. I have run lots of half marathons and a full marathon. And I recently competed in the Richmond Park duathlon (a combination of running and cycling.)

Do you have any targets?  
I want to make sure that we have an excellent school development plan to make Belmont an even better school. I would like to see children become more active learners.

Is there anything else you want to tell my readers?  
I am looking forward to settling into Belmont and working with teachers, parents and children to make Belmont an even better school.

# Interviews: Now and Then

Miss Kay, Miss Hamilton and Miss Young, now teachers at Belmont, all went to school here. Hello Belmont interviewed them to find out how life at Belmont was when compared to now.

When were you at Belmont?  
Miss Kay: I was in Belmont in 1994 and left in 2002.

Did you have a good time?  
Miss Young: I had a fantastic time at Belmont. All the teachers were brilliant and I had a lot of fun.

Are you still friends with your school mates from that time?  
Miss Hamilton: I met my three current best friends at Belmont. We started together in Nursery all the way up to Y6. We have lots of funny photos of us when we were younger which we look back on and laugh at: about what we looked like and what we did.

Who was your head teacher then?  
Miss Kay: We had three headteachers during our time at Belmont: Miss Power, Miss Baxter and finally Miss Williams.

Has the school changed since then?  
Miss Kay: There are bits that have changed but we also had Enrichment Time which was then called Privilege Time. Marble in the Jar has stayed the same.

Miss Hamilton: We didn't have Privilege Time or Marble in the Jar but this is because I'm the oldest. The structure of the building is exactly the same.

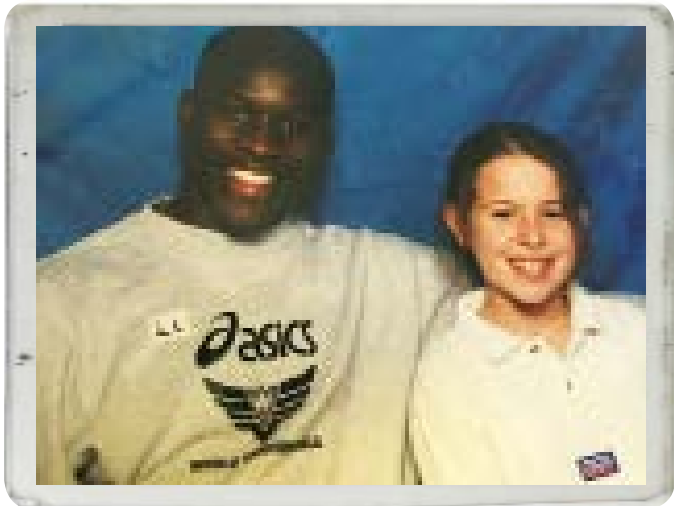
Miss Kay: The class names changed. When I went into Y5 the class names became trees but before that we would have the year followed by the initial of the teacher's surname. For example I would be 5K.

Is there anything else you would like to tell my readers?  
Miss Kay: It's strange that we are now teaching in the classes we were taught in. Miss Coates used to be my Y2 teacher and now she's my boss.

Miss Hamilton: Miss Young's mum taught me in Y2.

Miss Young: Miss Flitter taught me in Y6.

Miss Kay: We also had the Yellow Brick Road, the Wilderness Garden and the wall bars but the canteen has changed. The Y5 classrooms were Y4 and the Y4 classrooms were Y5. Our welfare lady was called Aunty Pat in Ebony. Our caretaker was called Derek and our dinner lady was called Miss Bird who was much more strict.



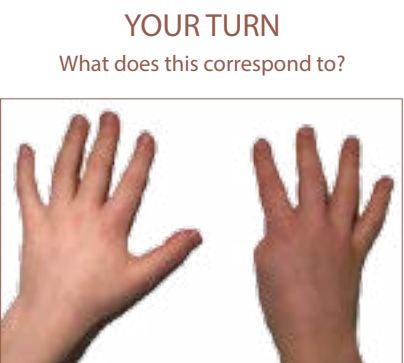
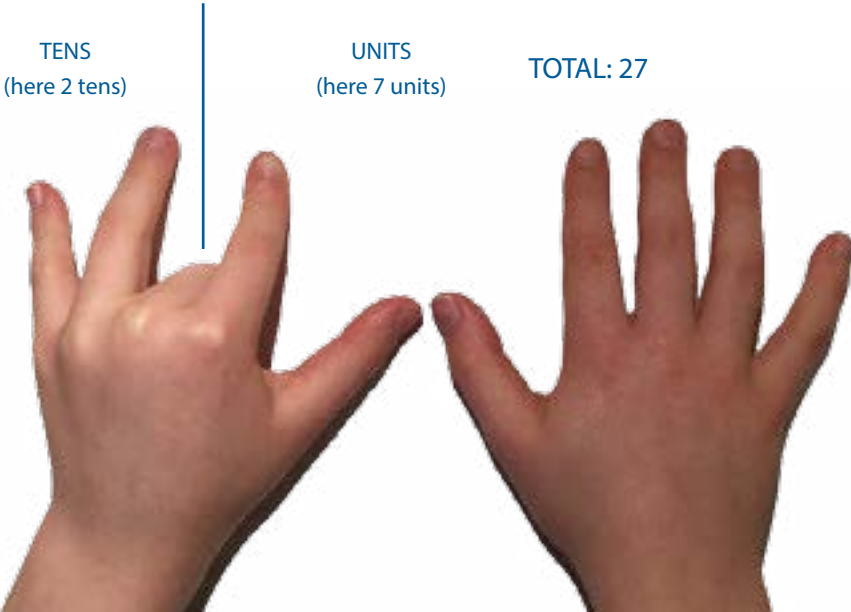
Above - We used to have Super Schools visits every year. An athlete/sportsperson would come and run some keep fit activities and take pictures with each of the pupils. This was a triple jumper called Julian Golley.

Can you guess who's who?

# 9 Times Table Trick

Do you want to learn your 9 times table the easy way?  
This is how to do it:

Put your two hands out. For 3x9 put your 3rd finger of your left hand down. The fingers on the left of the finger you put down represent the TENS and the fingers on the right of the finger you put down represent the UNITS. So 3x9=27.



# Recipe



## INGREDIENTS

250g unsalted butter  
3 tablespoons of golden syrup  
150g soft brown sugar  
150g muscovado sugar  
175g oat flakes  
250g rolled porridge oats  
6 tablespoons of cocoa powder

# Chocolate Flapjacks

Do you want to know how to make Chocolate Flapjacks?  
They're quick and easy to make and delicious!

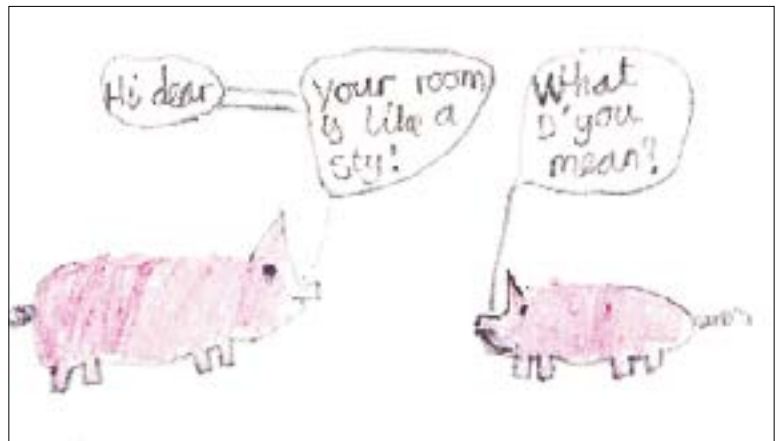
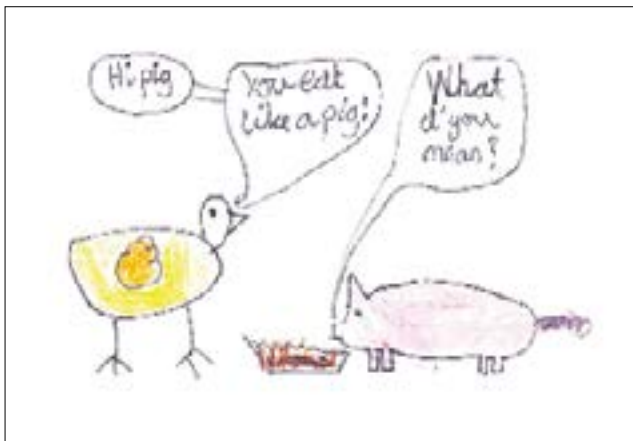


1. Preheat the oven to 140°C.
2. Butter the baking tray.
3. Melt the butter, syrup and both sugars. Do not allow to boil.
4. Mix the oats, cocoa powder and then everything together.
5. With a fork press the mixture into a baking tray.
6. Put in an oven and cook it for 20 min.
7. Let it cool and harden.
8. Sit down and enjoy them. Mmmmm.

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## A Pig's Tale

by Manon Wreford



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## Did you know?

The Belmont school uniform became compulsory only in 1999. Before then, the children could choose if they wore it or not.

Which would you prefer, and why? Can you send your comments to the editor at [hellobelmont@outlook.com](mailto:hellobelmont@outlook.com).