



Belleville News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I had the pleasure of watching a fantastic reading lesson in Year 1 today. As I watched the children's enjoyment of the text, I was reminded of the words of the educationalist Bill Lucas when he was asked the following question. "Mr Lucas, you have worked in schools all over the world. What would you say is the single biggest influence on whether a child succeeds in the education system?" "It's simple," he replied. "Children who have parents that read with them and then talk about what they've read with them."

This is great advice. We have such busy lives but be assured that if you can frequently make time to read with your child and talk about what you've read with them, you are giving them a great gift for their future success.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

PTA Second-hand Christmas Jumper and Skiwear Sale –

Thursday 17 November, Webb's Road, 3.20pm.

SENDCO Coffee Morning – Webb's Road, Friday 18 November, 9.15am. To attend, email enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk

PTA Wrap Up London Coat Collection – Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 November, Webb's Road & Meteor St at morning drop off.

Meet the Executive Headteacher – The next events are:

- Year 2 Webb's Road, Thursday 1 December, 9.15am
- Year 1 Webb's Road, Thursday 1 December, 11.15am

Children In Need

This week school council have been thinking of ways to fundraise for **Children in Need**. After the huge success of pyjama day last year the children have organised a **non-uniform day** to take place on **Friday 18th November**. The theme this year is **Dotty Day!** We are encouraging all children to wear something dotty or yellow to help raise awareness and money for such an important cause. Donations can be made on the day to class teachers. We look forward to seeing all the exciting and creative outfits the children come up with!



Online Safety

ROBLOX

This half term in Online Safety we have been focussing on protecting our privacy and security while online.

Roblox is currently the most popular gaming platform in the world, and it has recently come under heavy criticism for some of the risks that young people are exposed to while using the app.

Parental controls can be used to make the game safer for younger players. Please [click here](#) for a guide on how to do this.



This **Anti-Bullying Week** we are holding Odd Socks Day on **Monday 14 November**. Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



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Year 3 - Roman Day

Last Friday, Year 3 enjoyed dressing up as Romans for the day. The children learnt about Roman life by completing lots of exciting activities, including making mosaics, investigating Roman numerals, tasting Roman food, and creating a wax tablet using clay. What a fantastic way to start our new History topic!



Changes to Bell

times – Webb's Road

From Monday 14th November, there will be two separate bells to tell children when to go into school. The first bell - at 8.50am - will now be for Years 1 & 2 only. The second bell - two minutes later - will be for Years 3 to 6. This is to ease the congestion at the entry points to the school.

Year 5 and 6 Dance

In Dance, Year 5 have been inspired by the [Tokyo Olympics opening ceremony performance](#) where all 50 Olympic sports were shown as pictograms. The children worked in teams to create their own pictograms with music to follow for their timed poses. The teams needed to be organised for their quick prop changes and they performed as a whole class to show 35 different Olympic sports. They deserved a medal for their teamwork, creativity, and organisation!



In Year 6, children worked on 'City Machines' inspired by Ballet Boyz contemporary dancers. They explored mirror machines & making a machine with partners, then learnt a whole class City dance and finished in threes to create different bridges to travel over, under and through. We decided how to put this altogether for a final piece and invited Year 3 to come watch the performance.





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Year 6

Year 6 children have made a positive start to their final year at Belleville. Learning environments have been effectively established with the soundtrack of learning in the air: focused silence during independent work, laughter during Reading Enrichment (the children are thoroughly enjoying *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman) and audible excitement when the concrete materials come out during maths.

Following on from the excellent creative writing produced in Autumn 1 (especially in our Karl Nova poetry unit), children have begun the term writing in a journalistic style about the Balham Underground Station bombing. Children's understanding of journalism was enhanced with a virtual visit by Haroon Siddique, Legal Affairs Correspondent for *The Guardian*: he talked about the role of journalists, reliability of sources and gave advice about writing in a journalistic style.



In maths, children have been consolidating and deepening their knowledge of fractions, helped as ever by word problems featuring children cutting unequal pieces of ribbon. Overall, children have adapted well to our new *Maths No Problem* textbooks, featuring friendly faces (new and old) to assist children's understanding.

In science lessons, children have been learning about how the heart works. With hand on (a lamb's) heart, the Year Six team can confirm that children enjoyed this week's dissection experiment. Later this week, an expert on the experience of the Second World War from a local perspective will visit us to speak to the children.



As ever, the Year Six team would like to thank children, parents and carers for their ongoing efforts and support.



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Year 1 – Music, Dance and PE

Miss Robbins and Miss Hughes have started preparing for our Christmas performances in the church. Year 1 are working on a Star Dance with our specialist dance teacher, Miss Robbins. This week you can see them exploring jump and stretch!



Year 1 and 2 have also been working on fundamental movement skills, communications and using a variety of equipment in PE lessons. They have been moving in a variety of ways such as hop, side-step, jog, gallop and more. Here they are practicing sending and receiving a ball over a bench to a partner, using your aiming arm to help underarm throws to a target and bowling, rolling the ball to the skittles by releasing the ball in front of you.



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School Term Dates

Autumn Term

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 16 December

Spring Term

First day of Spring 1: Wednesday 4 January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 10 February

Spring Half Term Holiday: Monday 13 –
Friday 17 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 20 February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 31 March

Summer Term

INSET DAY: Mon 17 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 18 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May – school closed

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 26 May

Summer half term: Monday 29 May –
Friday 2 June

INSET DAY: Mon 5 June - school closed to children

First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 6 June

Last day of Summer 2: Friday 21 July