



Belleville News

11 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a trust we lead a programme called GPE (Guided Peer Evaluation) for a group of about thirty schools. A GPE is a two-day visit to a school by the Head Teachers of five different schools. The visit is guided by an OFSTED inspector, and it is a chance for the visiting Head Teachers to look at many aspects of that school and to check that what the school thinks is happening, is happening! They are also of course free to offer any other insights that they find during the visit.

This week we had a GPE visit to our Infants (Nursery to Year 2). It was a very successful couple of days and is exactly the type of event we love to be involved in so we can keep reflecting on and improving the provision that we offer your children.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

From our SENCOs



This week has been Dyslexia Awareness week and we wanted to share some resources about dyslexia. Two websites that have great advice and resources are [The British Dyslexia Association](#) and [Made By Dyslexia](#).

They also have useful videos:

[Top Tips for parents](#)

[Interviews with celebrities who have dyslexia](#)

Videos for children:

[What is dyslexia?](#)

[Reading of Xtraordinary People by HRH Princess Beatrice.](#)

Dates for your diary:

Launch of Meteor Street School Street – Monday 14 October

SEND Coffee Morning – Monday 14 October, 9.20am, Webb's Road. [Please sign up here.](#)

Year 6 Djembe Drumming Performance – 6B Meteor Class - Tuesday 22 October, 2.40pm, Meteor Hall.

Parents'/Carers' Evenings - Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 October. Further information and booking to follow.

Belleville PTA Autumn Bake Sale - Friday 25 October, pick up time, both sites.

Autumn Half Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November.

Inset Day: Monday 4 November. School closed to children.

First day of Autumn Term 2: Tuesday 5 November.

Open Mornings for Prospective Families: Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 November, 9.15am – 12noon. Families interested in attending can [sign up here](#). To help as a parent volunteer, [please sign up here](#).

Belleville PTA Festive Shopping Evening – Wednesday 20 November, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, Webb's Road. Tickets will go on sale via the [Belleville PTA website](#) next week.



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Belleville Open Mornings

On **Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 November 2024**, we will be hosting our open mornings for prospective families considering Belleville School. The open mornings will start at 9.15am with a tour of Webb's Road and Headteacher presentations. We then move to Meteor Street for a tour at 11.15am. The event will be finished by noon.

If you know of any families who are interested in a place at Belleville, please encourage them to come and visit us. They can [sign up for the Open Mornings here](#).



Open Morning Volunteers

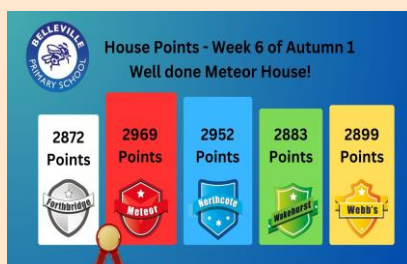
As in previous years, we are looking for parents and carers who are happy to take prospective families on a tour of Belleville School. All volunteers receive a full briefing session which will be at morning drop off on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 October, light refreshments, and our gratitude! You can choose to help us on just one of the days, and at either or both school sites. **If you can help with parent tours, please [sign up here](#). Thank you!**

School Streets

We still need a lot of volunteers to help with School Streets. If you can help, just for a single session, that would be brilliant!

To help at Meteor Street, [please sign up here](#).

To help on Belleville Road, [please sign up here](#).



Job Opportunity – Data Entry Assistant

We are looking for someone to help us with recording our assessment data (QLAs) for a few weeks during the school year.

We are looking for someone who has excellent attention to detail, good literacy, numeracy and IT skills and is committed and reliable. Previous experience of a data entry role would be beneficial. The work needs to take place during the following weeks when the QLA submissions are due:

- Monday 25 – Friday 29 November 2024 – full week
- Monday 17 March – Friday 21 March 2025 – full week
- Monday 28 April – Friday 2 May 2025 – two days this week
- Monday 16 June – Friday 20 June 2025 – full week.

To find out more or apply, please [visit our website](#). The closing date for applications is **Monday 21 October at noon**.

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Year 3 Update

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the year and have been very busy! At the beginning of term, we all went on a trip to visit the Northcote Library to learn about what you can do there. This linked to our English book 'Luna Loves Library Day.' The children very much enjoyed exploring the books that were available to borrow.



Most classes have had their ICT days this half term, where they learnt how to program a BBC Micro: bit. They used their problem solving and collaboration skills to successfully code the device to do different things.



In science, we have been learning about human anatomy and comparing it to that of other animals. For one investigation, the children carried out different exercises to see which muscles they used and explained how their body changed whilst doing them.

To launch our geography unit, we made rain gauges that were left outside for a week. The children acted as meteorologists to read the scale and explain how much rain we had had. It was a very wet week so some of the scales even managed to get washed off!

From our School Nurse

The NHS offers an online messaging service called Chat Health for parents and carers of children aged 5 – 19 and for older children to use themselves. It can provide advice on the following topics: Nutrition, Sexual Health, Gender Identity, Emotional Wellbeing, Sleep, Bedwetting, Bullying and Behaviour. They are online Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. You can access them by sending a message to **07312 263901** (Wandsworth Borough Service) or find out more [on their website.](#)



French Update

We have been celebrating the diversity of languages spoken at Belleville as part of [European Day of Languages](#), which is celebrated every year on 26th September. We learnt about languages in the class and made a class **peace** poster - the theme of EDOL this year.



Year 3 Le Sac Magique

Year 3 classes have been enjoying le Sac Magique (the magic bag) project. Each week, a member of the class takes home the bag containing books and a cuddly toy animal. They write in the exercise book about their adventures with the animal and then share it with the class in the next lesson.

Year 5 and 6 French Bee

Year 5 and 6 pupils have the exciting opportunity to participate in the national Routes Into Languages Primary Bee. The first stage of the competition will take place within school next week, but later stages will happen externally against other schools. Winners from Belleville will qualify for the next stage.

The aim of the Primary Bee is for pupils in Years 5 & 6 to practise and improve their vocabulary, pronunciation, and memory skills in French. All pupils will learn the words in class and at home, but participation in the competition is optional. Native or bilingual pupils are not eligible to compete. Pupils will be given 40 words or phrases to learn at each stage.

During the competition, pupils will be given the word or phrase in English, and they will have to translate it correctly into French ensuring accurate pronunciation and intonation. [This link](#) has flashcards and games to help your child practice the Stage 1 vocabulary.

Call for French-speaking pen pal school!

We are looking for Year 6 aged classes from French-speaking countries to do a pen pal project after Christmas. If you have a contact in a French-speaking school, please contact Madame Osborn at charlotte.osborn@belleville.q1e.org.uk. It would be greatly appreciated!



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Introducing your new Local Parent Governor – Lisa Eaton

Following the parent election in July, we'd like to introduce the school's new Parent Governor, Lisa Eaton. More information about our Local Governing Body and how to contact them is [on our website](#).

"I'm honoured to serve as a Local Parent Governor and thank everyone who voted. The interest in this role reflects the strength of our community, and I'm truly humbled by your support. Being part of the Belleville community is a privilege. I have one son in Year 4 and another in Year 1, and both are proud to be here.

As a Director in Technology at a large asset management firm, I specialize in business analysis and project management. My experience has taught me the importance of connecting with others, listening actively, and embracing continuous learning.

I believe in challenging the status quo and critically assessing information to drive improvement. I'm committed to supporting Belleville's strategic direction and fostering an inclusive environment where every child can thrive and every parent feels valued." Lisa Eaton



Wandsworth Cross Country – Pupil Review

"On Thursday 2nd October, 11 pupils from Belleville competed in a 1.5k long-distance run. Schools from all across Wandsworth came to compete in this popular annual race. All of the participants from Belleville did wonderfully, but amazingly, three who finished in the top 5 qualified to represent Wandsworth in cross country at the London Youth Games later this year.

The day started at 8.45am. Unfortunately, the mini bus was not available, but our fabulous P.E. teacher, Ms Ogunyemi, problem solved by planning a different route to the track via public transport. There were four races split by year group and gender: Year 5 and 6, boys and girls. Everyone did brilliantly but especially Baptiste, who came 1st place, Jemima, who came in 2nd place, and Scarlett, who came in 5th place – making this one of Belleville's best cross-country years yet!

At the end of the day, everyone who participated should be massively proud of themselves. We were so lucky to have the fantastic mums who volunteered to help us get there and support us through all the races. Most of all, we are incredibly grateful for Ms Ogunyemi for giving us the opportunity and organising such an exciting event. This was a special experience for all of us and I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. We look forward to hearing how the participants in the Wandsworth team perform later this year!" Review by Scarlett, Year 6



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Save the date for these PTA events!



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Friday 25 October, 3.20pm
Autumn Bake Sale, both school sites.

Thursday 7 November:
An evening with Jay Baldwin

Wednesday 20 November: Festive Shopping Evening

We have just a couple of spaces remaining for local businesses to display their products and services at this event. If you would like to take a stall, please email Bellevillexmas@outlook.com for more information.

Wednesday 27 November: Christmas wreath making

Saturday 30 November: Christmas tree sale

Saturday 7 December: Christmas Fair

Bolingbroke Academy Open Events

Bolingbroke Academy are holding an informal coffee morning for feeder school parents/carers in Years 4 to 6 with Bolingbroke parents to ask any questions you may have about the school. It will take place on Friday 18 October, 9am – 10.15am at 33 Gayville Road. [Further info is available here.](#)

The Bolingbroke Academy open days will take place this Saturday 12 October, 9.30am – 12.30pm, and next Thursday 17 October, 5.15pm- 7.15pm. If you would like to visit the school, please [sign up on their website.](#)

Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe.

Please talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or for others in our community.



Term Dates 2024 – 2025 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2024

Inset Days: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 4 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 25 October

Autumn half term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Inset Day: Monday 4 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 5 November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 20 December

Spring Term 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6 January – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 7 January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 14 February

Spring half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 24 February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 4 April

Summer Term 2025

Inset Day: Tuesday 22 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1: Wednesday 23 April

Bank holiday: Monday 5 May – school closed

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 23 May

Summer half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May

First day of Summer 2: Monday 2 June

Last day of Summer 2: Tuesday 22 July