



Belleville News

15 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ramadan Mubarak to all those observing Ramadan. If your child is fasting, please do let your class teacher know or [email the school](#) so that we can help provide support where we can.

We would also like to remind Year 6 parents that the deadline for responding to your offer of a state secondary school place through Wandsworth Council is today, **Friday 15 March**. Unless you have accepted a place at another school, the Council asks that you accept the place offered and states that accepting the place **will not affect** the offer of a place at your higher preference school if a vacancy comes up later or affect the outcome of an appeal. Please visit their [eadmissions website](#) to respond.

If you have accepted an offer at an independent school or know that you are moving away, please remember to decline your state school place by this date to free up places for children who are on the waiting lists for their preferred school.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Ghana Day – Thursday 21 March. Please see article on next page.

Schools Streets Consultation – Webb's Road Engagement Events – Thursday 21 March, Webb's Road, at pick up and a drop-in session in school from 4.30-6.30pm. Please also complete the [Schools Street Survey](#) for Webb's Road before Sunday 7 April.

Belleville PTA Film Night – Friday 22 March (Y4 – 6). Meteor St, 5pm.

Year 6 Singing Project performances - Friday 22 March, 10.30am, Webb's Rd for 6DB, 6T, 6W, and 2.30pm, Meteor St for 6B and 6H.

Brighter Sounds Concert - Wednesday 27 March, 7pm at Fairfield Halls. Tickets can be purchased via [Fairfield Halls website](#).

Last day of Spring Term - Thursday 28 March. Earlier finish times: Years 1 – 6 – 2.20pm, Reception – 2.25pm, Nursery pm – 2.30pm.

PTA Quiz - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA Quiz Night last Friday, and especially to Julie and Natasha for organising the event, all the volunteers, Mr Lynch, Baki and Ernest for their help, and the PTA's event sponsor [Mathnasium](#). Over £4800 was raised for the school on the night, which is amazing!

Job Opportunity – Wraparound Care Manager

We are advertising for Wraparound Care Manager to manage the day-to-day running of Belleville's new breakfast and after-school club provision which will start running in September 2024. To find out more or apply, [please visit our website](#). Applications close at noon on Mon 25 March.

Congratulations Wandsworth!

We were delighted to hear that Wandsworth Council won their bid to become [London Borough of Culture from April 2025](#). We look forward to lots of exciting cultural opportunities across the borough next year!

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Minibus Drivers Needed!

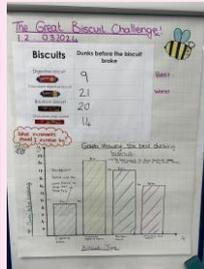
We have two PTA funded minibuses that we use for school trips and events, but we are very short of drivers! Could you volunteer to drive?



You don't need to commit to many days or have a special driving licence, and you will always be accompanied by a member of staff. We also offer a test drive session with Mr Gashi before your first trip to familiarise yourself with the minibus. Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in helping us.

British Science Week

This week at Belleville, we have been celebrating all things science as part of [British Science Week](#). In classes, we conducted Belleville's Big Biscuit Investigation, a school wide experiment to discover and record which biscuits are best for dunking. We had a science assembly introducing and exploring the British Science Week theme of 'Time' and shared information about the [optional poster competition](#) for this year. Posters will be judged on how well they fit the theme, their science content, and their creativity. The deadline for entries is Monday 25 March and our Eco-Council representatives will be collecting entries in school for our judging panel.



Our Partner School in Ghana

To raise awareness and funding for our sister school in Ghana, we will be hosting a Ghana Day on Thursday 21 March. Children will be able to wear any (or all) of the Ghana flag colours (red, yellow, green or black) and during assembly we will celebrate our ongoing support programme. We would be grateful for a voluntary £1 donation for our Ghana schools. The donations will go to the school Ms Elizabeth Nyedige attended as a child - DD United Basic School, Alavanyo.



House Points - Week 4 Well done Wakehurst!





Year 5 Update

Since the last Year 5 newsletter entry, our pupils have continued to develop their learning, skills and understanding of the world. It has been wonderful to see their love of learning and thirst for knowledge continue to gather pace as the year has progressed.

In Maths, after completing the work on the four maths operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), the children progressed to studying fractions. With a strong emphasis on the concrete-pictorial-abstract approach to teaching maths, the children explored fractions in depth, which has allowed them to create solid foundation from which to build their understanding of decimals -our current topic of study.



In the last two terms, our young writers have explored a range of texts and have created some excellent writing, inspired directly by them. Before Christmas, our pupils read about the life and legacy of Malala Yousafzai; going on to produce their own, formal biography of this inspirational young lady. Earlier this year, the children read the novella "Oranges in No Man's Land" by Elizabeth Laird, and wrote their own, dramatic ending.

It was great to see the children's creativity flourish in their ICT lessons. The artist, David Hockney, famous not only his multi-million-pound paintings but also for his pioneering artistic work with I-pads, became the inspiration for the children to create their own versions of his most famous digital works. The combination of traditional artistic techniques such as hatching and stippling, and the digital format led to some simply stunning work.



In February, the Year 5 pupils travelled to the French Institute, in South Kensington, to engage in a range of activities in which they could practise their French language knowledge and skills in the morning and, in the afternoon, they were treated to a viewing of the beautiful and moving film, "Little Nicholas: Happy As Can Be". A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all.



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Year 1 Visit to Kew Gardens

This week, Year 1 children visited Kew Gardens and took part in a Plant Hunters workshop. They also explored the Palm House and The Princess of Wales Conservatory, looking at a variety of interesting and exotic plants that grow in tropical and arid climates.



World Book Day

And finally, as promised last week, here are some more photos of World Book Day creativity!



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

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

Spring Term 2024

Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 28 March

Summer Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 15 April – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 16 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May – school closed.

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 24 May

Summer half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

First day of Summer 2: Monday 3 June

Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July

Autumn Term 2024

INSET Days: Mon 2 and Tues 3 Sept - 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

Full term dates for 2024/25 academic year are [on our website](#).