



# Belleville News

19 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Anyone fortunate enough to have attended the Auction of Promises last Friday night will want to join me in saying an enormous thank you to the parents that organised it. It was the most impressive school event and was testament to all the hard work that Anamiko Adwaney, Kate Bourne, Jodie Gillan, Sasha Hughes, Clare Rickard and Katie Ritchie put into organising it.

I'd also like to say thank you to all the parents and staff that attended and contributed. It was a truly spectacular evening and all the funds raised will directly help the children at Belleville.

Many thanks,

**John Budden**

Executive Headteacher

## INSET Days 2023-24

There is a change to our scheduled in-service training (INSET) days for school staff for the next school year.

An INSET day will now be held on **Monday 30 October 2023** and the school will be closed to children that day. This will be in place of the previously scheduled INSET day on Monday 3 June 2024.

Our website has been updated to ensure the five INSET dates are clear for next year. Please do talk to us if you have any questions about this. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused by this change.

## Dates for your diary:

**Belleville PTA Fun Run** – Sunday 21 May. For £5 tickets, [click here](#). To volunteer, [please sign up here](#).

**Summer Half Term** - Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

**Inset Day** - Monday 5 June - school closed to children.

**First Day of Summer 2 Term** – Tuesday 6 June.

**Belleville PTA Gardening Day** – Saturday 10 June, 10am – 2pm, Meteor Street.

**Year 4 and Year 5 Secondary Transfer Event** – Monday 12 June, 6pm, Webb's Road.

**Honeypot Event** – Friday 23 June.

**Belleville PTA Summer Fair & Belleville's Got Talent** - Saturday 1 July, Webb's Road.

Our number one priority is to ensure 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.





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## Sports Days!

We are excited to announce the dates for this year's Sports Days.



The **Year 5 and Year 6** Sports Day will take place at **Tooting Bec Athletics Track** on **Friday 9 June** from **9.30am – 12noon**. This will be a great opportunity for the children to compete in an athletics stadium.

Sports Days for our other year groups will take place as usual on **Clapham Common** in July and the dates and times are as follows:

**Year 3 and Year 4 – Monday 10 July, 1.30pm – 3.15pm**

**Year 1 and Year 2 – Thursday 6 July, 1.30pm – 3.15pm**

**Reception – Monday 3 July, 1.30pm – 3pm**

**Nursery – Monday 3 July, 1.30pm – 2.00pm (Red and Blue classes together - more details to follow)**

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come along and support the children and we will provide further information closer to the events.

## Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is [Mental Health Awareness Week](#), and the focus is anxiety, and how we can cope with it. In school, we discuss what worry and anxiety can feel like in our bodies and what strategies we can use to cope with it.

Some strategies that we use in school are talking to someone, trying different breathing techniques, writing down our thoughts and challenging our own thoughts. [This useful guide](#) also contains some top tips for coping with anxious feelings.

Here are also some children's story and activity books to support discussions around worry and anxiety.



Story books: **The Worrysaurus** by Rachel Bright, **Ruby's Worry** by Tom Percival and **After The Fall** by Dan Santat. Activity books: **Worry Monsters- A child's guide to coping with their feelings** and **No worries! Mindful Kids** by Lily Murray.

## Royal Albert Hall DVD/Video Stream

The DVD and video stream of the Year 6 and Year 4 children performing at the Royal Albert Hall as part of Wandsworth Music's 'A Brighter Sound' concert is now [available for purchase](#) for £15.

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## Royal Academy Young Artists Show

We are so proud of our winners for the [Royal Academy Young Artists](#) show this year. Isaac in 4G and Adwoa in 6W were accepted for the online exhibition while Barney in 6W and Alban in 6H were accepted into both the online and in person exhibition at the Royal Academy from 18 July until 13 August. Huge congratulations to them all.

The Royal Academy said: "We loved each and every artwork that was submitted and making the final selection was incredibly difficult for all of the judges. Thank you for sharing your creativity with us and we'd love to see more next year."



## Year 3 Update

Year 3 visited [Kew Gardens](#) as part of their Science topic "What is the life cycle of a plant."

"We went to a workshop where a lady from Kew Gardens talked to us about bees, pollen and nature. We learned about pollination and used paint brushes to transfer pollen from one plant to another. After lunch, we went to the greenhouse where we saw waterfalls, giant fish and more. We even saw carnivorous plants - Venus fly traps - that actually catch flies!" Review by Phoebe in 3AF.



## Year 2 Art

Year 2 have been exploring the work of Eric Carle. They explored colour and practised using warm, cool and complementary colours to create painted papers like Eric Carle. They used different materials to make textured rubbings too. Next, they designed their mini beasts, before transforming these into collages using their painted papers. This week, the children are creating backgrounds using sponges and paint to provide homes for their beautiful bugs!





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## Instrumental Music Lessons with Wandsworth Music

Wandsworth Music are offering the opportunity for your child to either continue learning their musical instrument or start learning a musical instrument in school with one of their expert tutors from next September.

Instrumental lessons are available for children who will be in Year 4 and above in September. There are reduced lesson prices and bursaries available for children receiving Pupil Premium funding. Wandsworth Music also offers [instrument hire](#) at competitive rates.

To find out more or sign up, please scan their QR code or visit our [website for more information](#). The deadline for applications for September 2023 is **Monday 26 June**.

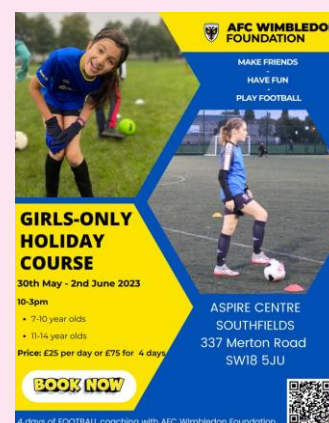


## Girls' Half-Term Football Camp

Our friends at AFC Wimbledon Foundation have let us know that they are running a **Girls-only Holiday Camp** during May Half Term from 30 May to 2 June. The camp takes place at The Aspire Centre in Southfields and is divided into two age groups, 7-10 years and 11-14 years.

The cost of the camp is £25 per day or £75 for the four days.

To book or find out more, please [visit their website](#).



### Summer Term 2023

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 26 May  
Summer half term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June  
INSET day: Monday 5 June - school closed to children.  
First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 6 June  
Last day of Summer 2: Friday 21 July

### Autumn Term 2023

INSET days: Mon 4 & Tues 5 Sept - school closed to children.  
First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 6 September  
Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 20 October  
Autumn half term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October  
**INSET day: Monday 30 October - school closed to children. Please note change of date.**  
First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 31 October  
Last day of Autumn 2: Thursday 21 December

### Spring Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 8 Jan – school closed to children.  
First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 9 January  
Last day of Spring 1: Friday 9 February  
Spring half term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February  
First day of Spring 2: Monday 19 February  
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