



Belleville News

20 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, we hosted a group of leaders from an Outstanding school in Manchester, who were keen to see how we deliver aspects of the curriculum. On Wednesday, a current OFSTED inspector, who also works across the Trust, spent the day observing lessons and sharing best practice with seven of our teachers. Last week, Ms Latour spent two days at Earlsfield school (also an Outstanding school) as part of the Guided Peer Evaluation programme that we take part in with other schools. These events are part of our deliberate plan to be at the heart of a network of Outstanding schools that can challenge and support each other to get better. We do this to ensure that Belleville continues its relentless drive for improvement and to make sure that your children receive the very best education we can deliver.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Meet the Executive Headteacher – Zoom meetings

Monday 23 January at 1pm and 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

1pm: [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 875 8360 2416, Passcode: 062358

6pm: [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 863 3790 8022, Passcode: 897139

The Mayor's Gala - Wandsworth Civic Suite – **DATE CORRECTION***

Belleville School Orchestra. Tuesday 7 **February**, 6pm.

Parent/Carer Evenings – Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 February.

Nursery Admissions Closing Date – Friday 10 February

[Click here for the application form](#) for nursery places for Sept 2023

Spring Half Term: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February

Wandsworth Music Brighter Sounds Concert - Royal Albert Hall

Tuesday 28 March, 7pm (Year 6, and Year 4 Brass players)



We were very happy to receive an email from Wandsworth Foodbank this week thanking us for all your kind donations before Christmas.

The donations weighed in at 220.5kg which they estimate have provided **525 meals** for our neighbours across the borough having a tough time at the moment.

If you would like to donate to Wandsworth Foodbank or if you have need of their support, please [visit their website](#). Thank you.

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Our first 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.



If you are worried about something
If you are worried about someone else.....

You can talk to
ANYONE who works
for the school

Safeguarding is the
responsibility of EVERYONE





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Year 5 Geography Workshops

To launch the Geography unit 'Climate and Biomes', Year 5 took part in the 'Let's Locate' Freshwater workshop. They learnt about time zones, climate zones and biomes, completing a series of puzzles and activities and discovering how plants, animals and people have adapted to life in different conditions.

Then each group created a presentation about a specific Biome and an animal that has had to adapt to be able to live successfully in it.



Nursery Firefighters

Nursery excitement reached scorching temperatures this week, as both classes visited Battersea Fire Station to enrich their topic of Firefighters!

The trip began instantly with the children's first experience of riding in the school minibus. Once at the station, they learned about the number to call for an emergency, sat in one of the fire engines and tried on a real fire fighter's helmet. The children were shown a special camera, which detects body heat and learned about how a fire fighter's special uniform keeps them safe.

It was even more exciting as towards the end of our visit, there was a **real** emergency where the White Watch team had to leave very quickly in their fire engine to go and fight a fire.





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PE Update

This half term, children in Key Stage 1 are focusing on football skills. Children will be working on dribbling with control, passing, moving into space, shooting and small sided games. Some children are experiencing football for the first time, improving with practice and other will take on challenges such as looking up when dribbling and passing and moving with a partner or group against a defender.



In Games in Key Stage 2, following on from the recent World Cup, our invasion games focus has encouraged children of all ages to improve their skills of controlling a ball at their feet. Experienced players have paired up with less experienced players to have opportunities to demonstrate and support others, helping everyone to improve.



At Meteor, Years 5 and 6 did indoor fitness circuits with our recent wet weather and thinking about New Year resolutions to find ways of keeping fit and healthy. They did interval training around each station which had a variety of exercises to raise the heartbeat, strengthen their muscles & help their coordination, flexibility, agility, and balance.





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InCommon Intergenerational Project

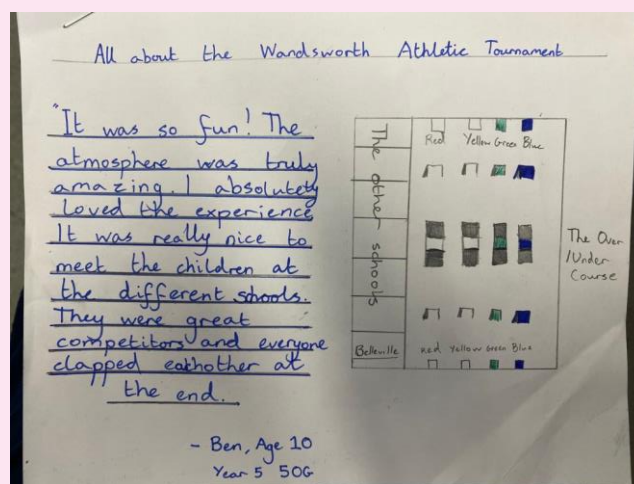
This week, the small group of Year 3 children visited Queen Elizabeth House in Balham for the third time as part of the InCommon Intergenerational Project.

They talked to the residents and found out their New Year's resolutions. They learnt a song in sign language and created and played a board game. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to visiting again!



Athletics Tournament Reviews

Children who took part in last week's athletics tournament have shared reviews of their experiences. Here is one of them.



School Term Dates

Spring Term 2023

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 10 February

Spring half term: Monday 13 – Friday 17 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 20 February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 31 March

Summer Term 2023

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: 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

First day of Autumn 2: Monday 30 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

Inset Day: Monday 3 June – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 4 June

Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July