



Belleville News

20 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that Belleville has been re-designated as a MusicMark school. This is an award that recognises that the quality of music provision at Belleville is of the very highest standard and beyond that of most other schools. This award is a tribute to Ms Hughes who organises all of our music provision and delivers the vast majority of it.

Huge thanks also to the PTA who continue to fund the fantastic Wandsworth Music section of our curriculum, including the Year 4 programme where every child learns a new instrument from scratch, culminating in a whole year performance. Music is very important to us at Belleville and we look forward to another year of excellent music across the school.

Have a good weekend.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Juniors Reading Parent Workshop - Tuesday 8 October, 2pm and 6pm at Webb's Road.

Year 6 Djembe Drumming Performance – 6B Meteor Class
Tuesday 22 October, 2.40pm, Meteor Hall. Webb's classes will follow later in the year.

Parents'/Carers' Evenings -Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 October. Further information and booking will follow nearer the time.

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

Work with us!

We are recruiting for great people to join our team with opportunities for **Teaching Assistants**. To find out more, please [visit our website](#).

Parent Gym

We still have a couple of places available for our Parent Gym programme at Webb's Road and places available at Meteor Street. You can attend the course at either site; you don't need to attend the site that your child is based at.

The six-week programme has been designed by experts, who've looked at the latest parenting research, and put together these sessions to build confidence and give practical advice. Parent Gym is normally worth £1000 per parent **we offer it free of charge at Belleville**. You can [find out more about Parent Gym here](#).

Each weekly session lasts two hours and will take place on Tuesdays, 9.15am – 11.15am at both sites after the October half term, with one taster session on Tuesday 22 October. If you're interested, please sign up here:

[Meteor Street Group Sign Up](#)
[Webb's Road Group Sign Up](#)



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French Update

This week, **Year 3** have started 'Le Sac Magique' (the magic bag). Each class has a bag containing 3 French story books, a cuddly toy, and an exercise book. Each week a different child will take home the bag and write in the exercise book about what they did with the toy that week. They can draw pictures or parents/carers can support them with printing off photos to stick in. They will bring the bag back in their next lesson. 3SG - Wednesday, 3AF and 3P - Thursday, 3MG and 3W – Friday.



This half term we will be running a French art competition for **Years 4, 5 and 6** called Poésicært. In class we will study two French poems. Children who want to enter will choose one of the poems and create a piece of art inspired by the poem. The top three entries from each year group (judged by Madame Osborn and Miss Green) will be entered into the final. All finalists will be published in an online book.

Here are the poems to choose from:

Poem 1: Cher frère blanc (Dear White Brother) by Leopold Senghor

Quand je suis né, j'étais noir,
Quand j'ai grandi, j'étais noir,
Quand je suis au soleil, je suis noir,
Quand je suis malade, je suis noir,
Quand je mourrai, je serai noir.
Tandis que toi, homme blanc,
Quand tu es né, tu étais rose,
Quand tu as grandi, tu étais blanc,
Quand tu vas au soleil, tu es rouge,
Quand tu as froid, tu es bleu,
Quand tu as peur, tu es vert,
Quand tu es malade, tu es jaune,
Quand tu mourras, tu seras gris.
Alors, de nous deux,
Qui est l'homme de couleur?

When I was born, I was black,
When I grew up, I was black,
When I am in the sun, I am black,
When I am sick, I am black,
When I die, I will be black.
While you, white man,
When you were born, you were pink,
When you grew up, you were white,
When you go in the sun, you are red,
When you are cold, you are blue,
When you are scared, you are green,
When you are sick, you are yellow,
When you die, you will be grey.
So, between you and me,
Who is the coloured man?

Poem 2: Automne (Autumn) by Anne-Marie Chapouton

Il pleut des feuilles jaunes,
Il pleut des feuilles rouges.
L'été va s'endormir,
Et l'hiver va venir,
Sur la pointe de ses souliers gelés.

It's raining yellow leaves,
it's raining red leaves.
Summer's going to sleep now,
and winter will come,
tiptoe-ing in frozen slippers.

The deadline for entries is **Friday 11 October**. Please give your entries to your class teacher or to Madame Osborn.



Year 4 Update

Year 4 have had an excellent start to the term and have settled in extremely well! We have begun our science topic of the digestive system. We have been looking at the different teeth we have and what their role is. We have begun an investigation into what causes tooth decay using eggs to represent our teeth; we put them in a variety of liquids to see what happens. We can't wait to see what the results are and whether our predictions were correct!



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.



From our SENCOs

The Education Wellbeing Service is holding free webinars on the following topics. You can sign up below.

[Through the school gates, overcoming daily challenges getting into school.](#)

Monday 23 September at 1pm and 7pm.

[Parenting a primary aged child with Autism.](#)

Wednesday 25 September at 12noon and Monday 7 October at 6pm.

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

[Full Term dates are on our website.](#)

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