



# Belleville News

24 May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had the pleasure of Nick Flesher visiting the school yesterday. Nick is a current OFSTED inspector who works with all the schools in the [Q1E Trust](#) and he is one of a number of external experts who visit Belleville regularly to speak to children and work with staff and leaders about various aspects of the school.

The purpose is to regularly take high quality external advice to ensure that the school never becomes inward looking and is always aware of the very best practice taking place across the country so we can continue to improve and deliver the best education we can for your children.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break, and we look forward to seeing all the children back at the usual time on Monday 3rd June.

John Budden  
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Please look at **page 2** this week as there are a lot of important dates!

## Year 6 Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday, some of our Year 6 boys competed in the Wandsworth Schools Cricket Tournament at Spencer Cricket Club. They drew the first game and needed one run off the last ball to win their second game. It was a nail-biting finish to come top of our group stage.

Unfortunately, rain stopped play, so we'll be going back after half term for the next stage to try and become finalists to qualify for the Surrey County Championship!



## Judging the RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Eight pupils from Belleville Primary School were selected as junior judges for the 2024 RHS Chelsea Flower Show on Monday. They were among only 72 children chosen from nine London primary schools to participate in this inaugural junior judging event. The children evaluated the show gardens by considering questions such as whether the gardens were good places to play, attractive to wildlife, and how the spaces made them feel.





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**Summer Half Term** - Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May. Children return to school on Monday 3 June.

**Class Photos** – These photos will take place across both sites on Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 June.

**Belleville PTA Festival of Friendship** – Friday 7 June, after-school at Webb's Road.

**Secondary School Transfer Evening for Year 4 & 5 Parents** – Monday 10 June, 6pm–7.30pm, Webb's Rd.

**School Streets Consultation – Meteor Street.** The [online survey](#) will close on Sunday 16 June.

**World Music Day** - Friday 21 June. Further details to follow.

**Belleville PTA Eid Bake Sale** – Friday 21 June, both sites at pick-up.

**Whole School Photo** – Tuesday 2 July, Clapham Common.

**Belleville PTA Summer Fair** – Saturday 6 July, 12noon to 3pm, Webb's Road.

**Nursery Graduation – Red Class** - Monday 8 July, 2.45pm, **Blue Class**, Wednesday 10 July at 11.15am.

**Parents/Carers' Evenings** – Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 July. Booking details to follow.

## Concert Dates

**Belleville Orchestra performance**, Thursday 20 June, timings to follow.

**Year 1 Concert** – Friday 19 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Road playground.

**Year 2 Concert** – Monday 15 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Road playground.

**Year 3 Concert** – Tuesday 16 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Road playground.

**Year 4 Concert** – Thursday 11 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Road playground.

**Year 5 Concerts – 5S & 5G** - Wednesday 17 July, 10.30am, Webb's Road playground. **5OG & 5T** – Wednesday 17 July, 2.30pm, Meteor Street hall.

**Year 6 Drumming Performances – 6T** - Wednesday 19 June, 9.30-10am, **6DB** - Friday 14 June, 9.30-10am, **6W** - Friday 14 June, 10.20-10.50am. Webb's Road playground.

## Sports Days

**Nursery** – Thursday 18 July, 1pm-1.30pm, Clapham Common.

**Reception** – Thursday 18 July, 1.30pm-3pm, Clapham Common.

**Year 1 and Year 2** – Thursday 4 July, 1.30pm-3pm, Clapham Common.

**Year 3 and Year 4** – Wednesday 10 July, 1.30pm-3pm, Clapham Common.

**Year 5 and Year 6** – Tuesday 18 June, 9am – 12noon, Tooting Bec Athletics Track.

## School Streets Volunteers still needed at Webb's Road

**We need your help please.** Wandsworth Council are moving to the six-month trial phase of a School Street on Belleville Road from **Monday 17 June**. However, **to enable it to happen, we need volunteers** to help for the first six weeks of the trial to staff the barriers. **You don't need to commit to a time every week.** If you could spare time to cover one session during the six-week period, it would be very helpful. The operating times will be 8.20-9.10am and 3-3:40pm. [To volunteer, please sign up here.](#)



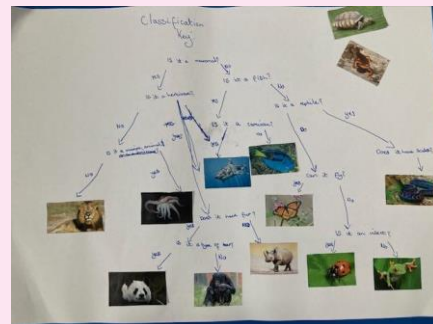
## Year 5 Update

This term has seen our pupils expand their thinking in all subjects and has offered them the chance to engage in mature debates, broaden their understanding of the world and explore the techniques associated with images in the digital world.

In Maths, the term began with a deep exploration of Geometry. After classifying the different types of angles, our pupils refined their skills in drawing them, before moving on to solving increasingly challenging problems. The position and movement unit provided them with an opportunity to use their knowledge of arithmetic and their spatial awareness, and the term concluded with a chance to apply their multiplying and dividing skills to the conversion of units of measurement.

In English, the award-winning illustrated poetry book, [The Undefeated](#), introduced the themes of equality and overcoming prejudice by bringing positivity and empathy into the world. After creating their own biography of a significant British person – biographies which brought a whole range of inspirational figures to the pupils' attention – the children explored another award-winning novel. [New Kid](#), a graphic novel by the American author, Jerry Craft, introduces the character of Jordan Banks, a twelve-year old boy from New York, who transfers to a new school and the challenges that he faces and overcomes in doing so. Our writers produced a formal letter to the Headteacher in the text, to persuade them to right a wrong that befalls one of Jordan's friends.

During ICT lessons, the children were introduced to a range of apps that can be used to manipulate digital images. Whilst the enjoyment of the children was palpable, it was also fantastic to see how the pupils used the taught skills to create images that reflected who they are, as people. In the ever-increasingly digital world, the ability to use digital imagery will only become more relevant in the future. Our pupils are ready to embrace this with skill and consideration. 5OG travelled to the [Victoria & Albert Museum](#) to explore some of the artworks on display and had the chance to produce their own work, inspired by what they saw. 5G, 5S and 5T will visit the V&A in the coming final half-term.



Science lessons have introduced our young scientists to the skills of classification – specifically classifying living things. As well as placing the topic in historical context, through explorations of the life and work of Carl Linnaeus and Maria Merian, the children embraced their methods and classified a range of living things, based on observable characteristics. The unit ended by drawing comparisons between the life cycles of a butterfly and a stick insect. This provided a cyclical conclusion to their scientific studies as, at the beginning of the term, the children recorded the changes in the lifecycle of butterflies by observing real caterpillars transforming into butterflies.

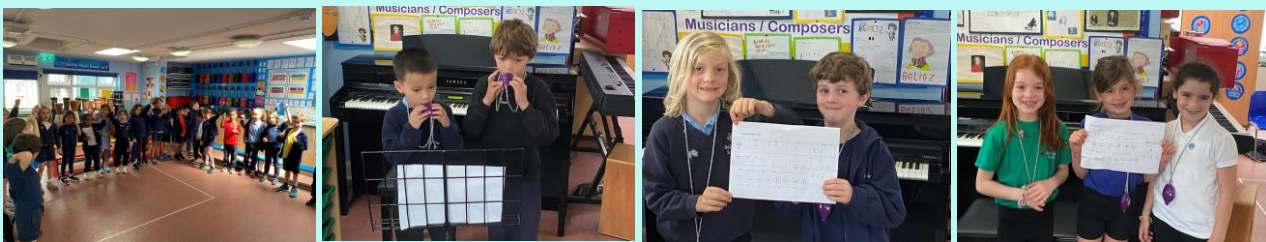




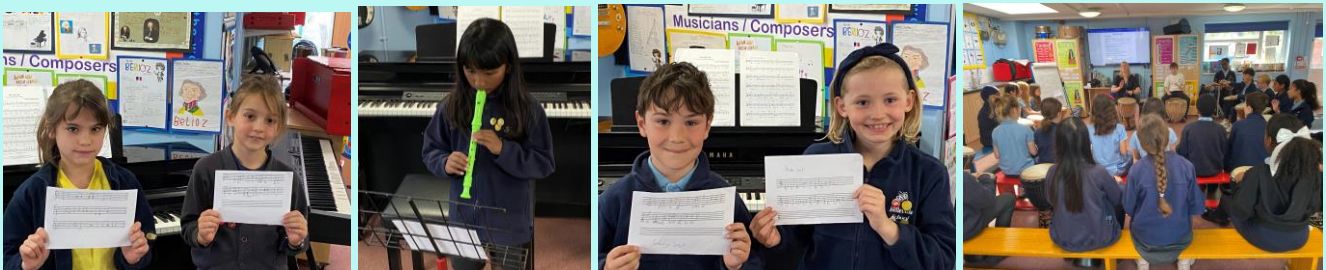
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## Music Update

Year 1 are learning songs in music for their singing project called 'The Journey.' The children have been learning songs in different languages and songs about transport. We look forward to displaying their amazing singing in their end of year concert. In Year 2, the children have been finishing learning the last few songs for their performance and as well as composing their own music on the ocarina in 2/4 time.



Year 3 have also been composing, using recorders, including notating it on the staff and sharing the performances of their work with their peers. Year 6 at Webb's Road are participating in a djembe drumming project and preparing for their end of year drumming performances. They have been learning to play music inspired by rhythms from Senegal and Ghana.



## Work with us!

We are recruiting a **Receptionist/Administrator** and a **Premises Officer** to join our team. To find out more and apply, please [visit our website](#). Applications close at noon on Monday 3 June.



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.



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## Belleville PTA

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the gardening days and the Belleville Fun Run. Special thanks to Nicky Green for organising the Fun Run, which was a great success, and to Kathryn and Lilly for co-ordinating the gardening days at Meteor and Webb's respectively.

Our next event is the **Festival of Friendship on Friday 7 June** at Webb's Road. The festivities start at 3.30pm with an exciting Bollywood performance, followed by another at 4.15pm, allowing plenty of time for everyone from Meteor to walk over and join the fun.

Come and celebrate our community's rich diversity with a variety of cultural stalls, delicious food, and a spectacular lion dance at 5pm.

If you can donate a cake for our cake stall, please drop it off at either the Meteor or Webb's office in the morning. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up the stalls and to run the story corner. Please email [hello@bellevillepta.org](mailto:hello@bellevillepta.org) if you can help.

Come and enjoy this vibrant celebration of cultures with us!

## Wandsworth Music – Sound Start

Wandsworth Music offer a Sound Start programme for children in Year 1 and Year 2 at their [Saturday Music Academy](#) at Burntwood School, SW17 0AQ.

Year 1 Sound Start (8.30-9am) involves musical singing games to establish confident voices and percussion to introduce fundamental musical skills.

Year 2 Sound Start (9am-10.05am) involves learning the recorder, extending ensemble techniques learnt in Year 1, and singing in a WMA choir. Children can then go on to join the WMA Junior Academy from Year 3.

If you are interested in a place from September, please [visit their website](#).

## Free Girls' Rugby at Battersea Ironsides

Battersea Ironsides Rugby Club are holding six FREE weekly 'Love Rugby' taster sessions for girls aged 10-17 in the lead up to the summer. The sessions will take place from Thursday 6 June - Thursday 11 July from 6.15 – 6.45pm at Battersea Ironsides, Burntwood Lane, SW17 0AW. If you are in Year 5 or 6 and are interested, [find out more and sign up here](#). New players welcome and absolutely no experience needed. For any questions, contact: [girls.manager@ironsidesrugby.com](mailto:girls.manager@ironsidesrugby.com)

## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2024

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](#).