



Belleville News

26 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to the parents and carers that have accompanied school trips in the past few weeks. Just this week our children have been to the British Museum (Year 3) and the Florence Nightingale Museum (Year 2).

We know how important trips are in terms of consolidating and bringing learning to life, as well as creating vivid memories and expanding the children's life experiences. Whenever children speak about their favourite memories of school life, trips always feature highly. We are so appreciative of parents who are willing to give up their time to help. The trips cannot take place without your support. It is such a valuable contribution to the school community and we really appreciate it.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Parent Readers - Reception - Year 2

Thank you to those who have volunteered to support reading in our Reception - Year 2 classes. To support your understanding of the teaching of early reading, we will be holding a workshop on **Friday 9 February at 2pm on Zoom**. A link will be sent out nearer the time. If you attended our workshop last term, there is no need to attend. If you would like to volunteer but have not yet signed up, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary:

Belleville PTA pre-loved uniform and skiwear sale. Friday 2 February, 3.10-4pm, Meteor Street.

Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service Coffee morning. Wednesday 31 January, 9.10am, Webb's Road. Please [sign up here](#) and email enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk to confirm attendance.

School Orchestra performance at the Mayor's Gala. Tuesday 6 February, 7pm. The Civic Suite, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU - Tickets: £6 for adults and £2.50 for children and [available here](#).

Parents'/Carers' Evenings – Reception to Year 6 - Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February.

Nursery - Monday 5 to Thursday 8 February. Bookings will open on Friday 26 January at 5pm.

Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2024 entry - Friday 9 February 2024. Please download the Nursery [application form here](#) and return directly to the school office.

Year 6 Singing Project with Wandsworth Music. In School performances. Friday 22 March, 10.30am, Webb's Road for 6DB, 6T and 6W. Friday 22 March, 2.30pm, Meteor Street for 6B and 6H.

Brighter Sounds Concert - Wednesday 27 March, 7pm at Fairfield Halls, Croydon, CR0 1JD

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Marsha de Cordova MP visits Belleville

Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome Marsha de Cordova MP, our constituency MP for Battersea to Belleville.

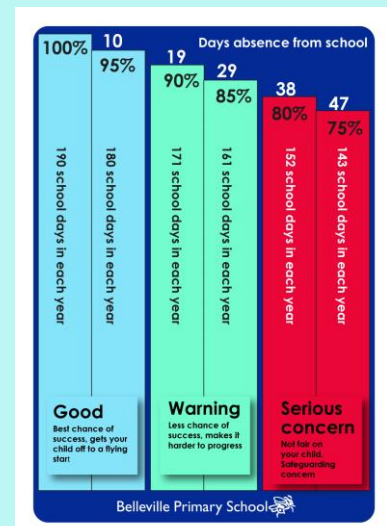
She toured the school and held a fascinating question and answer session with some of our School Council members and House Captains where she talked about her role and its challenges, the election process and her proudest achievements. She was very impressed by how engaged and eloquent our children were. The children were excellent representatives of our school values and should be very proud.



Attendance

School attendance is very important to make sure that every child reaches their full potential, not only academically but also socially and emotionally. We expect all children to attend school every day and to be in the playground at the start of the day. Periods of absence and poor punctuality are disruptive to the children's learning and send poor messages about the value of education. We ask parents and carers to support us in ensuring their children do not miss out through unnecessary absences.

We will be monitoring all pupils' attendance and punctuality. Nationally, any child who attends school less than 90% of the time is considered a Persistent Absentee. **As part of our procedures, we will be contacting parents/carers before half term if their child's attendance is below this level to start a conversation about improving your child's attendance.**



Clothing for Outdoor PE lessons

While it is cold and wet, it's important that the children are wrapped up warm for their walk to school, but sometimes their outdoor clothing is not ideal for movement, safety or warmth during outdoor PE lessons. Please do not feel it is necessary to purchase any new items, but wherever possible, please can you consider the below to keep children warm and safe during PE.

- Hat and gloves - Kipsta gloves are great for sport, but woollen gloves are also fine.
- Tracksuit bottoms - no shorts or skorts until summer please.
- Base layers/thermal underwear - advisable but not essential.
- Long-sleeved top.
- School fleece **or** warm, short jacket. Long coats/big hoods restrict movement and sight.

Footwear for PE should provide children with foot and ankle support. For Reception to Year 2, plimsolls or trainers with Velcro fastenings are fine. For Years 3 to 6, trainers are essential for safety, support and to prevent injuries. Fashion trainers, school shoes or boots are not appropriate footwear for PE lessons.

Please note that our PE kit consists of navy, grey or black tracksuit bottoms (or leggings for indoor PE), navy, light blue or white T-shirt, navy sweatshirt/long sleeve jumper (no hoodies), navy, grey or black skorts or shorts - indoor PE, suitable trainers, and no football strips.



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French Update

All Year 5 and 6 children recently had the opportunity to participate in the National Routes into Languages French Bee. Bravo to all the participants (over 70!). The four children from each class with the highest score will go through to Stage 2 and will be given the information about Stage 2 soon.

5G: Ruby, Romeesa, Arniss and Amira

5OG: Reijana, Valentina, James and Adam

5S: Davis, Audrey, Tom and Krish

5T: Zoe, Penelope, Aiden and Elliott

6B: Habibah, James, Piotr and Georgina

6T: Siyana, Amari, Olivia and Sonia

6DB: Caiden, Warda, Alp, Briannika and Autumn (tied place)

6H: Gui, Alexa, Cezar and Kezianne

6W: Pip, Faizah, Kyra and Charlotte

Year 4 Update

Year 4 are excited to be studying the artwork of Amedeo Modigliani. They have been creating their own self-portraits in the style of his work.



We are also working hard on our times tables. It has been fantastic to see how many children are participating in the [Times Tables Rockstars](#) competitions. We are challenging the children to go on Times Tables Rockstars as much as they can throughout the week at home to improve their own scores and consolidate their knowledge and fluency.



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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Year 1 Visit to Church

Last Friday, our Year 1 Webb's Road classes visited St Michael's Church, Wandsworth Common as part of their [RE and Worldviews](#) topic on Christianity. They learnt about the Church and about how Christians worship and had the opportunity to ask questions. Our Meteor class is looking forward to their visit to St Barnabas Church next week.



SEND Resources

Parents and carers may find the following SEND resources useful.

[Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service – Spring Term Parent Events.](#)
[SEND in MIND January Newsletter](#)

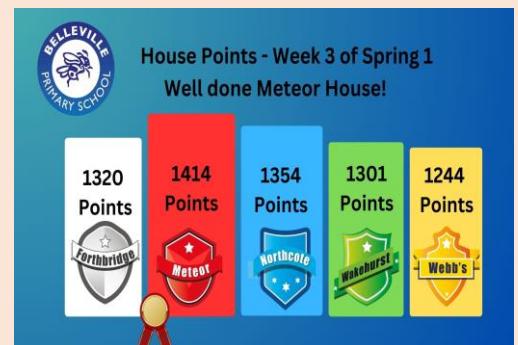
Year 1 Leader

As Rose Spring is now on maternity leave, the Year Leader for Year 1 is Sarah Peach.



Information about our Year Leaders and who to speak to is [available on our website.](#)

House Points



Reminder Skiwear sale - donations needed! If you have any preloved skiwear for our sale at Meteor on Friday 2 February, please drop it at the school office.

Save the Date: We are delighted to announce that the **Belleville School Quiz Night** is back on **Friday 8 March, 7.30pm** at Meteor Street. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Saturday Football Sessions

Our friends at Enable have shared information about boys' and girls' football sessions on Tooting Bec Common with Wandsworth Football Development School. For more information, [please click here.](#)

Spring Term 2024

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

Term dates for 2024/25 are [on our website.](#)

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