



Belleville News

6 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Fair on Saturday. So much time and effort goes into organising and running an event like this and we want to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers that have and will help to make the event a huge success.

As ever the PTA will be leading the way and special thanks go to Abby Minns, Laura Bassett, and their team for everything they do. It will be a fantastic event and we look forward to seeing all of you there.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:



Belleville PTA Winter Fair - Saturday 7 December, 12 noon – 3pm, Webb's Road.

Reception Festive Performances – **RH** - Monday 9 December, 10am, **RF** – Monday 9 December, 2pm, **RC** – Tuesday 10 December, 10am, **RMC** – Tuesday 10 December, 2pm – all in the school hall at Webb's Road. **REC** – Wednesday 11 December, 10am, Meteor Hall.

Year 4 Winter Performances - Thursday 12 December, **4T** - 10am, Meteor Hall; **4C & 4H** - 1.30pm, Middle Hall, Webb's Road; **4M & 4SP** - 2.30pm, Middle Hall, Webb's Road.

School Orchestra Performance - Thursday 12 December, 4pm, Middle Hall, Webb's Road.

School Choir Carol Performance - Thursday 12 December, 5.30pm, Battersea Power Station Art'otel.

Year 1 'Dinky the Donkey' performance - Friday 13 December, 2.15pm, [St Michael's Church](#).

Year 2 'Behind Every Door' performance - Friday 13 December, 10.45am, [St Michael's Church](#).

Deadline for Year 6 parents/carers to confirm if their child wishes to go on the Year 6 Residential – Friday 13 December. The [link to the survey is here](#).

Year 3 Winter Performance - Monday 16 December, 2.15pm, [St Michael's Church](#).

Year 5 Winter Performances - Tuesday 17 December, **5G & 5K** - 10.15am, Lower Hall, Webb's Road, **5OG & 5S** - 2.15pm, Meteor Hall.

Year 6 Winter Performances - Wednesday 18 December, **6DB & 6H** - 10.15am, Lower Hall, Webb's Road, **6B & 6T** - 2.15pm, Meteor Hall.

Last day of Autumn 2 Term - Friday 20 December with **earlier finish times**. Years 1–6 2.20pm, Reception 2.25pm, Nursery Red 2.30pm. **Belleville Beehive Wraparound closes at 5.30pm on the last day of term.**

School Council are organising a collection for Lidl's Toy Bank! Pupils wishing to donate should bring an unopened toy, book, puzzle, arts and crafts or game to the collection box at the school office (Meteor) or their class teacher (Webb's) by Thursday 12th December. This could be anything from a stocking filler to a bigger gift and suitable for a child of any age. Items should not be gift wrapped. The gifts will then be taken to Lidl for distribution to the local community. Thank you.



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Poésiaert Competition Success

Year 4-6 children had the opportunity to enter a piece of artwork inspired by a French poem studied in class into the Poésiaert French poetry/art competition. At Belleville, we had over 100 entries. Madame Osborn and Ms Green chose three finalists from each year group to be sent to the organisers for the global final. We were delighted to hear that Michael (4M) and Sophie (5K) were chosen as global winners! Bravo!

Children enjoyed visiting the 'art gallery' of all Belleville's entries and discussing how their favourite entries represented the poem.



Nursery Festive Performances

Very well done to our two Nursery classes on their festive performances this week, we're very proud of you. What a great way to start off all our year group performances over the coming fortnight!



Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed their Christmas lunch yesterday with a surprise visit from Father Christmas and one of his elves! The children wore festive jumpers to support Save the Children and we're delighted to have raised over £1,000 for the charity so far. If you would still like to donate, please visit our [fundraising page](#). Thank you to our caterers, Harrisons, for providing our Christmas lunch.





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Reception Update

It seems hard to believe we are already heading towards the end of our first full term at Belleville. It has been wonderful to see how quickly all the children have settled in; the friendships they have built and the progress they have made with their learning.

It has been a busy few weeks and the children have really loved this half term's focus on light and dark. This has involved learning about night and day; shadows; nocturnal and diurnal animals and the solar system. The children have also created some wonderful art pieces focussing on colour mixing, inspired by the work of Kandinsky and Rothko.



We have now covered all the single letter sounds and some digraphs. We incorporate daily practice, using these in words, captions and sentences. In maths, we have focused on numbers to 10 - reciting, writing and ordering them as well as looking at number bonds to 5. 2D shapes have been introduced through naming them and describing their properties.



As we head into the final couple of weeks, we are very excited to be welcoming you to our Christmas performances next week. We will also have a huge array of fun Christmas activities for the children, including letter writing to Santa; lots of Christmas arts and crafts and learning why and how people celebrate Christmas.

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Art Update

Every year group began this year by practicing their drawing skills. Year 1 were inspired by the artist Paul Klee's painting 'Fish Magic'. The children carefully observed the shapes, lines and textures on different fish and then used the wax resist and sgraffito techniques to create these beautiful colourful fish artworks.



Year 2 have been drawing from their imagination, inspired by the artist, Joan Miró. They made playful drawings on acetate which they then laid on top of different watercolour and collage backgrounds to see how they changed the mood of their drawing.

Year 3 have been experimenting with different drawing materials when carefully observing natural forms inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe. They used charcoal to draw shells and oil pastels to make colour studies of flowers.

Year 4 have made beautiful drawings of birds. They have focussed on texture, shading and value to create these detailed pencil drawings.

Year 5 have made these amazing shoe drawings after learning about the artist Chiharu Shiota, who uses objects like shoes in her installation artworks. They learnt more about proportion, texture, value and shading. They are now enjoying making these designs with clay. They have been exploring textures and adding exciting details to their shoes before they go on to add colour.



Year 6 were inspired by the artist, Peter Randall-Page when they made these impressive pencil drawings of natural forms. They learnt about the symmetry and geometry found in nature and how it informs this artist's drawings, prints and sculptures.

You can see the children's lovely drawings in more detail on our [Instagram](#).



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BELLEVILLE SCHOOL PTA

Winter Fair - Saturday 7 December, 12 noon – 3pm, Webb's Road.
Everyone welcome!

Raffle tickets are available to [buy in advance](#) or you can buy them on the day. There are fabulous prizes to be won!

If you would like to book a ticket Santa's Grotto at the Fair, there are timed entry slots from 12 noon to 3pm. Places are limited so please [book in advance](#) to avoid disappointment. Children on pupil premium in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be offered a free ticket and do not need to book via the website.



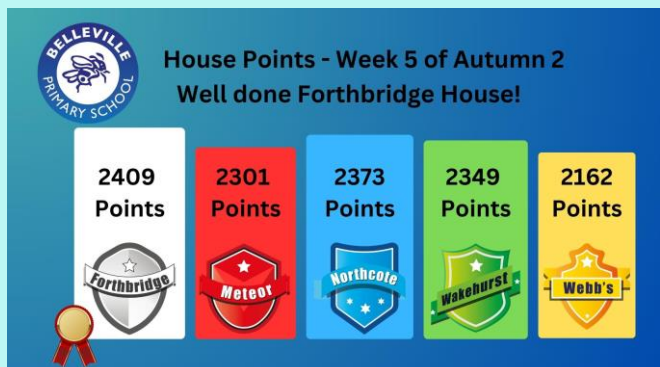
School Streets

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with School Streets. If you can help for just 5 minutes at either site to put the sign out or take it in, please sign up below. If you are helping with this, please ensure that the sign is safely secured out of the way with the lock at the end of each session. Thank you.

Meteor Street, please [sign up here](#).

Webb's Road, please [sign up here](#).

House Points



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.



Autumn Term 2024

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 20 December

Spring Term 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6 January – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 7 January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 14 February

Spring half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 24 February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 4 April

Summer Term 2025

Inset Day: Tuesday 22 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1: Wednesday 23 April

Bank holiday: Monday 5 May – school closed

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 23 May

Summer half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May

First day of Summer 2: Monday 2 June

Last day of Summer 2: Tuesday 22 July