



Belleville News

6 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to a fantastic Spring term. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back at and to see how swiftly they have settled back into the rhythms and routines of school life.

Year 6 have already begun to practise for their forthcoming singing performance at the Royal Albert Hall and this is just one of the many exciting opportunities that will take place this term, alongside the core business of high-quality learning in every classroom, every lesson, every day.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Understanding the Year 4 'Multiplication Tables Check' Workshops - Tuesday 10 January, 1.30-2.30pm & 6-7pm.
Further details and zoom links in the newsletter below.

Reception applications close for September 2023 –
Sunday 15 January through Wandsworth Council.

Meet the Executive Headteacher – The final events are:

[Nursery & Reception](#), Webb's Road, Thursday 19 January, 9.15am,

[Reception](#), Meteor Street, Thursday 19 January, 11.15am.



Virtual Tour

Last term we filmed a new virtual tour for Belleville which is now on our website and [can be viewed here](#). We hope you enjoy it!

Thank you very much to all the children and staff who were filmed, including everyone who is not featured in the final edit – we could have made a feature film!

Reception Admissions

Just a reminder for anyone interested in a Reception place at Belleville for September 2023 (for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019) that you need to apply through Wandsworth Council by **Sunday 15 January 2023**. [Applications can be made here](#).

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



School Council visit Wandsworth Foodbank

It was a busy final day of term for a handful of School Council members as we packed up the minibuses with your food donations to Wandsworth Foodbank.

The children were happy to see the results of their hard work and giving back to the community. We would like to say a big thank you to Belleville PTA for all their help last half term.



Maths – Understanding the Year 4 ‘Multiplication Tables Check’ Workshops

Karen Taylor, Director of Maths, Q1E Trust, is offering a virtual workshop for parents/carers on **Tuesday 10 January** at **1.30-2.30pm** and at **6-7pm** to help provide you with strategies to support your children in learning their ‘times tables’, and an understanding the Year 4 ‘Multiplication Tables Check’.

The National Curriculum states that by the end of Year 4, pupils should know their times table facts up to 12 x 12. As you may be aware, in 2020 the government introduced a statutory times table test for Year 4 pupils, to be taken in June each year. Much like KS2 SATs, the assessment, the ‘Multiplication Tables Check’ (MTC) is mandatory for schools in England.

Having quick recall of times tables facts gives children a solid foundation in mathematics that will help them work out a variety of calculations easily and quickly. Knowing times tables facts provides the building blocks for understanding higher learning, such as long multiplication, long division, fractions and fraction of numbers, algebra and solving word problems.

Workshop on Tuesday 10 January at 1.30-2.30pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88262984238?pwd=Z0JCZlZ6dmpTTE9GekUvOGpLczNMUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 6298 4238, Passcode: XtablesPM

Workshop on Tuesday 10 January at 6-7pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84577379871?pwd=VDRCNEM1bW5lTGpvc1dPZStjamozZz09>

Meeting ID: 845 7737 987, Passcode: XtablesEVE



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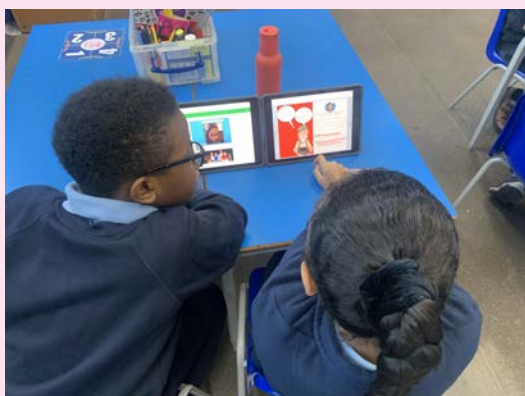
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Year 4 Update

Before the holiday, Year 4 kept themselves incredibly busy across the curriculum. They produced fantastic review sheets for their Science unit, Solids, Liquids and Gases. In ICT, they were working through a Sleuth IT mystery to find out 'Who ate the cake?' They also designed and sewed their own purses and wallets during DT days.



On top of this, we started a new Times Table programme to help the children in the lead up to the Government's Multiplication Tables Check in June. They have responded fantastically and already showed huge levels of improvement! It was wonderful to see all the work the children produced in Autumn 2. We can't wait for all the exciting activities and lessons to come this term!

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