



Belleville News

7 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The key aim for the school this year is to use the recent Outstanding judgment by OFSTED as a launch pad for the school to become even better. Receiving this judgment has many benefits but it is potentially dangerous if a school starts to become complacent in any way.

As part of our relentless drive for improvement, we will regularly invite external experts into Belleville to look at the provision we offer the children and to explore how we can improve it. As part of this process, over the past two weeks the leadership team have watched over 80 lessons across the school alongside a current OFSTED inspector and three Head Teachers from local schools.

The process was a very positive one and the team were very complimentary about the children and staff. That is always nice to hear and now we will take away the learning and use it to further improve what we offer the children and staff.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Early Reading and Writing Phonics Workshop on Zoom for Nursery, Reception, and new starters in Years 1 & 2 – Tuesday 11 October.

1.30pm [CLICK HERE](#) Meeting ID: **830 7137 6303** Passcode: **31yMuH**

5.00pm [CLICK HERE](#) Meeting ID: **836 9393 8807** Passcode: **SWB72G**

Year 5 Residential Trip to Uffon Court – 5P, 5G, 5OG – Mon 17 – Weds 19 October. 5B and 5T – Weds 19 – Fri 21 October.

Meet the Executive Head Events – The next ones that are taking place before Half Term are:

- Year 6 Webb's Road, Thursday 20 October at 9.15am
- Year 4 Webb's Road, Thursday 20 October at 11.15am

Please RSVP for all the remaining events by Friday 7 October to enable us to confirm the date/s for the Zoom events.

Belleville PTA Halloween Cake and Costume Sale – Thursday 20 October, 3.15-3.45pm, at both Meteor Street and Webb's Road

Autumn Half Term holiday - Monday 24 – Friday 28 October

Years 5 and 6 Cross Country

On Wednesday, some of our long-distance enthusiasts took part in a 1500m cross country race on Tooting Common.

With over 10 schools in the borough competing, the atmosphere was very much like a marathon with children clapping and encouraging all runners around the course.

Some of our children's comments after the race:

"My legs feel like jelly",

"The first lap was ok, but the second lap was much harder!",

"It was tough when you saw how many runners were ahead - to keep going and not give up"

Everyone tried their best and managed to save some energy for a sprint finish too!





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Parent/Carer Evenings



As we return to more face-to-face events, we will be holding our parent/carers evenings in person. This will give parents an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher, see their work and classroom. You will be able to book appointments from next week for the first Parent/Carer evenings of the year. We will notify you on ParentMail when the bookings will open and close. The dates and times are as follows:

- Wednesday 19th October – 3.50 – 6.30pm
- Thursday 20th October - 3.50 – 6.30pm

As the Year 5 school journey falls on these days, Year 5 will hold their parent/carers evenings on Tuesday 1st November – 3:50 – 6:30 pm
Wednesday 2nd November – 3:50 – 6:30 pm

For our Nursery parents, we will contact you separately.

Belleville Open Mornings – Your help please

Belleville will be hosting two open mornings on **Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 November** from **9.15am to around noon** for prospective parents/carers to come and visit the school for next year's Nursery and Reception places as well as for any families interested in places in Year 1 to Year 6 if there are spaces available in that year group.

The open days will offer an opportunity for families interested in joining the school to visit both Webb's Road and Meteor Street and hear a presentation by John Budden, Executive Head.

If you are free to help us run these events and provide a parent/carers perspective to those on the tours, whether you can spare half an hour or a full morning, we'd love to hear from you. Please email vicki.holt@q1e.org.uk by **Wednesday 19 October**. We'll provide a briefing session in advance of the open mornings as well as tea/coffee and our grateful thanks.



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**



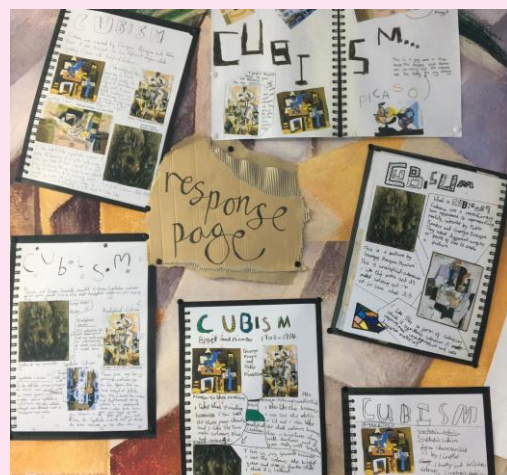
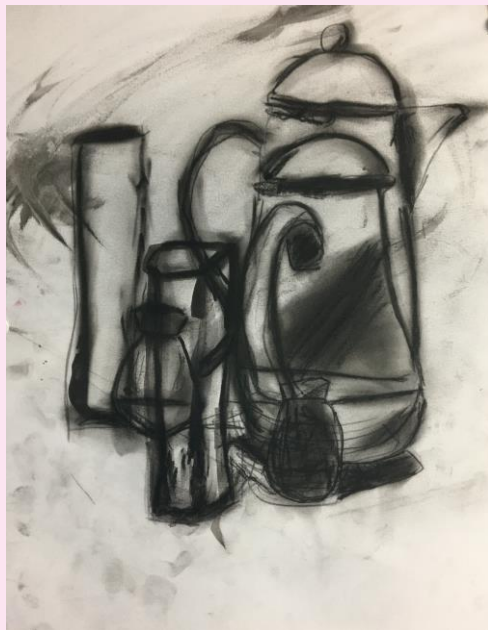


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Year 6 Art

This half-term Year 6 have been learning about Cubism. They began by looking at the work of its two founding artists, Georges Braque and Pablo Picasso, who wanted to create a new style of art over 100 years ago! When we look at objects, we only see one side at a time, but these artists wanted to show objects from many sides at the same time.

The children created still-life drawings and made carbon prints where the same objects appeared from slightly different angles. Then they developed these pictures using materials of their choice, ranging from watercolours to inks and oil pastels. Next they explored different media, including drawing pens, and practised their mark-making techniques, which they used to practise drawing bottles, trying to make them look 3D. This week, Year 6 will be using these skills to create their final pieces. Look out for their work on display in the Year 6 corridor! Ms Allan





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Football Update

This week, teams of boys from Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in two separate football tournaments. The first was organised by Dolphin School on Wandsworth Common, and the second was an U10 tournament of 30 schools at Dulwich College. The teams all had a wonderful time playing fun competitive football, winning, losing, and drawing matches across the day.



Battersea Junior Park Run

Junior Park Run will be coming to Battersea Park in 2023 and the organisers are looking for volunteers who are keen to support the event when it launches. Junior Park Run is a free weekly run encouraging young people aged 4-14 to complete a 2km route inside Battersea Park on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering, please [sign up here](#).

Once we have the launch date and how you sign up to take part, we will put the details in a future newsletter.



School Term Dates

Autumn Term

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 21 October
Autumn Half Term holiday: Monday 24 – Friday 28 October
First day of Autumn 2: Monday 31 October
Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 16 December

Spring Term

First day of Spring 1: Wednesday 4 January
Last day of Spring 1: Friday 10 February
Spring Half Term Holiday: Monday 13 – Friday 17 February
First day of Spring 2: Monday 20 February
Last day of Spring 2: Friday 31 March

Summer Term

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: Mon 5 June - school closed to children
First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 6 June
Last day of Summer 2: Friday 21 July

The PTA are organising a Halloween Cake and Costume sale at Meteor St and Webb's Rd on Thursday 20 October, 3.15-3.45pm. Please drop any spare costumes off at the School Offices next week marked 'Halloween costumes' and if you are available to help on the day, please email hello@bellevillepta.org