



# Belleville News

8 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a joy to see so many of our families at our Christmas fair on Saturday. We are very fortunate to have an active and dedicated PTA group that organise such events to bring our community together. Huge thank you to everyone that helped to make the event a great success. It was a chilly afternoon, but that certainly didn't dampen spirits!

A special thank you to Laura and Abby, our Co-Chairs, and their team - we really appreciate it.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

**Christmas Concerts** - 4 – 19 December. Details on the next page.

**School Streets Programme Consultation Drop-In Sessions** – Wednesday 13 December, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Webb's, and Monday 18 December, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Meteor. Information will be available in the playgrounds at pick-up on the same dates (13 Dec – Webb's, 18 Dec – Meteor). [Read more about the Council's School Street programme here.](#)

**Year 6 School Journey – Meeting for Year 6 Parents/Carers** - Thursday 14 December, 6pm, Webb's Road. Please also [complete the form](#) about the Year 6 trip before Mon 11 Dec.

**School Choir - Mayor's Charity Concert**, Tuesday 19 December, 6-8pm, Wandsworth Civic Centre. Tickets available [here](#).

**Last Day of Term** - Thursday 21 December. **Please note earlier finish times.** Years 1 – 6 – 2.20pm, Reception – 2.25pm, Nursery pm – 2.30pm. Children can wear their own clothes to school.

**INSET day** - Monday 8 January 2024

**First day of Spring 1 term** - Tuesday 9 January 2024

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

## Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, our children their enjoyed Christmas Lunch. Thank you to our caterers, [Harrisons](#), and to Father Christmas for making a special visit to see us. It was great to see so many cheery jumpers and we are delighted to have raised over £1,000 for [Save the Children](#).



## Coughs and Colds

It's the season of coughs and colds and we have several children absent with colds.

Please remind your children to wash their hands, cover their mouths when coughing, and use and then bin tissues to help protect everyone in our community.

## House Points

Well done Wakehurst House!



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## Christmas Concerts

### Reception

RH	Monday 11 December	10am	Webb's - Lower Hall
RC	Monday 11 December	2pm	Webb's - Lower Hall
RM	Tuesday 12 December	10am	Webb's - Lower Hall
RR	Tuesday 12 December	2pm	Webb's - Lower Hall
REC	Wednesday 13 December	2pm	Meteor - Hall
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Friday 15 December</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>St. Michael's Church</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Friday 15 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St. Michael's Church</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tuesday 19 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St. Michael's Church</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>Webb's - Lower Hall</b>
<b>Year 6</b>			
6DB, 6T & 6W	Monday 18 December	10.30am	Webb's - Lower Hall
6B & 6H	Monday 18 December	2.30pm	Meteor - Hall

The address for St Michael's Church is Cobham Close, Wandsworth Common, SW11 6SP.

There will be collections at all our Christmas concerts. Money raised will go to St. Michael's Church as well as St. George's Hospital. Card readers as well as cash will be accepted! Thank you.

## Year 4 Concerts

It was wonderful to hear Year 4 on their instruments and singing in their Christmas performances yesterday - they sounded fantastic. It is amazing that these children have only been playing their instruments through our Year 4 instrumental programme with [Wandsworth Music](#) since the start of this academic year, very well done to all of them.



## School Orchestra, Choir and Band Performances

We were pleased to showcase the Belleville Orchestra, Band and Choir at the school fair - they sounded great and made us feel very festive. Learning to play in an ensemble is a great skill for children to learn and both instrumental groups will be open to children in Years 4-6 from next term.





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## Year 6 Update

This week has seen Year 6 taking part in 1940s day. From dressing up in 1940s style outfits to experiencing the drama and tension created by an air raid siren, Year 6 have been able to live as a child during 1940s London. They have cracked codes, endured rigorous handwriting practice, listened to Glenn Miller, made 'austerity decorations' and a range of other activities that helped them to build some understanding of life in wartime.

This has been a perfect opportunity to combine our writing and history units this half-term, both of which are looking to develop understanding of the Second World War experience. By reading the adventures of a group of friends in Christopher Edge's fantastic 'The Longest Night of Charlie Noon', children are given an insight into Dunkirk, the Blitz, the Enigma devices and Bletchley Park. In history, listening to a talk from Carol Rahn with first hand experiences of people from Wandsworth who were in the war, either in the city or as evacuees, has helped to enrich the children's perspectives on those involved in different ways.



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 5 and 6 French Bee

Year 5 and 6 pupils have the exciting opportunity to participate in the national [Routes Into Languages Primary Bee](#). The first stage of the competition will take place within school next week, but later stages will happen externally against other schools. Winners from Belleville will qualify for the next stage.

The aim of the Primary Bee is for pupils in Years 5 & 6 to practise and improve their vocabulary, pronunciation, and memory skills in French. All pupils will learn the words in class and at home, but participation in the competition is optional. Native or bilingual pupils are not eligible to compete.

Pupils will be given 40 words or phrases to learn at each stage. During the competition, pupils will be given the word or phrase in English, and they will have to translate it correctly into French ensuring accurate pronunciation and intonation. This [link has flashcards and games](#) to help your child practice the Stage 1 vocabulary. If you have any queries, please email [charlotte.osborn@belleville.q1e.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.osborn@belleville.q1e.org.uk)

## Eco-Council Update

Last Monday, the eco-council took a trip to the Wandsworth recycling centre to see the process of how our household rubbish is recycled correctly. The children were able to see how the rubbish arrives at the centre and how it is sorted to ensure the different materials are appropriately recycled. The children visited the education centre where they asked thoughtful questions, expanding their knowledge, and were praised for their hard work in ensuring recycling happens at Belleville. The children came away with lots of ideas to take forward into the new year. Watch this space!



## Nursery Performances

Congratulations to our Nursery classes for their lovely festive performances this week!





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On behalf of Belleville PTA and the school, we'd like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who volunteered, supported, and attended the Christmas Fair last Saturday, especially the Christmas Fair team and Mr Gashi. Despite the freezing conditions, everyone really got into the festive spirit and we are delighted to announce that the fair, including all proceeds from stalls, trees, and our sponsors, raised £20,000 for the school! This is amazing and all down to a great sense of school community.



## Lacrosse Tournament

On Tuesday 5 December, Year 5 and 6 children from Meteor and Webb's took part in a lacrosse tournament at Battersea Sports Centre where they had the opportunity to play against other schools and put their skills to the test.

'The lacrosse tournament was a very good, fun, sport event. The most important thing was, even though we did not win, we had resilience, teamwork and most of all we had a great time.'

*Review by Eva and Zephaniah, Year 5.*



## Review of Football Festival

"On Monday 27 November, 9 Year 4 Belleville students participated in the Southfield Academy football festival. There, lots of games were set up, which all included various football skills. We played mini matches against another school, as well as a game called "Rob the Nest". In "Rob the Nest", a square in the middle of the field is filled with cones and footballs to be the Nest. Defenders protect the nest by tagging attackers who then go back empty handed. The aim of the game is to have the most cones and balls in your nest. Despite the rain, the festival was wonderful, and we had a lot of fun. Thank you Belleville for signing us up for it!"

*Review by Clotilde, Year 4.*

## Autumn Term 2023

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

First day of Summer 2: Monday 3 June

Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July

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