



Belleville
Primary School

News

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time flies when you are having fun and we can't believe it's October already! It has been great to see a more normal school experience returning with children working in groups, getting to grips with the curriculum for their year, enjoying their specialist teacher lessons and having their learning enhanced with visitors, school trips and sport competitions.

1st October is the start of Black History Month – more details of how we will be marking this in school are below. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the national celebrations and events to honour the too-often unheralded accomplishments of Black Britons in every area of endeavour throughout our history.

Black History Month is an important event and we continue to work hard on ensuring our curriculum, taught throughout the year, is representative of our children, their families and the richly diverse local and global community in which they live. This can be seen in history but also across the subjects e.g. in the themes, authors and characters in the books we read; in the people we teach about to inspire our children in all fields of achievement: scientists, artists, explorers, activists, musicians and in the teaching of equality, anti-racism, respect and diversity.

We are really proud of our Year 6 children who sat their Wandsworth tests last week in a cool, calm and focussed fashion. Our latest destinations information is available on the school website [Click here](#) with children transferring to popular state secondary schools in the area (Bolingboke Academy and Graveney) as well as a range of independent schools at the end of Year 6 (Alleyn's, Dulwich College, Emanuel, Streatham and Clapham High and Whitgift to name a few). In fact, 90% of our Year 6 children applying to independent schools last year received at least one offer.

We were pleased to have high attendance at the year group welcome meetings, secondary transfer meeting and the 'Zones of Regulation' workshop so far this term. Coming up before half term (links to follow):

- 5th October - **Helping Your Child Love Reading** at 5pm with Simon Hudd, Assistant Headteacher
- 12th October – **Phonics** (especially helpful for Nursery to Year 2) at 5pm with Laura Britten and Hannah Coles (Assistant Headteachers) and Ellie Thompson (Early Reading Leader)
- 20th and 21st October – **Parent/Carer Evenings** 3.50 – 6.30pm – appointment bookings will open soon via Parentmail

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteacher Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteacher Juniors)



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



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.



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What is Black History Month?

October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years. The month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations. Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but Black people in general.

We share the belief that it is important to recognise the people who may not have been previously through discrimination and racism; celebrating how Black people and communities have shaped the UK and the world in the past as well as the contemporary people who are making a difference.

You may find this resource helpful to talk with your children about Black History Month: [NEWSROUND - What is Black History Month?](#) For adults, you may find this resource interesting: [Black History Timeline](#)

2021: Proud to Be

We are celebrating the theme “Proud to Be” for Black History Month 2021. We will focus on 6 individuals from different backgrounds who have lived and worked in the UK to discuss the theme and why it is important to be proud of who you are and where you come from, as well as your contribution to your community.



David Mwanaka



Alison Bennison



Vernon Samuels



Elsie Owusu



Mac Williams



Yesha Townsend

Get involved at home!

We would love to create a display of children's work about Black British people (they don't have to be famous, the first to do something or extraordinary, they could be a family member) with the focus of 'Proud to be . . .' This could be a drawing, poster, writing or anything that can be securely pinned to a wall!

There is a fantastic online calendar here with a new person each day to learn about – thank you to the parent who shared this link with us!

<https://ourhistoryissharedhistory.com>



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Malorie Blackman Celebrates Belleville Pupil's Work on Twitter



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@bellevillesch

So proud 🥰 of this poem inspired by 'Cloudbusting' by @malorieblackman - great effort especially as this particular pupil has only recently learned English (it will be her third language)!

Isn't life wonderful?

Isn't life chasing my friends in the Park until we get tired and fall on the grass?

Isn't life waffles sweet strawberries and cream covered with a blanket of rainbow sprinkles?

Isn't life watching Disney films snuggled up with sticky popcorn and my brothers and



Malorie Blackman is mostl... · 23h
Replying to @bellevillesch

LOVE it! So good. Do please say hi to this particular pupil and indeed all your pupils for me. I love that she was inspired by my book to write about what love is. I can relate to everything she wrote. 🥰 🍌 🍌

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Belleville School @bellevillesch · 20h
Thank you! She will be thrilled! Cloudbusting has been an amazing start to a new year for our children.

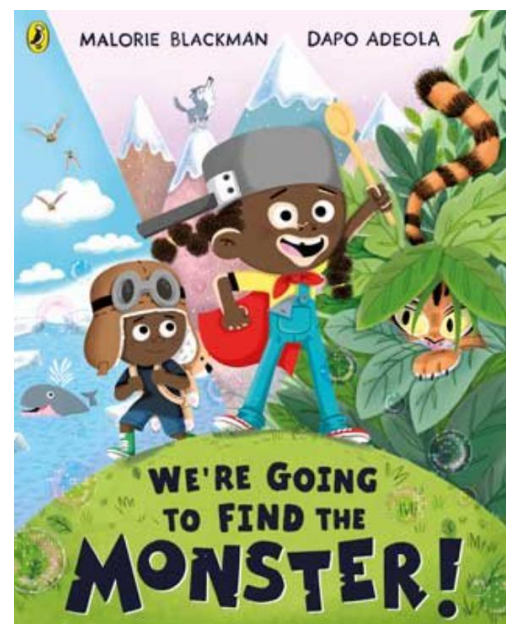
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Do you enjoy 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt?' by Michael Rosen?

Our Nursery children have been enjoying the story and using their outside area to explore the ideas.



You may also enjoy a new version of this book by Malorie Blackman and Dapo Adeola (who wrote 'Look Up' which is studied in Year 2 and our children met him on Zoom in the Spring term).



Join two intrepid adventurers as their imaginations transform their house into a wild wonderland - and their big brother becomes a mighty monster.



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Belleville Get Out and About



Year 3 visited St Michaels' Church to learn more about the Bible and how its teachings affect Christians.



Year 1 have been exploring known landmarks on a local walk to Northcote Road/Battersea Rise.



Year 3 have visited the Natural History Museum to learn about anatomy in science.

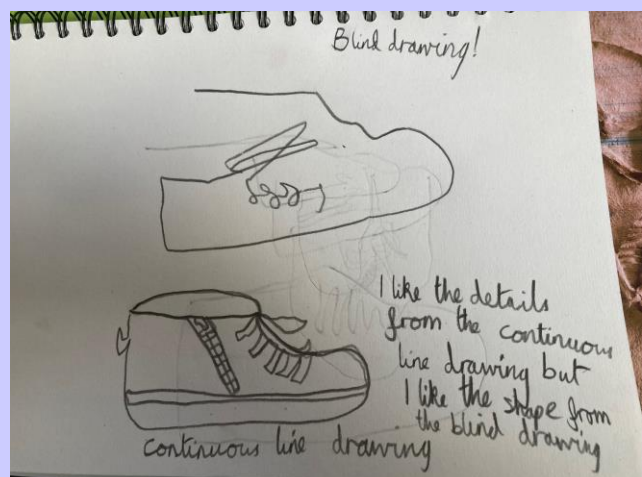
Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have supported the walking and minibus driving to enable these trips to happen!

Meaning and Expression in Art (and Shoes)

Year 5 children have started on one of our favourite art projects based on Japanese artist's Chiharu Shiota's installation which used hundreds of shoes that have meaning to their owners.



The children have been carefully observing shoes and using blind and continuous line drawing techniques in their initial sketchbook studies.





Year 5 classes have been enjoying cricket lessons in school with coaches from Surrey Cricket Club – there have been some fast and furious games on the playgrounds!



Years 6 Football Tournament

We are looking to attend and organise as many inter-school sport events as possible this year and aim to have as many children take part as we can.

PE Days

Extra Layers in Winter

As the weather gets colder and we need to have windows open for ventilation and Covid, children can wear extra layers of fleeces etc in class **as long as they are in the school colours of light blue or navy blue (no hoodies).**

Congratulations to:
Mary Fraser (nee Walker)
on her marriage over the
summer and Judith
Meadows (nee Hake) on
her recent nuptials.
Amy Boyd on the birth of
her son Alfie; Cat Hill on
the birth of her son Finlay,
Megan Shaw on the birth
of her son Arlo and
Samantha Burst on the
birth of her daughter
Margeaux. We wish them
all much happiness.



In assembly:

We have been learning about the United Nations and International Peace Day on September 21st. We have also been thinking about keeping healthy and safe with International Walk to School Month starting in October and reminding children about the PANTS rule.





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TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2021

Last day of Autumn 1 term: Friday 22nd October
Autumn half term holiday: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October
First day of Autumn 2 term: Monday 1st November
Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 4th January – school closed to children
First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 5th January
Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 11th February
Spring half term holiday: Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February
First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 21st February
Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 19th April – school closed to children
First day of Summer 1 term: Wednesday 20th April
Bank holiday: Monday 2nd May – school closed to children
Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 27th May
Spring half term holiday: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
First day of Summer 2 term: Monday 6th June
Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 22nd July

Any news, something to share or celebrate with the school community?

Please do email us on enquiries@bellevilleschool.org

