



Dear Parents and Carers,



Time has flown by and we are already at the end of the first half term of 2020-21.

We want to thank you, parents and carers, for entrusting your child(ren) to us – it is an immense privilege and pleasure. We thank you for your understanding, feedback and flexibility as we returned to school, during a pandemic, with all of the challenges this involves.

Thank you also to all of the staff for working so hard to make school life as ‘normal’ as possible and for their ongoing commitment to your children’s education and welfare. And finally, thank you to the children - it has been a delight seeing their enthusiasm for learning and playing together each day.

As the local and national picture changes, we will need to adapt again and draw on our stores of collective resilience – we are a strong community who will continue to work together for the benefit of our children.

With best wishes and hoping you have a restful and relaxing half term break.

Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher Juniors

Mary-Lyne Latour  
Headteacher Infants





## Local Governing Body News

At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye to Sarita Tamber and Tino Davatzis, parents at the school who served on our Local Governing Body [LGB] for three years from 2017 to 2020. We thank them for all their work, support and commitment to the school. We ran an election at the end of last term to appoint two new governing body members, and to co-opt one member onto the LGB. We're very pleased to welcome Rosie Ogle and Jessica Hill who were elected by the parent/carer community and Sanjeev Chopra as our co-opted governor.

We welcomed Rosie, Jessica, Sanjeev as well as staff governors and senior leaders to our first LGB meeting on 15th October 2020. The LGB was meeting fortnightly during national lockdown. We have now returned to meeting every half term with parent governors taking on duties which require regular commitment to the school. Ensuring child safeguarding is a key responsibility of the LGB. We thank Claire Bourke and Paloma Belaunde for taking on this duty on behalf of the LGB.

Key focus of the LGB is ensuring that our headteachers and staff fulfil their commitment to a relentless drive for improvement, excellence and equality. This year that means focusing on ensuring the curriculum is implemented to a consistently high quality supported by a digital strategy that provides safety for our children online, improving the outdoor space, engaging and communicating more effectively, continuing to invest in the professional development of our staff and supporting the wellbeing of all children, families and staff.

For more on the LGB, who we are and what we do visit here: <https://www.belleville-school.org.uk/our-governance/our-local-governing-body/> . You can contact the LGB at: [governors@bellevilleschool.org](mailto:governors@bellevilleschool.org)



From Emma Stace – Chair of Belleville LGB

## Can you give us a quote?

Please email [alexandra.turnbull@bellevilleschool.org](mailto:alexandra.turnbull@bellevilleschool.org) with a quote we can use on our website about the school

## Parent/Carer Meetings

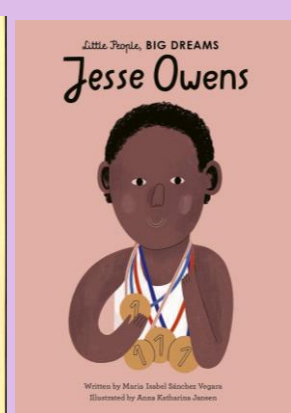
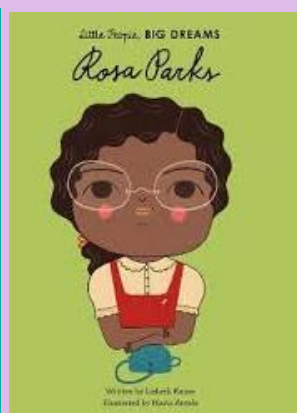
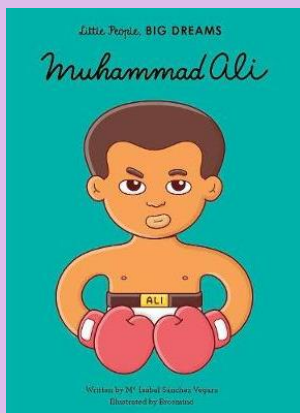
This week we held our first virtual meetings. Thank you to the many parents and carers that attended either on Zoom or via a phone call. Feedback on the booking and meetings has been very positive. If you were unable to attend this week's meeting please email your child's [enquiries@bellevilleschool.org](mailto:enquiries@bellevilleschool.org) and an alternative time can be arranged for after half term.





## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As Black History Month draws to a close, it's time to test your knowledge! Children from Early Years to Year 6 have been learning about the people below: How many of these people can you name? Why are they important?

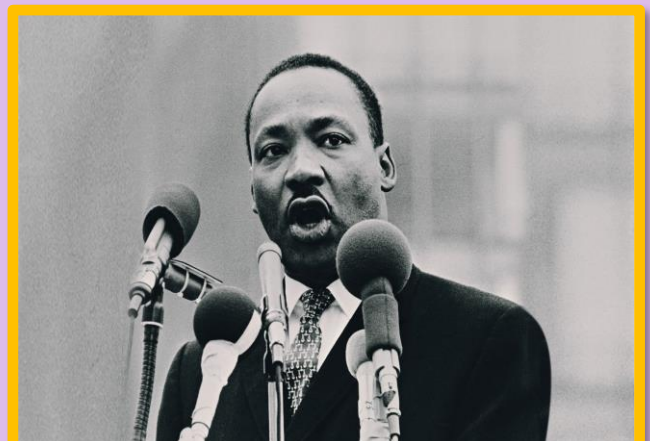
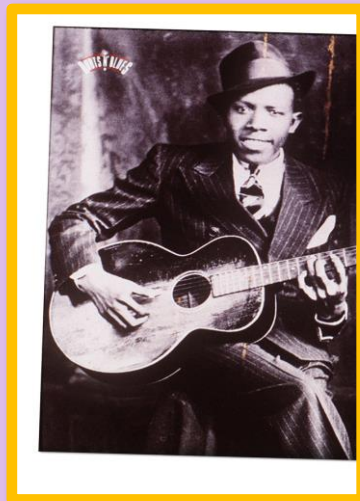
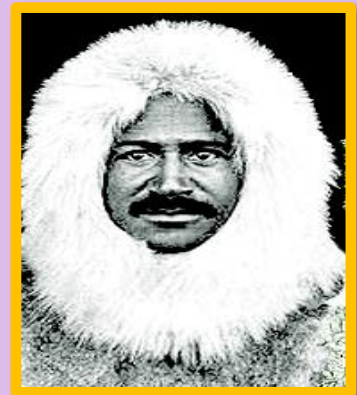




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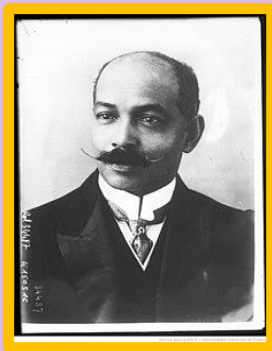
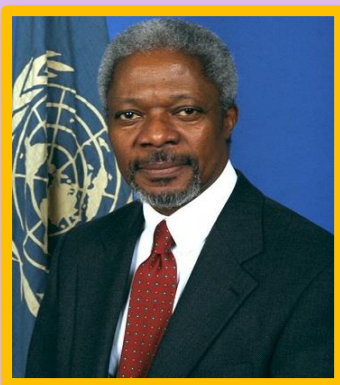
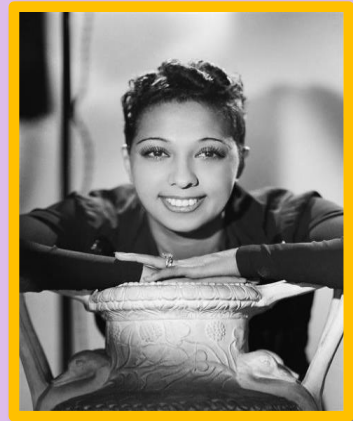
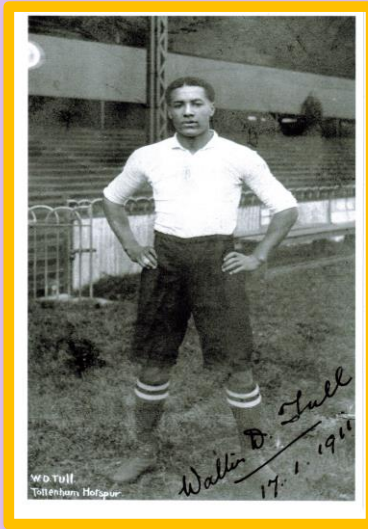


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## ZSL WHIPSNADE ZOO

Year 2 enjoyed a virtual visit from the keepers and creatures at Whipsnade Zoo this morning.

One of the highlights was learning that reindeer shed their antlers and grow new ones every year!



## Religious Education



Years 1 – 5 have been completing their RE units this half term learning about varied topics such as the importance of belonging and community, the beliefs and lifestyles of followers of Islam and Hinduism and about the importance of Jesus and the Bible to Christians.

We are fortunate to have a diverse community with families of many different faiths and none. Please do contact us on [enquiries@bellevilleschool.org](mailto:enquiries@bellevilleschool.org) if you could support our teaching and understanding of different perspectives.

## Term Dates 2020-21

### Autumn Term 2020

- Autumn half term - Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
- End of Autumn term - Friday 18th December 2020

### Spring Term 2021

- Inset Day January 4th 2021
- First day of Spring term Tuesday 5th January 2021
- Spring half term – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2021
- End of Spring term Wednesday 31st March 2021

### Summer Term 2021

- Inset Day Monday 19th April 2021
- First day of Summer term Tuesday 20th April 2021
- Summer half term – Monday 31st May – Friday June 4th 2021
- End of Summer term Friday 23rd July 2021