



Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Safety Measures

Thank you for the positive response to the safety measures in school. We are working extremely hard to keep the school community safe and can only do this with support from you all.

We are being extra vigilant in school in the run up to the holidays to avoid illness as much as possible and also reduce the risk of children and staff having to self-isolate through being in close contact. We have had some parents come to us feeling worried as some children and families are not following the current national guidelines which say that households should not be mixing socially indoors or outdoors unless they are part of your household or support bubble.

We appreciate that it is difficult to have to limit your children's social contact when they are outside of school but hope we can support each other to keep healthy, stay in school and enjoy the upcoming break.

Home Learning

We have been developing and refining our home learning plan should children have to stay at home. If an individual child is out because of Covid-19 (and they are well enough) we email the parent/carer with links to the work for the week and the teacher will review and feedback the work on Seesaw/Tapestry.

Should we have a whole class or year group at home, and the teacher is well, the teacher will also interact and give direct teaching input at the start of the core lessons of English, maths, science etc. to support their learning. We are increasing our stock of tablet devices we can loan out and wifi dongles for those who may need them.

Finish time on the last day of term – Friday 18th December

It is our tradition to finish slightly earlier on the last day of term. With our staggered end of day the finish times will be:

- Years 4, 5, 6 2.05pm
- Years 1, 2, 3 2.15pm
- Reception 2.25pm
- Nursery Red 2.30pm

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher Infants

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher Juniors

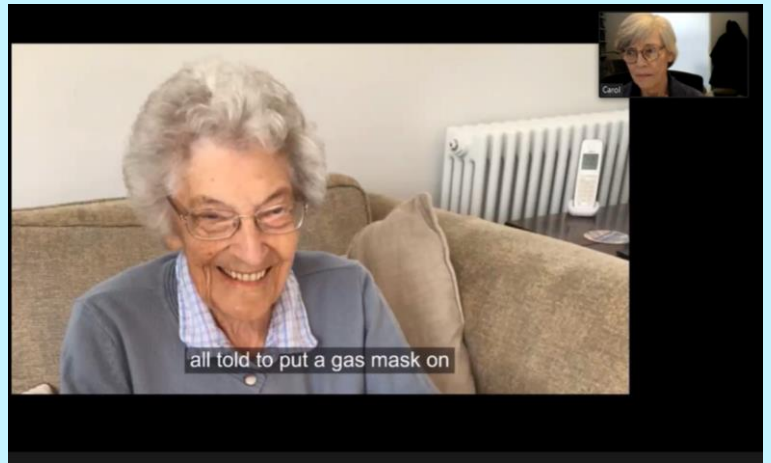
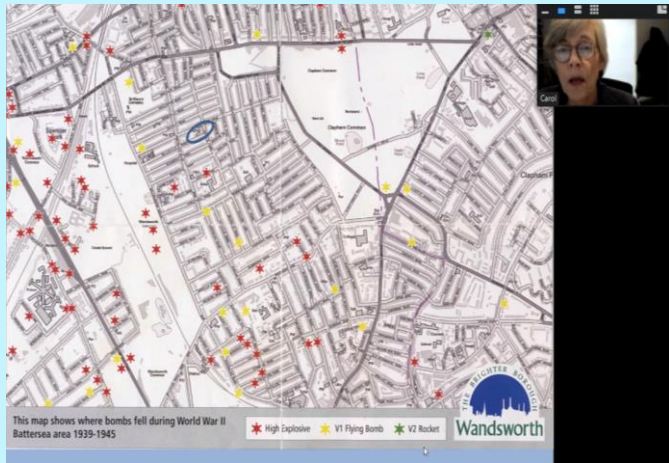
Virtual Christmas Concerts

Although we cannot gather in person this year, we are starting to prepare a virtual version of a Christmas Concert.

These will be filmed on Monday 7th December to be shared with you at the end of term.

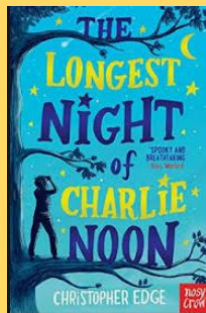
Please write a note to your child's teacher if you:

- do not want your child to take part
- do not want your child to be filmed (it will only be shared with the Belleville parents and carers, not on the internet/website or Twitter)



Local History Brought to Life

Year 6 had a virtual visit this week from historian Carol Rahn who shared first hand sources of local Wandsworth people's experiences of World War 2. They learned about what evacuation and the Blitz were really like. They will be enjoying their own 1940s experience in school next Friday so don't be worried if you see some old-fashioned looking children on the playground.



On Wednesday 18th November, our Year 6 children were joined by the brilliant author Christopher Edge for a virtual visit. The response to his novel, *The Longest Night of Charlie Noon*, has been truly memorable and the children enjoyed hearing about some of the scientific ideas behind the story. During his time with us, he discussed black holes, code-breaking and confectionery; he also allowed a generous amount of time to answer questions.

Just like Karl Nova (who visited us on Zoom earlier this term), Christopher emphasised how reading widely as a child helped him to become a writer. He spoke about the influence of a number of writers on him, including Neil Gaiman. He shared with us the following book recommendations:

The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper
A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin
Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl

Children can now look forward to finishing the novel and having some of its puzzles solved. For those who have been inspired by Christopher Edge's great novel and visit, read more about his work at

<http://www.christopheredge.co.uk>

Simon Hudd (English Leader)



National Poetry Day Competition

Well done to all the children who entered our annual National Poetry Day competition. This year the theme was 'Vision' and we had some wonderful entries from Reception to Year 6. We were very impressed with all the entries. The winners and runners have received a certificate and the winning entries will be displayed around the school for everyone to read and enjoy.

Me and Bee

Lucas RKB

Me and bee
sit on a tree
Me and bee
fell off the tree
Me and bee
fly high in the sky
Me and bee
fly all the way to the sea

Reception

Winner: Lucas
Runner up: Lily

My X-ray Specs

Sophia 1G

With my x-ray specs I
can see
All my ant friends
Scatter on the tree
The bones inside my
fingers... 1, 2, 3
Inside my secret diary
I've lost the key
In my brother's tummy
When he's had his tea

Year 1

Winner: Sophia
Runner up: Evie

Breeze

Zoe 2P

I can see through the trees
That make a lot of breeze
On the roots
So long they climb
inside my boots
On the leaves
They make me sneeze
I can see through the trees
They make a lot of breeze

Year 2

Winner: Zoe
Runner up: Felix

Vision

Flora 3SB

Because of my vision I am able to see
The wonderful world all around me.

But vision is not all about what you see
It is about what you see or imagine to be

I want to be a visionary with epic ideas
To help make a world that doesn't have
fears

Whatever colour your eyes, you can have
imagination
Clever ideas that can help our nation.

Year 3

Winner: Flora
Runner up: Ben

I had a vision

Jamie 4G

I had a vision
That I was a prominent mathematician
doing complex division, multiplication,
subtraction and addition.

Then I had a better vision
That I was a famous musician on
television singing a rendition of
Queen's song 'One vision'.

Then I had the best vision
That I was a politician who got a huge
promotion to the top position replacing
Boris Johnson and going on a mission
to save Great Britain from its current
condition.

Year 4

Winner: Jamie
Runner up: Melodie

With your eyes wide closed

Isabelle 5F

With your eyes open
You can only see the world around you
but with your eyes closed
You can see so much more

With your eyes open
Your outlook can be limited
but with your eyes closed
You can let your imagination run free

With your eyes open
Life can be a little monochrome
but with your eyes closed
You can see in multicolour

With your eyes open
You can be a doctor or a lawyer
but with your eyes closed
You can become a mermaid, a dinosaur or even a unicorn

With your eyes open
Life can be dull and boring
but with your eyes wide closed
The impossible can become 'I'm possible!'

Year 5

Winner: Isabella
Runner up: Brianna

My visions

Isabel 6W

I don't know what they are
I don't know why they're here
I don't know what they do
I don't know why they come

They are simply my visions

Visions of the past
Visions of the present
Visions of the future

Until they stop at last.

But they always come back
They never stop.

Ladies in dresses,
People wearing masks,
Leaders shaking hands

Past.
Present.
Future.

These are my visions
This is my dream.

Year 6

Winner: Isabel
Runner up: Rocco



Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were unable to hold our open mornings this term or complete any school tours in person.

We therefore will be holding virtual tours and Q&A sessions with the Headteachers.

Please spread the word and direct any friends interested in a place at Belleville to our website to book a tour.

<https://www.belleville-school.org.uk/admissions/school-tours/>



Applications for a place in **Reception** for 2021-2022 close on **15th January 2021**.

Applications need to be made directly to Wandsworth.

Please note children who are currently in Belleville's Nursery are not automatically offered a place in our reception and need to apply.

[Click here to link to Wandsworth Admissions website](#)

Applications for a place at Belleville **Nursery** for 2021-2022 close on **5th February 2021** and are made directly to the school. See link to applications.

<https://www.belleville-school.org.uk/our-school/admissions>

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

- 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