

Belleville Newsletter



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DATES



The school breaks up for the Christmas holiday at **2.30pm** today.

Children return to school on **Tuesday 8th January 2019** at the usual time.

Please see previous newsletters and the website for all term dates.

CHESS CHAMPION!

We are delighted to congratulate Denis (5D), who won the title of London Champion at the 2018 London Junior Chess Championship (LJCC) last weekend as he came first in the Under-10 final held at the University of Westminster.

He competed against a select group of 120 children who had previously qualified to play in the final and came out on top. The LJCC is the most important junior chess event in the country after the British Championship and players from all over England take part. Congratulations Denis!



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are at the end of what has been a long, busy and really productive first term of the academic year with so much that has been achieved. We are lucky to have such an incredible team of staff, parents and carers to support all we do, from Father Christmas magically making it to both sites simultaneously for Christmas lunch, to all who made the PTA fair such a success. We are grateful for the wonderful support from all our dedicated staff, parents and carers Thank you all!

In just the last couple of weeks there has been so much going on to enhance children's learning. Year 6 went to the synagogue in Wimbledon where they impressed with their knowledge and quality of questions as well as their exemplary behaviour. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Omnibus Theatre to see 'The Selfish Giant'. The school has been very busy with a host of DT projects from Anderson shelter design to pizza making, as well as fitting in all their other lessons and concerts too. It really is time for a well-earned break for them all!

With such a busy term we hope your children and families do have a wonderful, restful break. We wish you all a very happy 2019 and look forward to the children returning safely with renewed energies in January.

Mary-Lyne Latour Sarah Atherton Jane Ford

CONCERTS

Thank you to all the children and staff who have treated us all to a wonderful end of term with fantastic performances from all year groups. There have been eleven concerts held either at school or at St Michael's Church and we have been delighted to see so many parents, carers and families coming to support these events. This included an impressive music concert where soloists, the school band, orchestra and a number of ensemble groups played last week. Our choirs lit up Northcote Road with their singing for the turning on of the lights this year too. Thank you to Ms Hughes for co-ordinating so much fantastic music this term and to so many of you making the time to attend.

We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of the charity donations made at our concerts. The impressive sum of **£2418.00** has been collected which will be split equally between the Ace of Clubs (the charity chosen by our School Council) and the work and charities supported by St Michael's church. We are very grateful to St Michael's for making us so welcome this week. Thank you for your huge generosity.

PTA

There are a number of significant projects taking place, which would not be possible without the extremely generous support of the PTA funds to the school. We are hugely grateful for these great contributions, which enable us to make things happen which we would not be able to do otherwise.

£30,000 is funding two new sets of ipads which are on order. We are all very excited and will work to get these up and running in the new year.

£15,000 towards the Reading Project means we have been having a steady flow of fabulous new books in school this term with many more on order for Spring. We are delighted with children's engagement and reactions to the range of books and themes. With such a huge investment we ask everyone to ensure books are well looked after and returned.

In addition, we had two author and illustrator visits from Joe Tod Stanton and David Litchfield who did fabulous workshops for a number of children from Year 1 and Year 5. Many thanks to Mr Hudd for leading this project and to the PTA for their generous contribution.

£10,000 is going towards keeping our instrumental music provision with Wandsworth Music Services.

FAREWELLS

This week we say goodbye to two members of staff. **Nikita Rajagopal** will be leaving us to start a new position as a School Business Manager. We thank her for her work at Belleville and wish her all the best in her new role. **Michelle Rochford** has worked both in Reception and Nursery at Belleville and will be leaving us to pursue other interests. We thank her for her work and wish her well for the future.

INSET DAY

On 7th January we will be hosting all four of the Quality First Education Trust schools at Belleville. This will be the first time all staff from the schools have come together at the same time and we are excited to develop these relationships and links and to share practice to improve the outcomes for all children in our schools. There will be sessions led by Mr Grove, the Directors of English and Maths as well as sessions led by senior leaders from across the schools. This promises to be a productive day of professional development for all our staff.

