



# Belleville News

13 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will see a piece in this week's newsletter from our Local Governing Body. Our governors work on behalf of the whole community, holding the school to account and gathering assurance about the work that the school does. It is an important role, and I would like to say a huge thank you to our governors who give up their time and offer their expertise for the good of the whole school community. Your work is much appreciated.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that they should not drop off or pick up children on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school, as they are there for the safety of all our children. We are currently in the process of investigating the School Streets programme with Wandsworth Council, which we hope will improve the situation, and will have an update for you on this in the coming weeks.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

**Djembe Drumming Performances – Year 6 Meteor classes.**  
**6H** – Tues 17 October, **6B** – Weds 18 October, 2.45pm, Meteor Hall.

**Parents' Evenings** – Weds 18 and Thurs 19 October, in person.

**Last day of Autumn 1 term** - Friday 20 October.

**Autumn half term** - Monday 23 – Friday 27 October.

**INSET day** - Monday 30 October - school closed to children.

**First day of Autumn 2 term** - Tuesday 31 October

**Belleville School Open Mornings for Prospective Parents** –  
Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 November, 9.15am – noon. If you'd like to attend, [please complete this form](#). We would be grateful for a few more volunteers to help take tours. If you can help, please [complete this form](#).

## School Photos

Tempest annual school photos will be taking place next week. This is for children's individual photos and their siblings.

### Thursday 19 October

**Meteor** – Reception to Year 6 and siblings

**Webb's** - Nursery and siblings/Reception and siblings/Year 1 and siblings

### Friday 20 October -

**Webb's** - Years 2-6, and siblings, if not already taken

Last Friday, some of our Year 5 and 6 footballers played in the Dolphin Football tournament on Wandsworth Common.

The teams played extremely well, each winning two of their matches. They worked well together and were good at passing into space. They came 3rd and 4th place in the tournament and won medals for their success.



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## House Results – Autumn Term 1

Well done Northcote House! Autumn 1 House Winners!

Today we had a House assembly where the winning House was announced. Well done Northcote House - you have won a non-uniform day on Wednesday 18th October.

The points will now be reset for Autumn 2. Well done to everyone who has earned House Points since the start of the year, it has been a remarkably close competition!



## Karl Nova Visits Year 6

Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome Karl Nova to Belleville to hold workshops with our Year 6 classes as part of their poetry topic.

[Karl Nova](#) is one of the UK's leading poets and Hip Hop artists who delivers his work in his own unique, witty and energetic style. His debut book "[Rhythm And Poetry](#)" won the CLIPPA Award for Children's Poetry in 2018 and is about being true to yourself, fostering a spirit of curiosity and following your dreams.

The children were completely engaged by his humorous and reflective workshops and inspired to write poetry. It was an inspirational visit that the children and their teachers will remember for a long time to come.



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 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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## Reception Update

As we head into the final week before half term, it seems hard to believe the Reception children have almost completed their first half term at Belleville! It has been amazing to see how quickly they have settled; the progress they have already made and the close friendships they have begun to build.

Over this half term, our focus has been on settling in, school routines, managing emotions and building positive relationships. As part of 'Our World' topic, we have loved hearing the children talk about their families and share family photographs.

In phonics, we have introduced most of the single letter sounds and begun writing words and captions. In maths, we have looked at different ways of sorting including by size, colour and function as well exploring repeating patterns. We love books and have read a range of fiction and non-fiction books linked in with our 'All About Me' topic.

In the afternoons, the learning is led by the children's interests with an array of activities set up for them to access. Whether that be making repeating patterns with musical instruments; drawing and painting their own self-portraits; taking selfies; reading in the book area or creating houses from different materials.





## French Update

KS2 have made an excellent start with French this term! We have been learning key language to help us communicate in French in the classroom. Children are participating really well in singing, miming and partner talk. Native French speakers have been challenging themselves by finding synonyms for key words.

## European Day of Languages

Recently, all KS2 classes had a special French lesson to celebrate European Day of Languages. This celebration happens all over Europe every year on 26th September, to raise awareness of the many languages in the world.

We counted the different languages spoken in the class (around 18-25 in each class!), listened to a song from the Little Mermaid in 22 languages and played an escape game to quiz our knowledge of different languages.

Children were very enthusiastic to share the languages they speak at home and so respectful towards others and their different languages.

Here is 6W guessing how many languages are spoken in the world (between 6000-7000).





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## Hello from your Local Governing Body

We believe that for us to fulfil our roles as Local Governors effectively, the knowledge of and support from the Belleville community is incredibly important; therefore, we would like to introduce ourselves, let you know what we do and how to contact us if you ever felt the need to do so.

### What is the Local Governing Body (LGB)?

The Local Governing Body is comprised of Governors who are parents from the community (parent-elect), staff at Belleville (staff-elect) and those who have been recruited because of a particular skill set they possess (co-opted), as well as the Executive Headteacher and Headteacher. Each Governor has a role that oversees an aspect of the school. They will support their counterpart within the school and discuss relevant issues at each Governors' meeting held every half term. Together, we endeavour to help Belleville provide the best educational experience for everyone.

### How to reach us:

If you would like to contact us, you can either write a letter marked for the attention of the Chair of the Local Governing Body and hand it into the office at either site, or you can email us directly at [governors@bellevilleschool.org](mailto:governors@bellevilleschool.org). Please bear in mind that any concerns or complaints will be managed in accordance with the school's policy, which may mean the LGB refers the issue back to the school.

### Who we are:



Emma Stace  
Chair  
Parent – elected



Sanjeev Chopra  
Vice-Chair  
Parent – co-opted



Rachel Gaskin  
Staff – elected



Fiona Macnab  
Parent - co-opted



Yuki Molteni  
Parent – elected



Suzi Telford  
Staff – elected



Nina Vora  
Parent - co-opted

Biographies of the Local Governors are available [on the school website](#) along with their areas of focus within the LGB.



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We are delighted to announce our 2024 Class Calendars are now available to pre-order via the [PTA website](#).

The children were photographed by local family photographer, Marianne Häggström, and the A4 sized calendars are a beautifully presented memento of their current year group.

**We print the calendars to order, and the deadline for orders is Friday 20 October. We will not be able to accommodate any late orders.** The calendars will be ready for distribution before the end of term.

The calendars cost £10 and £5 for additional siblings. Sibling discount will be applied at checkout. Please make sure you add your class and child's name to the order.

Children on pupil premium will receive one free calendar sponsored by the PTA. If your child is on pupil premium, you do not have to order online, your child's teacher will have a calendar for your child.

## Parking on Zig Zag Lines



We have noticed parents/carers parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside both Webb's Road and Meteor Street during the hours that the parking restrictions are in place for school drop off and pick-up.

**Please do not park on the yellow lines. They are there for the safety of all our children.** It is also illegal to park on the yellow zig zag lines during the hours they are in operation.

While we realise sometimes driving to school is necessary, we would encourage all children to walk, scoot, cycle or take public transport to school wherever possible.

## Term Dates 2023 – 2024 Academic Year

### Autumn Term 2023

INSET days: Mon 4 & Tues 5 Sept - school closed to children.

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 6 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 20 October

Autumn half term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October

INSET day: Monday 30 October - school closed to children.

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 31 October

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