



# Belleville News

22 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were all delighted that Belleville has recently been awarded the [MusicMark](#). This award essentially recognises that the quality of Music provision within the school is of the very highest standard and beyond that of most other schools. This award is well deserved recognition for Ms Hughes who organises all of our music provision and delivers the vast majority of it. We all know the quality of her work and the award simply confirms that.

Many thanks also to the PTA who continue to fund the [Wandsworth Music section](#) of our curriculum because they are intrinsic to the quality of music experience we offer our children.

Have a good weekend.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

**SEND Coffee Morning** – Monday 25 September, 9.15am, Webb's Road.

**Belleville PTA Coffee Morning** – Friday 29 September, 9am, Meteor Street.

**Early Reading/Phonics Workshop – Nursery to Year 2** - Thursday 5 October, 2pm & 6.15pm. Webb's Road. Letter sent via ParentMail and [sign up form is also available here](#).

**Maths – No Problem! Workshops – Reception to Year 6** – Tuesday 10 October, 2pm and 6.15pm, Webb's. Details on next page.

**Djembe Drumming Performances – Year 6 Meteor classes.**

**6H** – Tuesday 17 October, **6B** – Wednesday 18 October, both at 2.45pm in Meteor Hall. Webb's Road will be in the summer term.

**Parents' Evenings** – Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October. Further details and booking information to follow.

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

## Open Mornings – Your Help Please!

On **Wednesday 1** and **Thursday 2 November**, we will be hosting our Open Mornings for prospective families considering Belleville School.

Each year we are very grateful for the **support of parents and carers who take our groups around the school at Webb's Road, Meteor Street or both sites**. All volunteers receive a full briefing, light refreshments, and our gratitude! **If you are free to help, please could you [complete this short form](#).**

If you know of any families who may be interested in a place at Belleville, please do encourage them to [sign up for an Open Morning place](#). We also offer [small group tours](#) throughout the year.

### House Points - Week 3 Well done Webb's!



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## Year 2 Update

Year 2 have had an action-packed start to the school year across the curriculum. We launched our science unit all about animals and their habitats by walking to the common. We used our scientific enquiry skill of observing closely to find habitats and microhabitats including the pond, logs, trees, and bushes.

Our first history unit of the year started with a bang as we set fire to a model of Pudding Lane and observed how the Great Fire of London spread. The children then asked thoughtful questions to find out more about the fire.

Our English units have included two beautiful books [On Sudden Hill](#), which is all about friendship and the [Proudest Blue](#), which is about being proud of what makes us special. In response to this, the children have written creative and engaging recounts and a letter all about what makes them special.

Our first chapter in maths has been all about numbers to 100. This involved a trip to the cinema within our classrooms to solve a problem about how many children in a cinema.



## MATHS – NO PROBLEM! WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS



Quality First Education Trust

All parents and carers are invited to a workshop at **Webb's Road** on **Tuesday 10 October at 2pm - 3pm or at 6.15pm – 7.15pm** to learn more about how we teach maths at Belleville School as part of the [Quality First Education Trust \(Q1E\)](#).

Led by the Q1E Trust Director of Maths, Karen Taylor, and Q1E Trust Maths Leads, Emily Grove (Infants) and Daniel Griffin (Juniors), the session will explain our approach to teaching maths, what we need to cover and how we teach it, the structure of our lessons, and how we support your children in their learning.

The session is suitable for all parents/carers with children in Reception to Year 6 and **you can choose either session time depending on which is more convenient for you**. As these meetings are well attended, it would be helpful to know how many parents/carers to expect. If you would like to attend, [please complete this short form](#) to let us know which session you will be attending.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of the sessions.

## Art Update

To celebrate art and creativity at Belleville, Years 1-6 have all contributed to a collaborative artwork. Each child has designed a quarter of a circle which have been brought together to create circles of colour and pattern. We will include a photo of the finished work when it's completed.



**Year 6** are looking at the sculptures, drawings and prints made by British artist, Peter Randall-Page. His combination of organic forms and geometric patterns found in nature has been exciting to explore.

**Year 5** have been researching the Japanese installation artist, Chiharu Shiota. They will make observational drawings of shoes, focussing on shading, detail, and texture.

**Year 4** have been practicing blind and continuous line drawing exercises to improve their hand/eye coordination. They will explore a range of drawing materials to make studies of birds.

**Year 3** are learning about artist, Georgia O'Keeffe, looking at natural forms close-up and large scale.



**Year 2** have been learning about abstract art, looking at the playful paintings by Spanish artist Joan Miró. They will be turning their imaginative drawings into 3D sculptures.

**Year 1** have started to learn how to do close looking to make detailed fish drawings inspired by Paul Klee's 'Fish magic' painting.





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We've got some exciting events and fundraising activities coming up this term and beyond to support our school. We're also very open to ideas and suggestions!

This morning, Friday 22 September, we held a welcome coffee morning at Webb's Road and next **Friday 29 September**, we will be holding a coffee morning at **Meteor Street**, KS1 playground at **9am**. Please do call in and say hello. If you can't make it but would like to be involved in PTA activities, email [hello@bellevillepta.org](mailto:hello@bellevillepta.org). We'd love to hear from you!

The photoshoots for the annual PTA Class Calendars will take place w/c 2nd October at both Webb's and Meteor during the normal school day. Any **new parents and carers, please return the 'Photo Consent' form** you were given when you joined the school to the School Office by Friday 29 September if you haven't already. We will not be able to take photos of children who do not have the consent form completed. Thank you.

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.

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**

## Bolingbroke Open Mornings

We are a feeder school for Bolingbroke Academy. Their open days will take place on Thursday 5 October 5.15-7.15pm and Saturday 14 October, 9.30am- 12.30pm. [Further details available here.](#)

Bolingbroke PTA are also hosting a BBQ and Treasure Hunt on Saturday 30 September, [further details here.](#)

## 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