



# Belleville News

23 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to the Honey Pot event tonight. I'm sure it will be enormous fun and I would like to thank all the staff and parents that support it tonight (whether by performing or attending). Special thanks go to Maria Petrou, who has organised the whole event, working tirelessly behind the scenes to make it the undoubted success that it will be. Thank you, Maria.

The purpose of the night is of course an important one. It is to raise funds to ensure that all our children at Belleville can attend any event the school organises. This is an important principle for us at Belleville and your support tonight helps to ensure that this continues to happen.

Many thanks.

**John Budden**

Executive Headteacher

## Open Classroom Events

We are looking forward to our second round of Open Classroom events which are taking place next week. Please arrive at the school's office entrance at **2.40pm**.

After 30 minutes in the classroom with your child, please make your way to the playground to collect your child at their usual pick-up point at the end of the school day.

**Year 1 - Monday 26 June**

**Year 4 - Thursday 29 June**

**Year 5 - Wednesday 28 June**

**Year 2 - Friday 30 June**

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Cricket Success

Many congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 girls' cricket team who represented Wandsworth at the Surrey County cricket finals on Wednesday. They won their group stage and have gone through to the next round.



## Year 4 Cricket Training

Children in Year 4 took part in a cricket festival yesterday run by Broomwood School. They had a wonderful time and were able to practice many new skills.



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## Dates for your diary:

**Class Photos** - Wednesday 28 June and Thursday 29 June, both sites.

**Belleville PTA Summer Fair & Belleville's Got Talent** - Saturday 1 July, 12noon – 3pm, Webb's Road.

**Planned NEU Strike Days** – Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July.

**Brighter Sound Music Festival** – Wednesday 5 July, 2.30pm, Trinity Church, Tooting. Year 4 string and woodwind players and the school orchestra.

**Parents'/Carers' Evenings** – Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 July. Bookings will open on Friday 7 July.

**Last day of Summer Term** - Friday 21 July.

## Open Classrooms:

From **2.40pm**. Enter Webb's Road or Meteor Street sites via the main reception: **Year 1** - Monday 26 June, **Year 2** - Friday 30 June, **Year 4** – Thursday 29 June, **Year 5** – Wednesday 28 June

## Sports Days:

**Nursery and Reception Sports Day** – Monday 3 July, 1.30pm to 2pm (N)/3pm (R), Clapham Common.

**Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day** – Thursday 6 July, 1.30pm – 3.15pm, Clapham Common

**Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day** – Monday 10 July, 1.30pm – 3.15pm, Clapham Common

## Concerts and performances:

**Year 1** – Pirate Show – Tuesday 18 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Top Playground.

**Year 2** – Ocarina Concert – Monday 17 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Top Playground.

**Year 3** – Recorder Concert – Friday 14 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Top Playground.

**Year 4** – Instrumental Performance – Thursday 13 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Top Playground.

**Year 5** – Ukulele Concerts - **5G and 5P** - Tuesday 11 July, 10am, Webb's Top Playground, **5T** - Weds 12 July, 10am, Webb's Top Playground and **5OG and 5B** - Wednesday 12 July, 2.30pm, Meteor Hall.

**Year 6** – Drumming Performances – **6H and 6S** - Wednesday 19 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Middle Hall and **6F and 6W** - Thursday 20 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Middle Hall.

Our number one priority is to ensure 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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## Year 6 update

It has been a busy (and exhausting) start to Summer 2. With SATs completed, children's focus turned to school journey as well as the activities planned for those not going to Marchant's Hill. With the laundry still drying, it is a good time to reflect on a successful week away for most of Year 6.

Unharassed by highwaymen *en route* to the activity centre, the coach journey passed successfully and none of the adults missed the previously annual service station counting game. After a Japan-themed dinner, children enjoyed playing games including rounders. These activities provided our first opportunity to enjoy the picturesque setting featuring beautiful woodland. Each evening, children were lulled to sleep (or their conversations were accompanied) by birdsong (provided by chiffchaffs, song thrushes and – allegedly – little owls).

Over the course of the week, children's listening, adaptability, and resilience were tested. Great credit is deserved by all the children as they showed willingness to leave their comfort zone. With uplifting support from classmates, children zip-wired faster, climbed and trapezed (is that a verb?) higher and formed stronger bonds. It was lovely to see so many positive interactions between children from different classes and sites. When children needed extra encouragement to take a leap of faith or begin abseiling, it was there in abundance.



Under continuous blue skies, abseiling, the zipwire and giant swing were among the most popular activities; children became increasingly adept at putting on and removing the harnesses with each aerial activity. The 'survival' activity was another success, though all children were grateful to return to their accommodation rather than test out their shelters with an overnight stay (what is more, they had nowhere to park the buggies they had built). Orienteering saw children put their recent map-reading in geography to the test (and as all children returned from the trip, they must have been taught well).

Back in Wandsworth, children enjoyed being off timetable. On Friday, they saw Piers Torday talking about his experience as an author at Wandsworth Civic Centre as part of the Barnes Children's Literature Festival. However, the highlight of the week was some crazy golf which proved both competitive and amusing. When the return coaches were delayed on Friday, many children took part in an impromptu table tennis clinic across two tables; meanwhile, others sought shade for the final time on school journey.

Our Year 6 children deserve great credit for how they conducted themselves last week around school and on their trips. After such an exciting start to the children's final half term at Belleville, we now look forward to production of the school yearbook, teachers not dancing at the disco and class assemblies.





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## World Music Day

We celebrated World Music Day this week with assemblies explaining what World Music Day is about and children and teachers sharing their talents and performing in assemblies, their classes and in their music lessons on a range of instruments including violin, cello, guitar, clarinet, piano, and ukulele. On World Music Day itself, we dressed up in musically inspired outfits and joined in with musical activities.



## Royal Opera House Performance

Many congratulations to Vittoria in Year 3 who performed in the Royal Opera House's new production of Alban Berg's *Wozzeck*. She is also very excited to have been offered a part in Verdi's *La Traviata* which will open at the Royal Opera House on 10<sup>th</sup> July.



### Summer Term 2023

Last day of Summer 2: Friday 21 July

### 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