



Belleville News

6 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome the internationally renowned poet Karl Nova to Belleville today. We study Karl's poetry in Year 6, so it was hugely exciting for our Year 6 classes to each enjoy a workshop with him. Events like this are so important for our school, for the children to see that writers and artists are real people and that it is a path that is open to them if that is where their interest lies. It also brings the curriculum to life, since it is impossible to not see Karl's poems in a different light having met him in person before you read.

In the same spirit, please see the below message from Mr Firth regarding an event to celebrate National Poetry Day.

Thursday was National Poetry day and the children celebrated by reading and discussing poems in their classes. The theme this year is refuge and you can find more information, inspiration and resources on the National Poetry Day website (<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/>). The school would like to continue the celebration by encouraging children to write poems based on the theme of refuge. The winners will read out their poems in assembly and have their work published and displayed around the school.

If your child would like to take part in the competition, they should hand in their poem to their class teacher before Friday 20th of October, with their name, Year group and House at the top. The winners will be announced after half term. We look forward to reading some brilliant and inspiring poems.

John Budden

Dates for your diary:

Maths – No Problem! Workshops – Reception to Year 6 – Tuesday 10 October, 2pm and 6.15pm, Webb's Road. If you would like to attend, [please sign up here](#) to let us know which session you will be attending.

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 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](#). If you can help, please [complete this form](#).



Black History Month

[Black History Month](#)

happens in October every year in the UK. It is an occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of Black people to British society.

This week, classes have had an assembly on Black History Month, learning about what it is and why it is celebrated, as well as learning about a few important historical and contemporary figures such as Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Benjamin Zephaniah and Marcus Rashford.

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House System Update

Our Year 6 House Captains are preparing for the half-termly House Assembly next Friday 13 October, where the winning house will be announced and the House Trophy and House prize will be awarded.

Keep collecting as many House Points as you can!

House Points - Week 5 Well done Meteor!



Cross Country and Football Competitions

Some of our Year 5 & 6 children enjoyed the annual cross country run 1500m race against other Wandsworth schools on Wednesday.

We are very proud of everyone for running their own race and pacing themselves well for some super sprint finishes!



On Tuesday afternoon, 14 children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the Dolphin School 7-a-side football tournament on Wandsworth Common.

Excitement levels were high as our two teams took on local schools, showing skill, determination, and teamwork as they did so. Both sides improved over the course of the competition, and everyone left feeling proud of their achievements, complete with medals around their necks. Thank you to the children who represented our school so well and the parents who came along to support.

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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Year 6 Update

It has been another busy week in Year 6. The children are displaying a large range of skills in all subjects as they reach the exciting finale of [Lori & Max](#) in English as the mystery of the stolen money is finally revealed and the heroes of the story finally find themselves out of trouble. Persuasive letters have been written; book reviews have been submitted and diaries have been entered into to express characters' feelings. Attention and excitement then turned to the visit from internationally renowned Hip Hop artist and award-winning poet, [Karl Nova](#) today, in preparation for our free poetry unit.

Science investigations have centred around light. By looking at a range of scenarios involving shadow, colour, reflection and refraction, the children are displaying skills from observing, and recording precisely through to drawing conclusions. This week has looked at shadows around swimming pools to provide a welcome bit of sunshine, and finding the lightest and darkest parts of the school using technology that measures lumens.



In History, children have been looking into specific elements of World War 2, in particular the Battle of Britain. By teaching each other about specific aspects of the Battle of Britain, classes have been taking control of their learning and educating each other with their newly researched knowledge. Far more interesting than listening to a 20-page PowerPoint, we are sure they would agree!

Year 2 Theatre Workshop

This week, Year 2 welcomed the [Fresh Water Theatre Company](#) to the school to carry out a workshop about the Great Fire of London. This session was linked to our history unit and helped our children to extend their understanding of events in 1666. During the session, the children became the fire as it grew and spread, met famous diarist Samuel Pepys and finally debated the rebuilding of the city.





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We hope you are all having a good week. Here are some more dates for your diary! Further details to follow.

Final reminder that any **PTA Festive Card** designs should be returned to the school office by **Monday 9 October**. IQ cards will then scan the designs and give each design a code. You will then be contacted with this code over the coming weeks and can go online and decide if you would like to purchase any items.

Belleville Shopping Evening - Wednesday 8 November at Webb's Road. If you have a small business and would be interested in taking a table at the event to sell your wares then please email: Bellevillexmas@outlook.com for more information.

Wreath Making Workshops will take place on 28 – 30 November.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2 December.

Parent Workshops



Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Early Reading Workshops this week to introduce the methods we use to teach reading from Nursery to Year 2 at Belleville. Our children have really benefited from parents and teachers working together using the same strategies. We look forward to welcoming many of you to the *Maths – No Problem!* workshops next week.

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