

# Belleville Newsletter



## Apr 3rd

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Please remember to keep informing us about cases of Chickenpox, Measles and Shingles within your family.

### EASTER HOLIDAY

The school breaks up for the Easter holiday at **2.30pm** on Friday 5th April. Please collect your child promptly. Children may wear their own clothes to school on this day.

Pupils return on **Wednesday 24th April** at the usual time.

### EASTER BONNET PARADE / CAKE SALE

The parade and cake sales will take place in Webb's (top) and Meteor (Junior) playgrounds after school on **Thursday 4th April**. Thank you to the PTA for organising. We look forward to seeing you all there!

This has been a long and busy term and much has been achieved even since we met many of you at Parent/Carer Evening back in February.

Our improved PSCHE curriculum continues to be developed and has been very well received by children. This includes the integration of some stunning books, which address many current issues and concerns.

As well as their very full and busy timetables, our children have been visited and been visiting many exciting places and enjoying new experiences in recent weeks including:

- Nursery - French Café visit and pancake (or crepe!) flipping
- Year 1 - Kew Gardens
- Year 2 - Florence Nightingale Museum
- Year 3 - French Theatre performance, Midsummer Night's Dream and winners of Pizza project to Franco Manca
- Year 4 - Wetlands Centre and music concert
- Year 5 - Junior Citizen's Events and the Planetarium at Greenwich
- Year 6 - Wandsworth Singing Project and Royal Festival Hall

We take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break and look forward to the summer term.

Sarah Atherton Mary-Lyne Latour Jane Ford

### MUSIC

**Year 6 Brighter Sounds:** This Wandsworth Music Service project has been taking place this term and culminated in two exceptional performances with a fabulous repertoire of songs which were both uplifting and beautifully performed. All of Year 6 performed to parents and carers in school then 45 of them took part in the Brighter Sounds Concert at the Royal Festival Hall last Monday, joining over 900 children from schools all over the borough in a wonderful musical celebration.

It was a joy to see so many of our children and ex-pupils performing at such a high standard and enjoying every minute of the performances. Thank you to them for their hard work and to the teachers and Mrs Hughes for organising.

**Year 4 Instrumental Concert:** The whole of Year 4 came together as strings, woodwind and brass sections last week and truly impressed the audience with their enthusiasm and quality of their ensemble performances. We look forward to them performing again in the summer in the Clore Ballroom and in the school playground! All of Year 4 are now welcome to join the school orchestra. Please do check club sign up if interested.

Our music programmes both for singing and instrumental provision, have been made possible by the huge support from the PTA. Belleville has the highest proportion of primary aged children continuing into the next stages of music after the Year 4 programme. This musical legacy is made possible again this year through the generosity and support of the PTA.

Children in Years 4 and 5 wishing to continue instrumental lessons next year should complete the forms sent out last week. Please do check with the office if you have not received this information.

### VISIT FROM HILARY GARRATT CBE, DEPUTY CHIEF NURSING OFFICER FOR ENGLAND

Children in Years 5 and 6 at Webb's were honoured to be visited by Hilary Garratt in assembly – they learned about the different types of nurses, how to become a nurse and also about how it feels to receive recognition for your outstanding service from Prince William! We thank Hilary again for being so generous with her time and for her family link at Belleville for putting us in touch with her.

If parents/carers or other family or community members would be willing to share their knowledge and experiences, please do contact us.

### CLUBS AND BOOSTER/EXTENSION/CHALLENGE CLASSES

- Clubs will start first full week back on **Monday 29th April**.
- Booster and Challenge classes will commence **Monday 29th April**.
- The invitations for Year 1 to 6 Booster and Year 1 and 2 Extension classes will remain the same for the summer term.
- Years 3 – 6 Challenge classes will have new invitations sent out for the summer term.

### HOMEWORK

Guided reading and online homework has been set for over the holidays, due for the first day back on 24th April.

### STAFF LEAVERS

After over 21 years, **Terina Morgans** will be leaving Belleville for a change of career. We would like to thank her sincerely for her years of dedication and service as a Teaching Assistant and Cover Supervisor and for making such a huge contribution to our community. She leaves with our very warmest wishes.

**Emma Tattersall** (1T) will be leaving this week as she is moving out of London with her husband and we wish them well for their move. 1T will be taught by **Katie Boyle** who has been working in a number of classes since January.

**Fiona Allan** (5AL) will start her maternity leave on 21st April and **Anna Biset** (4AB) on 23rd April. We wish them both health and happiness in all that is to come. We do our best to ensure continuity for the children and are delighted that **Mrs Sophie Brown** (née Vanuxem), Deputy Headteacher, will be taking over teaching 4AB and **Clare Trotter** will join Ms Lindsay in teaching 5AL after the holidays.

## COMIC RELIEF

Thank you so much to everyone who dressed up, bought red noses, wristbands and cakes for Comic Relief on Friday 5th March. It was a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed the day. We loved seeing so many red outfits and funky hair styles.

Belleville raised a fantastic **£1899.40**. This will be used to support children and young people, making sure they are protected from violence, exploitation and abuse, and have improved access to quality non-formal education and training. A special thank you to those who donated cakes – we raised an amazing **£545** on the bake sale. Thank you to everyone who made a donation or helped in any way.

## P.E.

We have all had a busy term in the P.E. department, ensuring our children have opportunities to play sport outside of the school timetable.

- The year 5 and 6 boys and girls team are finishing the Hillbrook league this week, having played many matches since September!
- Our mixed Year 5 and 6 athletes took part in the Wandsworth indoor Athletics meet, competing very well against many schools in the Borough.
- Our Year 3 and 4 boys dance club along with our Year 5 and 6 dance club have performed and competed in a national dance competition at Wimbledon theatre to a packed auditorium.
- We had two teams (one from each site) play in the annual Wandsworth Netball tournament at Burntwood Secondary School.
- Some of our Year 3 and 4 boys & girls have played in a dodge ball tournament against Broadwater Primary School.
- We have also taken a mixed team of Year 5 to a rugby mega festival to explore a variety of rugby related invasion games against a number of Wandsworth schools.
- Our gymnastic squads have also competed in the Wandsworth school games competition (positions / medals to be confirmed shortly).
- We are looking forward to the summer term and the annual sports days, cricket tournaments and leagues that we attend every year.
- On the creative arts side, one of our pupils has been selected to perform at The Royal Opera House in *La Forza del Destino*, with a live screening at cinemas from yesterday <https://www.roh.org.uk/showings/la-forza-del-destino-live-2019>, whilst another is currently touring the UK in *The King and I*.

## MOVING ON TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Year 6 children have received and are confirming their secondary school offers and heading out for taster days. We will update our website with offers and destinations once we have had these confirmed.

We do work hard to support families and children; we will be announcing a series of dates next term for children, parents and carers in Years 4 and 5 to help you understand and prepare for the process. We are also always available for individual conversations with parents in any year group to explain how the application process works and your potential school choices. Please do speak with Ms Atherton, Mrs Ford or Ms Meredith to arrange a time to meet.

## NSPCC READATHON

Our NSPCC visits resulted in lots of conversations and the children really have taken on the "Speak out. Stay Safe" messages. Encouraging children to know who to talk to and be brave enough to share their worries continues to be something we work hard to promote.

We are committed to supporting the NSPCC's work and ask that all children over the holiday take part in a **sponsored Readathon**. The children have the special forms (which are also envelopes for money collection). We will ask for these back after the holidays. Wherever you are, please do get reading and sponsoring. However small the donation this will be greatly appreciated. The reading will be invaluable for your child however much is raised.

## BARNES CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL: 11th and 12th MAY

There is an extraordinary line up of authors at this festival. Many of the author events do require tickets and is a who's who of children's literature and well worth a visit: <https://www.barneskidslitfest.org>

## GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SALES

The sale of good as new uniform at Webb's and Meteor raised a whopping **£286.20**. Thanks to everyone who supported this Ghana fundraiser so well.

## TERM DATES

### SUMMER TERM 2019:

- **INSET DAY:** Tuesday 23rd April – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Wednesday 24th April at the usual time.**
- **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY:** Monday 6th May – school closed.
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY:** Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May (including Spring Bank Holiday Monday 27th May).
- **INSET DAY:** Monday 3rd June – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Tuesday 4th June at the usual time.**
- **SUMMER HOLIDAY:** The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

### AUTUMN TERM 2019:

- **INSET DAYS:** Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September at the usual time.**
- **HALF TERM:** Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October.
- **INSET DAY:** Monday 28th October – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Tuesday 29th October at the usual time.**
- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:** The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Thursday 19th December 2019.

### SPRING TERM 2020:

- **INSET DAY:** Monday 6th January – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January at the usual time.**
- **HALF TERM:** Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February. **Children return to school on Monday 24th February at the usual time.**
- **EASTER HOLIDAY:** Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April (including Good Friday 10th April and Easter Monday 13th April). The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Friday 3rd April.

### SUMMER TERM 2020

- **INSET DAY:** Monday 20th April – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Tuesday 21st April at the usual time.**
- **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY:** Monday 4th May – school closed.
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY:** Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May. **Children return to school on Monday 1st June at the usual time.**
- **SUMMER HOLIDAY:** The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Tuesday 21st July 2020.