



Belleville News

8 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, we held our two main Open Mornings for prospective Belleville parents. We were delighted to welcome a large number of visitors to look around our school over the two days and, as ever, I was immensely proud of the contribution made by all the pupils and staff to the success of the events.

Special thanks to the parents who led tours across both sites on both days; your enthusiasm and willingness to represent the school is hugely appreciated. Thanks also to our House Captains who represented the school superbly. We make a point of not doing anything out of the ordinary on these days; we are very proud of what the pupils do and achieve every day at Belleville, and it was a pleasure to share this with our visitors.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 11 November (pm only) to Friday 15 November (am only). Webb's Road playground and Meteor Street entrance, before and after school. Payment via the QR code at the fair or by card reader. Event kindly supported by Belleville PTA.

Belleville PTA – Wrap Up London Coat Collection – Monday 11 – Wednesday 13 November. Please donate any WARM, good condition, clean coats at morning drop off at both sites.

Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12 November, children can wear odd socks to school for Anti-Bullying Week. No donation required.

Belleville PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – Friday 15 November, morning drop-off, Meteor Street.

Belleville PTA Festive Shopping Evening, Wednesday 20 November, 7.30-9.30pm, Webb's Road. Tickets are £7 including a complimentary Tote bag and welcome drink. [Tickets available here.](#)

School Choir Northcote Road lights switch-on - Friday 22 November, 4pm – 5pm.

School Orchestra Performance - Thursday 12 December, 4pm, Middle Hall, Webb's.

School Choir Carol Performance - Thursday 12 December, 5.30pm, Battersea Power Station Art'otel.

Christmas Performances:

Year 1 'Dinky the Donkey' performance, Friday 13 December, 2.15pm, [St Michael's Church](#).

Year 2 'Behind Every Door' performance, Friday 13 December, 10.45am, [St Michael's Church](#).

Year 3 Winter Performance, Monday 16 December, 2.15pm, [St Michael's Church](#).

Year 4 Winter Performances - Thursday 12 December, **4T** - 10am, Meteor Hall; **4C & 4H** - 1.30pm, Middle Hall, Webb's; **4M & 4SP** - 2.30pm, Middle Hall, Webb's.

Year 5 Winter Performances, Tuesday 17 December, **5G & 5K** - 10.15am, Lower Hall, Webb's; **5OG & 5S** - 2.15pm, Meteor Hall.

Year 6 Winter Performances, Wednesday 18 December, **6DB & 6H** - 10.15am, Lower Hall, Webb's; **6B & 6T** - 2.15pm, Meteor Hall.



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From our SENCOs – Wellbeing Webinars and Coffee Mornings

"Is your child experiencing worries about coming into school? Or about specific things e.g. the dark, dogs? Do your child's fears and worries impact on your family's daily life? Would you like to understand how to help your child manage their anxiety?"

If you've answered yes to one of these questions, the Battersea Education Wellbeing Service may be able to support you. They work with families, supporting children who are experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or common behavioural difficulties. They are an early intervention service, who hold events at Belleville.

They are holding **two coffee mornings for parents**, one at **Meteor Street on Wednesday 13 November, at 9am** and one at **Webb's Road on Thursday 14 November, at 9am**. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend if you would like to find out more about the support they can offer. If you would like to come along, [please sign up here](#).

Free Online Webinars

The South West London Education Wellbeing Service are also holding some free online webinars. **Building Resilience in Primary School Children** – Monday 25 November, 7.30-8.30pm and Friday 29 November, 12.30-1.30pm.

Supporting Big Emotions at Home & School – Zones of Regulation – Tuesday 12 November, 7.30-8.30pm and Thursday 14 November, 1-2pm.

To find out more or book your free place, [please visit their website](#).

Odd Socks Day

Next week is [Anti-Bullying Week](#). Across all year groups, children will be having specific lessons and assemblies about this.

On Tuesday 12 November, we are encouraging all children to come to school wearing odd socks as part of the initiative to celebrate everyone's differences. **No donation is required**; we will use the day as a talking point around anti-bullying week. We can't wait to see all of the colourful combinations that children wear!



School Streets

We still really need more volunteers to help with School Streets, especially for the Meteor Street trial. **Meteor Street**, please [sign up here](#). **Webb's Road**, please [sign up here](#). Thank you for your support.

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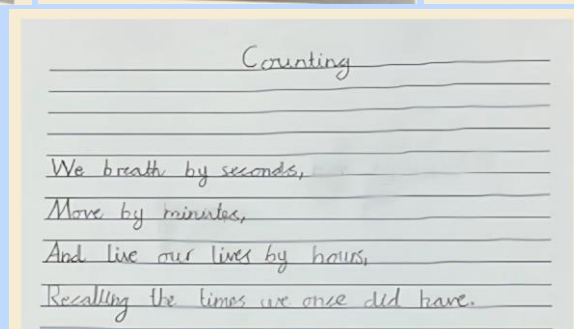
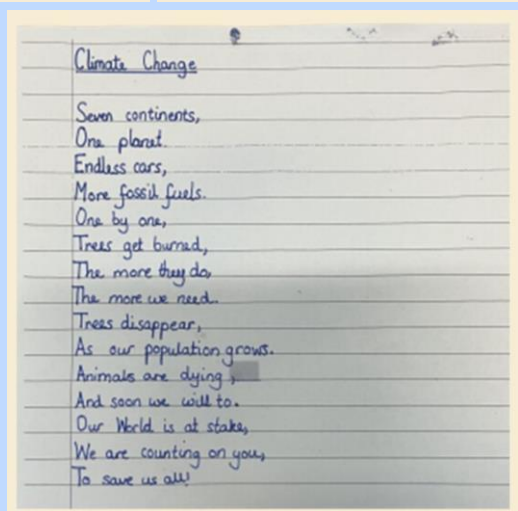
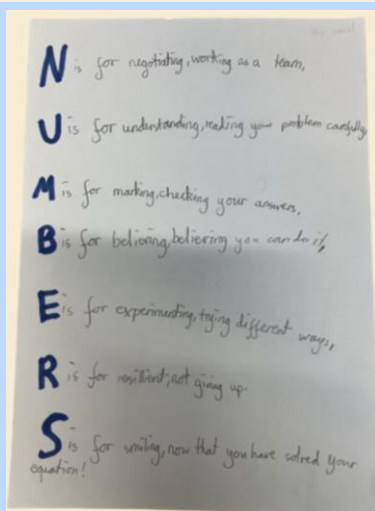
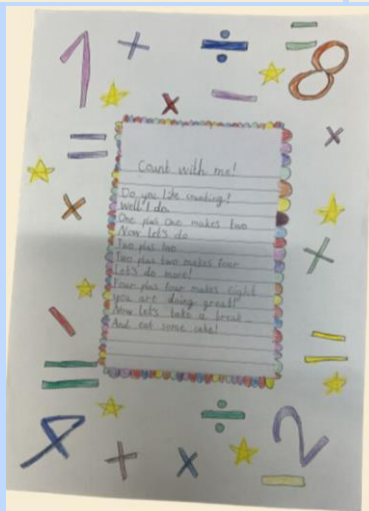
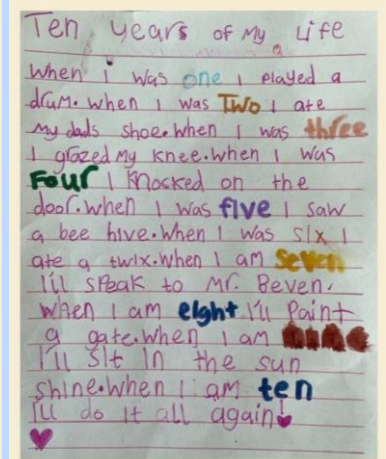
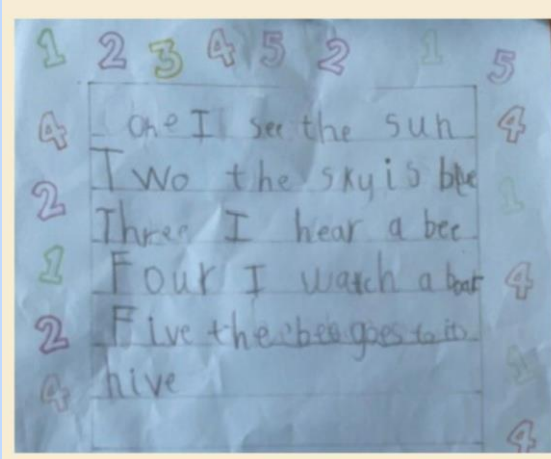
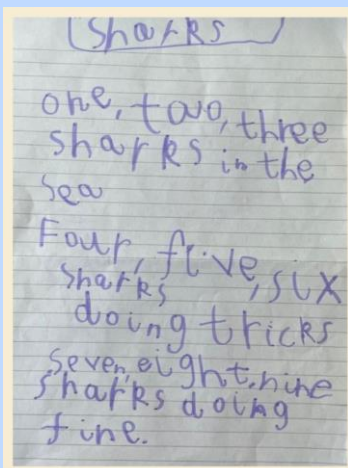
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National Poetry Day Competition

Thank you and well done to all children who entered this year's National Poetry Day competition. We loved reading your creative and exciting poems, on the theme of 'counting'. All children who entered will receive a certificate and the winning entries will be published and displayed around school.

Congratulation to the winners:

Reception - Myles REC, Year 1 - Crispin 1C, Year 2 - Neva 2B, Year 3 - Sofia 3W, Year 4 - Lucas 4M
Year 5 - Zoe 5OG, and Year 6 - Aseenat 6DB. You can also see the poems on [our Instagram](#).





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Year 5 Update

Year 5 have had a brilliant start to the year. Alongside the incredible trip to Ufton Court, our pupils have been engaging in stimulating studies, developing key academic skills and creating expressive and effective writing as well.

In Maths, after solidifying their understanding of place value - knowledge that is of vital importance to accurate calculating and understanding of the four maths operations – our pupils developed their addition and subtraction skills before moving on to multiplication and division. Fractions lay ahead, later this term.

At the beginning of the term, the pupils read the amazing book of narrative book of poetry, *Cloudbusting* by Malorie Blackman. Themes of friendship were explored and fed into some highly effective poetry writing. For our next unit, narrative writing became the focus and selected short stories from *The Book of Hopes*, alongside the short BFI film *Brew-tali-tea* informed some exciting and stirring narratives from our young writers. The purpose of the writing tasks was to be able to build rich atmospheres through vocabulary choices and varying sentence structures. From the outcomes, we have a very exciting year of writing ahead in Year 5.

Our first unit of Science was based on Materials. This sequence of lessons provided our young scientists with the opportunity to develop their scientific skills by predicting, collecting information through a range of experiments, and using their findings to draw conclusions. The enthusiasm with which our pupils embraced these lessons was inspiring and a joy to witness.

To begin our Geography studies this year, the children analysed how we, as humans, source and use natural resources. In addition to researching what natural resources are, where they can be found and what we have to do to extract them, our pupils engaged in a balanced debate around the question of whether we should stop using fossil fuels. Great articulation and reasoning informed these debates, and the children should feel very proud for engaging in such a mature topic so successfully.



House Points

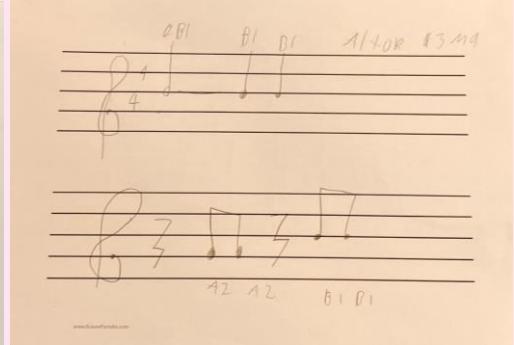
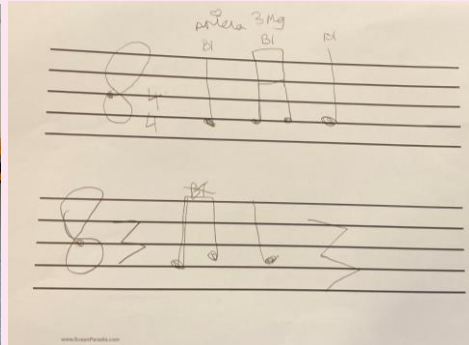




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Music Update

In Music, Year 2 and Year 3 have been developing their composition skills. Year 2 have composed a four-beat rhythm using the sound we have learnt so far, DBA. Year 3 composed and notated a 2 bar rhythmic pattern using the sounds B and A.



InCommon – Intergenerational Project

Last year, some of our children were asked to be part of a project organised by the [InCommon](#) Programme to draw and describe what home means to them. These have now been displayed around the Summerstown development.





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Wrap Up London Coat Collection Monday 11- Wednesday 13 November, drop-off at both sites.

This is Belleville's 4th year of supporting this brilliant cause. Can we beat last year's fantastic collection of 9 huge sacks? These will have gone to some of Wrap Up's 75 front line charities, including homelessness organisations, refugees, and family centres. Please check through your cupboards and see what you can donate. Just coats, no other items please.

IQ Cards – If your child has designed a festive card, please check their book bag for the order form. Deadline for orders is **Friday 15 November**.

Class Calendars - Our 2025 Class Calendars are now available to order via the [PTA website](#). The deadline for orders is **Monday 18 November**. They cost £12 for the first one and £6 for any additional calendars.

Festive Shopping Evening, Wednesday 20 November, 7.30-9.30pm, Webb's Road. Tickets are £7 including a complimentary Tote bag and mulled wine or non-alcoholic welcome drink on arrival. [Tickets available here](#).

Christmas wreath making - Wednesday 27 November.

Christmas tree sale - Saturday 30 November. Webb's Road.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 7 December. 12noon – 3pm. Webb's Road.



Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe.

Please talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or for others in our community.



Term Dates 2024 – 2025 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2024

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 20 December

Spring Term 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6 January – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 7 January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 14 February

Spring half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 24 February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 4 April

Summer Term 2025

Inset Day: Tuesday 22 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1: Wednesday 23 April

Bank holiday: Monday 5 May – school closed

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 23 May

Summer half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May

First day of Summer 2: Monday 2 June

Last day of Summer 2: Tuesday 22 July