



Dear Parents and Carers,

July is here with just a few weeks left until the end of the academic year. We have lots of great updates on what has been going on in school in the following pages.

We also want to update you on end of year arrangements and events. We will go ahead with making the children's final few weeks as memorable and enjoyable as possible with special sports events, performances and celebrations taking place in school.

We had been hoping to hold events open to the whole school community where we could all join together, children, parents/carers and staff, towards the end of the year. However, in recent weeks, along with a delay to the government roadmap, we have seen a rapid rise locally of Covid infections. This has led to a significant increase in children, staff and families being affected by illness and also being required to self-isolate because of contact with a confirmed case in school, at home or out in the community.

Our guiding principle throughout the pandemic has been to take whatever measures are necessary to ensure that we keep our community as safe as we can and also to reduce disruption to children's education and family life as much as possible.

Although government restrictions are due to be lifted from 19th July, we will maintain the Covid measures that are currently in place for the last few days of term (staggered start and end times, staggered playtimes, maintaining bubbles to minimise contact between children) as we want to avoid children, staff and their families experiencing infections or having to self-isolate in the final week of school or at the start of their summer holidays.

We realise that this will be disappointing for many of you who are yearning for things to return to something more like normal. We share your frustration. As a staff team we have not met together in person for well over a year and some of our staff have never met other than on Zoom!

We have had a relatively low rate of infections/self-isolation until recently, and whilst in some ways this can lead to a sense of security, we should reflect on the reasons for this and redouble our efforts for what we are all hoping will be the final period of restrictions.

As yet, there has been no government guidance to schools about what will be required in September. We are developing plans for different scenarios and we will communicate this to you as soon as we can after the guidance is shared with us.

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteachers Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteachers Juniors)

End of Year Reports and Parent/Carer Evenings

Teachers are currently finalising their assessments and the end of year reports for your children.

These will be sent to you as a hardcopy and there will be the final parent/carers evenings which will be held over Zoom or on the phone on **Wednesday 14th July and Thursday 15th July from 3.40 – 6.30pm.**

Bookings will open next week so keep an eye out on your Parentmail.





[The Little Princess Trust](#) use donations of hair to make real hair wigs for sick children and young people, aged up to 24 years across the UK and Ireland. They are now in the early stages of offering our service in other areas of Europe and beyond.

Two of our pupils have recently made donations . . .



Cadhla in Year 2 has been growing her hair since before lockdown as she wanted to donate it to The Little Princess Trust. She is very proud to be able to support this great charity - and also loves her new haircut which is much easier to maintain!



Clara in Reception decided that her long hair was taking too long to plait every morning. Having seen friends cut their long hair to donate to The Little Princess Trust; she decided to do the same with 42 cm being cut off!





Eco- Council members at Webb's Road have been using their lunchtimes to pick up litter and improve our local environment – well done!

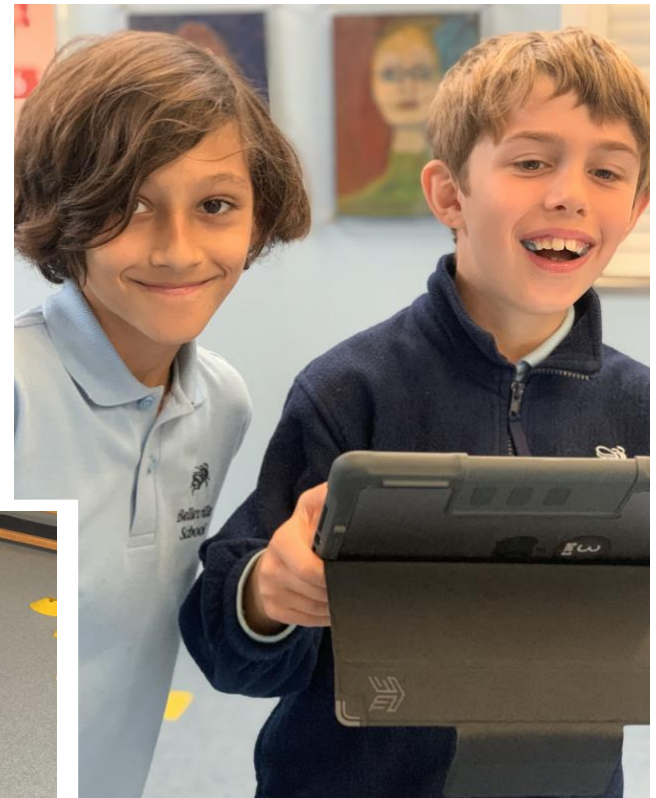
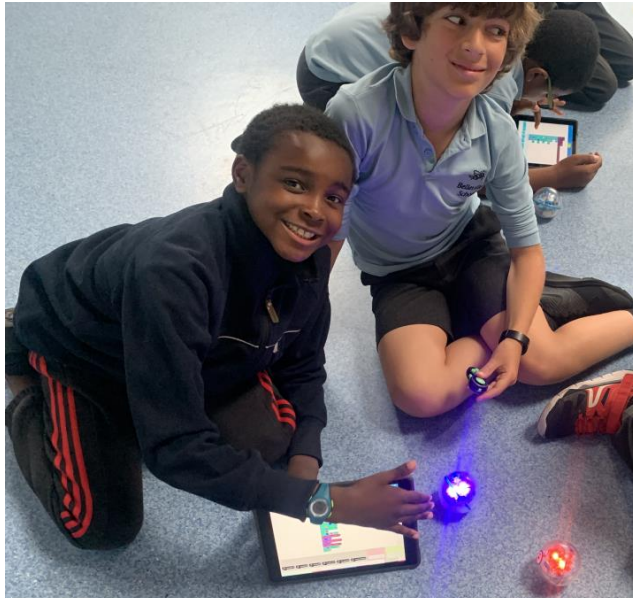




Year 5 are Computing Whizzes

Children across Year 5 have been enjoying their computing days, programming their Sphero robots with movement and light sequences and working as teams.

Star Wars fans may recognise the Spheros as they were used to make the new R2D2!





Reception Butterflies are Here!

Children in Reception have created great habitats for their caterpillars to grow and change into butterflies – it has been a joy to see their excitement and being so gentle with them.





Healthy Snacks



Please remember if your child is in Y3-Y6 they may bring in a healthy snack for break time:

- Fresh or dried fruit
- Vegetables
- Small savoury sandwich

We have recently seen chocolate bars, sweets and crisps being brought in!



Where is your water bottle?

We have noticed a number of children are no longer bringing their water bottle to school. As the water fountains are currently switched off and the weather (hopefully) getting warmer, please do send your child to school with a refillable water bottle every day.

Summer Term 2021

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 23rd July

*Children will finish at their usual times of 3.05pm (Y4&5); 3.15pm (Y1 – 3), 3.25pm (Reception) and 3.30pm (Nursery). Year 6 will have a slightly earlier finish at 2.40pm with a playground performance for their families as they are collected – separate details to follow.

Autumn Term 2021

Inset Days: Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd September – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1 term: Monday 6th September

Last day of Autumn 1 term: Friday 22nd October

Autumn half term holiday: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

First day of Autumn 2 term: Monday 1st November

Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 4th January – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 5th January

Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 11th February

Spring half term holiday: Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February

First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 21st February

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 19th April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Wednesday 20th April

Bank holiday: Monday 2nd May – school closed to children

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 27th May

Spring half term holiday: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

First day of Summer 2 term: Monday 6th June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 22nd July

Any news, something to share or celebrate with the school community?

Please do email us on enquiries@bellevilleschool.org