



Belleville Primary School

News

Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent/Carer Evenings

The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you next week for the autumn term parent/carer evenings. You will have received an email from Parentmail with details of how to book, how to request a phonecall instead of a Zoom meeting and how to leave a note for the teacher if you wish to discuss something specific. These bookings will close on Sunday and Monday so please make your appointments as soon as you can. If you need help to make a booking, please contact the school offices.

PTA Playground Improvements at Webb's Road

The second phase of the work is due to take place over half term with the largest piece of equipment being built in the current 'peaceful place'. We anticipate that this will be finished in the middle of the first week back (if the rain stays away) so there will be a small part of the large playground fenced off whilst the flooring is being laid. This will not significantly affect playtimes, PE lessons or drop off collection times. The final phase will be to look at shade, planting and landscaping – please see the PTA message on the next page if you would like to get involved.



Change of Date

Please take note that the last day of the school year will be **Thursday 21st July 2022**. This is because of the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

If we don't see you before, we wish you a wonderful and relaxing half term holiday and will see you back in school on Monday 1st November.

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteacher Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteacher Juniors)



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 first 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.



Congratulations to Nicky Davies and Louise Succar who have taken on the role of Co-chairs of the Belleville PTA. Nicky has a son in Year 5 and Louise has daughters in Year 1 and Year 5. We want to give a big thank you to former PTA chair Caroline McNamara and secretary Sarah Scott, who have both stepped down, for their hard work and dedication over the years. We are looking forward to having in-person PTA events again, not only for fundraising but also to enjoy being part of a school community. Coming up this term are:

- Christmas Shopping Event
- Christmas Fair and Tree Sale

Message from the Co-Chairs:

As well as continuing to raise money through its various fundraising events the PTA is setting up a new sustainability focussed group. This group will work closely with the school and the children's Eco Council to ensure the school is more eco-friendly.

These sustainability focussed initiatives will include working on

- Reducing waste and increasing recycling
- Increasing biodiversity across the school sites
- Helping to educate our children on the environment and the importance of sustainability.

The PTA will be looking for volunteers to get hands on making the outside spaces of our school eco-friendlier and engaging for our children. Watch this space!

Nicky and Louise



Half term fun:

Belleville PTA are delighted to be partnering with Koru Kids to deliver a free storyboard walk this half term in the vicinity of the school. The storyboard walk is a unique and beautiful community activity which also supports children's literacy and emotional and physical wellbeing. Children will receive details of the walk in their book bags over the next week.



Proud to be 2021

We are really enjoying seeing the people your children want to celebrate as part of Black History Month – the writer of the piece on the right clearly understood what it means to be 'Proud to be'!

Please do bring in before half term any pieces about Black British people (they don't have to be famous, the first to do something or extraordinary, they could be a family member) with the focus of 'Proud to be . . '

This could be a drawing, poster, writing or anything that can be securely pinned to a wall!

About me

I am mixed race and I am quarter Jamaican.

My grandad was born in Jamaica and also my great grandparent.

LANGUAGE

The language of Jamaica is English and Patoa.

My grandad speak both.

In assembly:

We have been revisiting different ways that we can keep ourselves and others safe and the reasons we have fire drills, road safety and also how our words and actions can make others feel safe and welcomed. We have been learning more about Black History Month and sharing some of our inspirational people.

Our Year 2 scientists visited Morden Hall Park to learn more about vertebrates and invertebrates as part of their science topic.

Thank you to the minibus drivers and parents for helping to make this trip happen.





Musical Excellence at Belleville



We are really proud to have been nominated to be a Music Mark school. We have been recognised for our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that we place on music. Our Year 4 instrumental programme has been generously fully funded by the PTA as we want to go beyond the usual provision and have small group tuition in a range of instruments – this week's lessons can be seen below.



Orchestra Places Still Available – Years 5 and 6

(Year 4 children can join later in the year when they know a few more notes!)

The Belleville Orchestra meet every Thursday after school at Webb's Road to learn and play together with the tutors from Wandsworth Music and perform regularly at world class concert halls! We have had children selected from this orchestra to join the Wandsworth Orchestras and also to gain music scholarships at secondary schools.

If you would like your child to get involved, please email enquiries@bellevilleschool.org



New poll by Place2Be reveals the need for more support for parents of primary school children

Around half of parents of 4 - 11 year olds have felt isolated during the pandemic (52%), and a similar proportion have felt overwhelmed (54%) or anxious (53%) about parenting, according to Place2Be's new research.

They have launched a new parenting website aimed at parents and carers of primary age children with short articles and simple advice for common worries. Some examples of the topics are below and you can access this by going to the [Parenting Smart website](#)

<p>My child might have bullied someone</p> <p>2 min video 8 min read</p>	<p>When someone dies</p> <p>2 min video 6 min read</p>	<p>Nurturing talents</p> <p>6 min read</p>
<p>My child and I keep getting into arguments</p> <p>2 min video 6 min read</p>	<p>My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?</p> <p>2 min video 4 min read</p>	<p>My child says 'I hate you!'</p> <p>5 min read</p>
<p>Building up your listening skills</p> <p>6 min read</p>	<p>My child has trouble going to sleep</p> <p>8 min read</p>	<p>My child thinks they need to be perfect</p> <p>8 min read</p>
<p>My child still wets themselves</p> <p>8 min read</p>	<p>I'm going through a break up and want to support my child</p> <p>7 min read</p>	<p>Peer pressure</p> <p>6 min read</p>
<p>My child is stealing</p> <p>9 min read</p>	<p>Raising a resilient child</p> <p>2 min video 6 min read</p>	<p>Cultural identity: who am I?</p> <p>2 min video 4 min read</p>
<p>Homework</p> <p>7 min read</p>	<p>Building secure relationships</p> <p>6 min read</p>	<p>Playing with my child</p> <p>2 min video 6 min read</p>
<p>Understanding shyness</p> <p>8 min read</p>	<p>My child pushes my buttons</p> <p>6 min read</p>	<p>Talking to my child about race and discrimination</p> <p>2 min video 5 min read</p>



Ready, Steady, Go!

Our cross country runners had the perfect weather for their 1500m run across Tooting Common on Thursday. No matter how tired they felt towards the last 200 metres the cheers from their peers and parents helped their tired legs speed up towards the finishing line. They should be very proud of their efforts – well done to them all!



Year 6 Football Tournament

The children were very excited to be back competing against other schools and further develop their skills. The children demonstrated great team work and were very pleased with their win! Well done!

Year 6 Girls' Football Tournament

This is being played as we write – we will let you know the results in our next newsletter.

We will continue to organise as many inter-school sport events as possible this year and aim to have as many children take part as we can. We can only take a certain number of children to each event so please be patient if your child has not been chosen so far.



We currently have 3 exciting opportunities to work at Belleville or across our Trust.

- Senior Administrator and HR Officer at Belleville
- Administrator and Personal Assistant across the Trust
- Midday Assistants at Belleville

See our website for more information: [Vacancies](#)



Adults: Please wear a mask on site (unless exempt).

If your child is showing symptoms or someone in your home has Covid, your child should self-isolate and get a PCR test (a laboratory test, not a 30 minute home lateral flow test).



TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2021

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: **Thursday 21st July**

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

Please do email us on enquiries@bellevilleschool.org

