



Points to note:

- 'Getting ready for Nursery' workshops available 9th, 11th and 13th May (see below)

Key dates for Summer Term (apologies for the incorrect dates in red in our last newsletter):

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| • Monday 2 nd May | School closed for May Bank Holiday |
| • Thursday 5 th May | Nursery closed - polling station for local elections |
| • Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May | Year 6 SATs tests |
| • Friday 27 th May | Last day of Summer 1 half term – finish at usual times |
| • Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June | Half term holiday |
| • Monday 6 th June | First day of Summer 2 term |
| • Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th June | Year 6 School Journey to Kent |
| • Tuesday 12 th July | Year 3 Singing Concert to Parents/Carers @ Webb's pm |
| • Thursday 14 th July | Year 4 Instrumental Concert @ Webb's pm |
| • Friday 15 th July | Year 6 leavers' party after school |
| • Tuesday 19 th July | Year 1 Singing Concert to Parents/Carers @ Webb's pm |
| • Thursday 21 st July | Last day of school year, non-uniform day (no donation needed).
Year 6 leavers' assembly on Zoom 10am – Parents/Carers of children in Year 6 are welcome to join us |

Finish times:

- Year 6: 1.50pm
- Years 1 – 3: 2.15pm
- Years 4 – 5: 2.20pm
- Reception: 2.25pm
- Nursery: 2.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term! We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday – it was great to see the children ready and raring to go last week. It was also our pleasure to share the 'Outstanding' Ofsted report with you last week, it's a great achievement and reflection of a lot of hard work from staff, governors, the trust and all of your children! The report should be on the Ofsted website by 3rd May. We have spent some time supporting our QIE colleagues at Churchfields Primary School in Bromley as they had 'the call' for their Ofsted inspection this week, which also went very well.

We hope you have a great bank holiday and Eid Mubarak to all those celebrating this weekend!

With 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.



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Year 5 Residential Trip to The Isle of Wight

Thank you to all the staff for taking 115 children on a great adventure and making a truly memorable 3 days possible.



A journey across the sea



Walks in nature



Time to play outside (even before breakfast)



Balancing up high and abseiling to the ground



Into the woods to practise bushcraft skills



Year 1 Meet Amazing Animals

Year 1 had a visit from a Zoolab ranger and became hands-on 'Animal Explorers'. They met a variety of animals including Mr Slimy the African snail and Matilda the cockroach! The visit was a great way to support the children's learning about the different animal groups.





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Belleville's Musical Excellence Showcased

Belleville's long-standing partnership with the Wandsworth Music Service and been showcased in their latest publication with an interview with Sarah Atherton, Headteacher Juniors, and some great shots of the children.

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With support from the governors and PTA funding, Belleville now offers an enviable music programme. Sarah is proud to say that: "At our school all children, from whatever background will have held a great instrument and been to a concert by the end of Year 4. Hopefully, it might inspire them to think, 'I might now go to a free classical concert because I've been to that space.'"

"In Pre-Covid days, by the time children left Year 6 they would have normally played in an orchestra of 120 plus, played an instrument at the Festival Hall, and would also have stood on a main stage of a concert hall. It's not just a space, it's an experience, and they'll have played to 2,000 people and felt that applause."

Sarah is clear that her school couldn't have given the children this sort of musical experience without support from Wandsworth Music.

"We invest in a specialist music teacher who is brilliant, but she couldn't provide the range and expertise across an orchestra with brass, string and woodwind instruments, organise the concert space opportunities or deal with the Year 6 singing copyright," she says over Zoom from her pale blue walled office.



Lauren Brown, Wandsworth Music



"A lot of people from my generation didn't get an instrument until secondary, and that's too late."

Sarah Atherton





BELLEVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL WANDSWORTH MUSIC PROGRAMMES:

- ▶ Enhanced membership
- ▶ 5 x Year 4 WCET classes (mixed instruments)
- ▶ Mixed instrument individual/small group lessons
- ▶ School orchestra
- ▶ Vocal projects



"Wandsworth Music come in full of energy and passion and that's infectious. The Spring concert is always absolutely moving - seeing the children perform with special schools and community choirs, and really expanding beyond the school gate: it's beautiful. And from a head teacher point of view, they are flexible, which is important."

Over the years Sarah's been involved in the music programme she's seen how Wandsworth Music has helped children progress from the singing project, into large-scale choirs, and from WCET into youth orchestras.

Next, the stage looks set for the introduction of music therapy.

"A lot of people from my generation didn't get an instrument until secondary, and that's too late. We want all subjects to be great - great art, great drawing and great music which is why the governors invested in a programme of musical tuition," adds Sarah.



"But we wanted something a bit more bespoke - an orchestral sound at the end of Year 4 with 150 pieces and the chance to play in an orchestra. 150 violins together is a nice thing to do but with saxophone, trombone, cellos, flute and clarinets they are getting that full sound and get the pleasure of playing together and it sounds magnificent!"

"Everyone gets that opportunity and it's so important to us. And then if children want to carry on in Year 5 and Year 6, with the same tutors, we fund anyone who might not be able to afford it. There are some really great success stories where we've funded children's lessons for two years, and then they've gone on to receive a scholarship from private schools. That's equality of opportunity."

You can read the full article [HERE](#)



Photo Permissions

We often take photographs and video of children at school to help promote the positive aspects of learning and we would love to be able to use more of them in newsletters such as this one.

Images of the children achieving and enjoying activities really do help celebrate the children's work in an exciting and immediate way with our current families and with those who may be considering joining the school in the future. We always follow the Department of Education guidelines and we will not use the names of any child if an image of that child is used.

We are currently making sure that the school's photography permissions are up to date for every child and will be writing to some families next week to ask them to complete a short form to confirm whether they provide or withhold their consent.

If you receive this letter, it may be because you haven't previously returned your form, or because you have provided us with two different answers, or because your child has joined the school since we last sent out the form. If you do receive this letter, please could you take a moment to complete and return the form for each of your children. It is very important that we record your preference either way.

Thank you very much in advance for your help with this.

Sports News



Sitting Volleyball Tournament

On Thursday, we went to a sitting volleyball tournament at Southfields Secondary school. This was a great opportunity for us to learn about a Paralympic sport.

We learnt how to work as team and play a sport whilst sitting down, which was very hard! It was a lot of fun and we were very pleased to receive a bronze medal!

Written by Rian and Ali



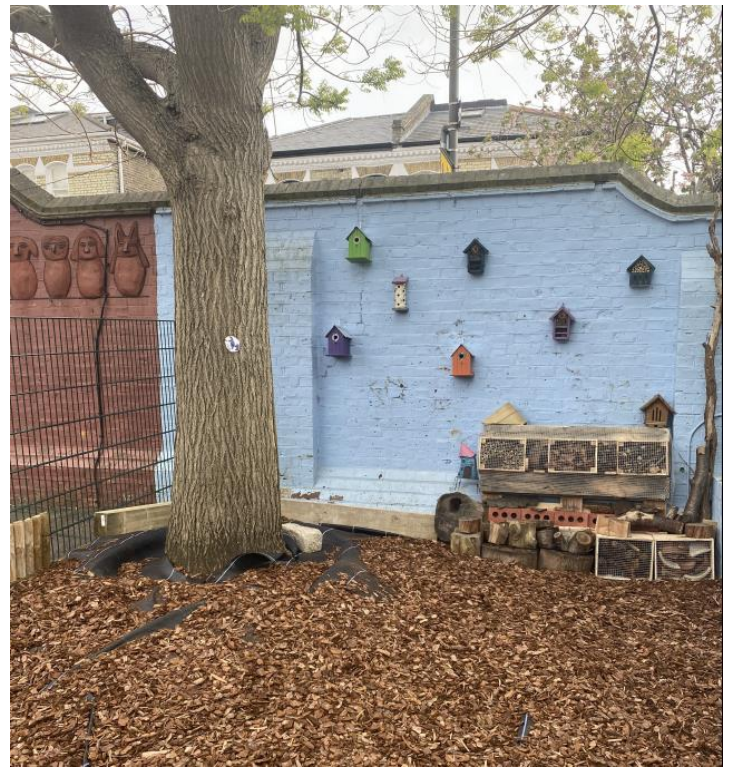
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Thank you to all of the volunteers who have done a magnificent job in lifting, carrying, painting and planting to spruce up the Nursery outside area and the playgrounds as Webb's – it looks fantastic!





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Getting ready for nursery

WORKSHOPS



Toilet training

Join Victoria Ley from Contact to get tips on toilet training

Monday 9th May on ZOOM

10-11 am Meeting ID 878 0784 8288

Passcode: 862269

Toilet training advice drop in

2-3 pm Meeting ID: 894 5556 7149

Passcode: 153130

contact For families with disabled children

Speech and language

Join Jo Hardman, Highly specialist Speech and Language therapist on supporting your child to be ready for nursery focussing on communication and language

Wednesday 11th May on ZOOM

10-11 Meeting ID: 305 470 5207

Passcode: Speech

2-3 pm repeat of morning webinar



Transition



Join Aditi Rao, Educational Psychologist for support on preparing your child for nursery

Friday 13th May on TEAMS

10 - 11am

1.30 - 2.30pm

To book your place please email hannah.skaife@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk for a link to the Teams Meeting, specifying morning or afternoon session





TERM DATES 2021-2022

Summer Term 2022

Bank holiday:	Monday 2nd May – school closed to children
Local Elections:	Thursday 5 th May – Nursery closed (Nursery used as a Polling station)
Last day of Summer 1 term:	Friday 27 th May
Spring half term holiday:	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June
First day of Summer 2 term:	Monday 6 th June
Last day of Summer 2 term:	Thursday 21 st July – finishing an hour earlier than usual

TERM DATES 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Inset Days:	Thursday 1 st – Friday 2 nd September – school closed to children
First day of Autumn 1 term:	Monday 5 th September
Last day of Autumn 1 term:	Friday 21 st October
Autumn half term holiday:	Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October
First day of Autumn 2 term:	Monday 31 st October
Last day of Autumn 2 term:	Friday 16 th December

Spring Term 2023

Inset Day:	Tuesday 3 rd January – school closed to children
First day of Spring 1 term:	Wednesday 4 th January
Last day of Spring 1 term:	Friday 10 th February
Spring half term holiday:	Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February
First day of Spring 2 term:	Monday 20 th February
Last day of Spring 2 term:	Friday 31 st March

Summer Term 2023

Inset Day:	Monday 17 th April – school closed to children
First day of Summer 1 term:	Tuesday 18 th April
Bank holiday:	Monday 1 st May – school closed to children
Last day of Summer 1 term:	Friday 26 th May
Spring half term holiday:	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Inset Day:	Monday 5 th June – school closed to children
First day of Summer 2 term:	Tuesday 6 th June
Last day of Summer 2 term:	Friday 21 st July