

# Belleville Newsletter



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## A WORLD'S FIRST AT BELLEVILLE

**Year 6 children** at Belleville are the **first classes in the world** to use a new programme developed by prestigious Apple Educator, Joe Moretti called 'Sleuth IT'.

The range of content in each Sleuth IT game is designed to develop reading ability, comprehension, problem solving skills, critical thinking and collaboration within a project based framework aligned to curriculum outcomes.

Joe visited our school in the summer to train us on the use of 'Sleuth IT' and this has been launched this term with our children who have absolutely loved using it.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the festive season with your families and friends both near and far and wish you all a happy New Year! It has been a busy start to the year with children returning with the right learning behaviours and attitude to their work.

We started the term with another Trust Inset day held at Belleville and were joined by the other three schools within our Trust. We have always offered our children a broad and balanced curriculum and in our relentless drive for improvement, excellence and equality, teachers worked in year groups across the Trust to ensure our next units of work are engaging, memorable and progressive. Teachers worked hard to bring the awe and wonder to the children's learning! It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and excitement on some of the children's (and teacher's) faces as they started their new topics.

Mary-Lyne Latour  
Headteacher Infants

Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher Juniors

## EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

### So far this term....

- Nursery**, as part of their 'People who help us' topic, have had visits from a Doctor and Physiotherapists. X-rays were taken of teddy bears brought from home and all is well. The fire brigade and police are due to arrive in a few weeks!
- Reception** have visited the London Transport museum as part of their 'Journeys' topic and enjoyed their Platform Promenade workshop where they were able to go back in time and jump on an old tube train.
- Year 1** started their 'Pets' topic in Science with a visit from Ranger Jess and some of her furry friends. The children were very excited to stroke guinea pigs, a giant millipede and snail as well as a stick insect. You'll be pleased to know the tarantula remained in its cage!
- Year 2** had a special visit from Mr Twit last week and didn't disappoint as he was just as disgusting as the children have been reading.
- Year 3** went to visit a local graveyard in preparation for their Science topic and have enjoyed smashing open geodes to find the crystals inside.
- Year 4** have had reminders of road safety from Wandsworth Council through a visit from 'Captain Callie and the Adventures of Bola' and are excitedly engaging with the Times Table Tournament.
- Year 5**, please read the exciting article about Radio 2's '500 Words' Words competition below.
- Year 6** have already enjoyed a trip to the Wimbledon Synagogue; starting their singing project with Wandsworth Music Service and have even had time for a visit from Transport from London. The presentation reminded them of personal safety, showing respect and responsibility whilst on public transport. It also reinforced the knowledge needed as they become increasingly independent.

## SPORTS NEWS

- Year 5 and 6** children represented the school at the Wandsworth Indoor Athletics competition and displayed great talent and sportsmanship. The teams were victorious on the day but await to see if their scores are high enough to make the final. Fingers crossed!
- A group of **Year 3 and 4** children represented the school at the 'New Age Curling Festival'. The children were very supportive and encouraging of each other. Our teachers were very proud of them!
- Year 5 and 6** girl's football team participated in the Inner London Schools Football Association competition and came 3<sup>rd</sup> and are to be congratulated for their determination and perseverance.

## REMINDER: NURSERY APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

Nursery applications for September 2020 are made directly to the school and close on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY REMINDER

Being in school every day and on time is extremely important to a successful education. We ask that you avoid taking term time off for holidays. Also, missing 5 minutes at the start of each day adds up to crucial missed learning time. We appreciate your cooperation in trying to improve our school's attendance and punctuality.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Please remember we are a uniform school and expect children to wear **correct uniform at all times**. Please encourage your child to wear their uniform with pride to and from school. It sends a message to the wider community that Belleville is a place where children are proud of themselves and their school.

**The uniform shop hours at Webb's are Monday and Tuesday, from 8.30am until 9.30am and from 3.15pm until 4.00pm.**

## 500 WORDS COMPETITION



All of the children in Year 5 have been working on their entries for the Radio 2 '500 Words' competition in their English lessons, in Guided Reading and many of them at home!

All of the children's stories will be entered into the competition and we also held a QIE Trust competition between the 9 classes across the Trust schools. Children voted for their class favourites which were then judged anonymously by children from the one of the other schools.

The class winners received a medal this week - congratulations to Filippa, Shane, Theo and Camille.



All of the 270 children then read each class winner to decide the overall winner. This morning we had a video conference with all of the schools for the announcement of the winner who will receive a trophy and have their story published in the first edition of the QIE Newspaper (coming soon).

The children loved waving and congratulating their peers - the moment came for the winner to be announced and it is . . . **Shane!**

Well done to all of the children and congratulations to Shane, not only for his win but for the time he spent at home re-drafting and his modesty – he was very shocked when he realised it was his name being called out.

