

# Belleville Newsletter




## July 19th

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**Please remember to keep informing us about cases of Chickenpox, Measles and Shingles within your family.**

### PUPIL LEAVERS

If your child is in Nursery to Year 5 and you know your family is leaving the area or your child is leaving us to go to another school, **you do need to complete a leavers form**, which is available in the school office at both sites.

### MAY DAY 2020

Please note that the May Day holiday date for 2019-20 has been varied to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE day.

The school will now be open on **Monday 4th May 2020 and pupils are expected to attend school as usual. The school will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Friday 8th May.**

### UNIFORM SHOP

Parents and carers can purchase uniform from the shop at Webb's Road between now and 3.30pm on Wednesday 24th July. Please see Maria in the office at Webb's.

The shop will be open in the holiday all day on Friday 2nd August and then on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September at 8.00-9.00am and 3.00-4.00pm. Normal opening hours will be resumed on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th September.

## PTA

Enormous thanks to the PTA for an exceptional Summer Fair. The sun shone beautifully, Belleville's Got Talent was fabulous, refreshments, food and ice cream stalls did a roaring trade and a wonderful time was had by all! An amazing total was raised, nudging **£18k** and we are grateful to everyone for their support, in the very many ways it was given. We are so grateful to all our parents and carers for the time and energy they always give to ensure our children receive an exceptional provision.

### Thank you from year 6 leavers

Share your thanks and gratitude to Belleville Primary School for the fantastic education, life long-memories and wonderful friends by donating to the Belleville School Development Fund.

<https://www.belleville-school.org.uk/news-events/donations-to-the-pta>

All donations are gift aid eligible and for corporate matching please contact Pablo Orvanos - [pablorva@gmail.com](mailto:pablorva@gmail.com)

### Donating to the PTA - now Gift Aid Registered

Following the announcement of the new "Development Fund", the PTA has put in place a few simple ways for parents to make donations to the school. All donations, whether large or small, are gratefully received and will go a long way to improve the school environment for your children.

The Belleville School PTA is now Gift Aid registered, which allows us to maximise your donations by claiming an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. To make donations to the school simple go to the school website: <https://www.belleville-school.org.uk/news-events/donations-to-the-pta>

Don't forget you may be able to double your donation with employer match funding. Many businesses of all sizes offer to match fund employees' charitable donations. The Belleville PTA is now also registered with Benevity which many corporations use for this purpose. Please enquire with your Community Relations or HR manager and help us maximise the funds Belleville School receives. Thank you for your generous support. We wish you all a wonderful summer.

Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher Juniors

Mary-Lyne Latour  
Headteacher Infants

Jane Ford  
Headteacher Meteor

## CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

We had a really successful citizenship event on Wednesday. Thank you to all parents and carers who came to see the projects, it means a great deal to the children as they have worked really hard. The classes covered several different topics which are current issues in our society including plastic waste, treatment of refugees and homelessness.

Many children have raised awareness around school, starting petitions and writing letters to MPs to try and facilitate change. We do hope that the enthusiastic discussions had in class will continue to be spoken about with family and friends throughout the summer.



## LONDON YOUTH GAMES TENNIS

After winning both the A & B tennis events in the Wandsworth section of The London Youth Games, Belleville qualified to represent the borough of Wandsworth in the all London finals at Crystal Palace, in Europe's largest youth sports festival.

They came second in their group, losing only to the school that won the entire competition. They did fantastically well, fighting for every point and representing the school brilliantly finishing as the 13th best school at tennis in the whole of London!



## SPORTS

**GO Run For Fun** is an international campaign, set up to inspire children to be more active through fun short-distance running events. It has been a phenomenal success so far with over 290,000 children having taken part since 2013. These running events encourage children to prepare themselves for the challenge of completing a 2km fun run, to give it their best on the day and to make their run a memorable achievement.

**International Reach GO Run For Fun** currently takes place in the UK, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, USA, Mexico and Singapore – and is still growing!

We were very excited to take part in this event recently and were impressed with the number of Belleville children who wanted to participate. We managed to get additional tickets so that we could take 40 children.

It was certainly lots of fun with TV personalities leading hundreds of children in fun warm ups and a world record breaking attempt for the most children doing 'fortnite' moves all at once for several minutes without stopping!

All our children then ran the 2km course, smiling all the way and pushing themselves to do their best! We hope lots more children find some free fun runs at their local parks this summer as there are lots of keen runners in our school.

### **Year 6 Wandsworth Schools Cricket League**

Our Year 6 boys team played in a weekly league at Spencer Cricket Club against several independent and State schools in Wandsworth, finishing unbeaten in their group. We then played the winners of the other group, Sacred Heart, in the final.

It was a close match in terms of runs but with 6 wickets, we finished with a very comfortable win and proudly brought home the Costin cup!

### **Wandsworth Tournament**

Both our boys (Year 6) and girls (Years 4, 5 and 6) teams played a number of schools to qualify for the Surrey County Finals at Epsom College. This was a great day for the girls who secured a place in the winner's final due to their amazing bowling, batting and fielding. They were unbeaten on the day, finishing as proud and deserving County champions!

Our boys had a tougher start to their campaign, losing narrowly in their first two games. However, it was great to see their resilience and determination when reaching the plate final to finish their day with three straight wins to be awarded the Plate cup.

### **Year 4 and 5 Wandsworth Schools Cricket Tournament**

Our Year 4 and 5 boys played together in their first tournament at Spencer Cricket Club. They enjoyed their first two wins and were being true excellent learners and learned from their mistakes and encouraged each other throughout the day. I look forward to watching them grow as a team next year.

Very well done to you all!

Miss Ogunyemi

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019 – 'SPACE CHASE!'

Prepare for lift off as we travel across the galaxy in a very special reading mission! It's the summer reading challenge 2019! When the summer holidays start, children can sign up for the challenge at their local library and pick up their 'Space Chase' mission pack.

Read 6 library books (or more!) over the holidays to collect special stickers and complete the challenge. Children who successfully complete the challenge will receive a medal and a certificate in assembly.

Happy reading!

## DATES

### **AUTUMN TERM 2019:**

- **INSET DAYS:** Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September at the usual time.**
- **HALF TERM:** Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October.
- **INSET DAY:** Monday 28th October – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Tuesday 29th October at the usual time.**
- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:** The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Thursday 19th December 2019.

## MEASLES IN SOUTH LONDON

Whilst we have had no cases of measles at Belleville, we have been informed by Public Health England that since 1st April 2019, there have been 45 confirmed cases in South London, 21% of which were school age children. A proportion of confirmed cases are linked to (mostly European) travel and the symptoms include fever, sore red eyes and rash.

Please see the useful NHS factsheet which follows and provides further information and advice.

# MEASLES

## Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- Measles is in the news again. There have been serious outbreaks in Wales and England and the number of children catching measles is rising.
- Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.
- Your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination.
- Two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.
- If your child is due to have had two doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible.\*
- If you can't remember if your child has had any, one or two doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP.
- If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have two doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.

\*In response to a local outbreak then the two doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



# Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

## Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

## When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at three years and four months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with two doses one month apart.

## Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to six weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the three diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

## Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles two doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

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For more information about measles and MMR go to  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)