

PTA NEWSLETTER

Belleville Webb's | Belleville Meteor

FAREWELL YEAR 6S

The year 6s end their magical year at Belleville with a great send off.

The leavers' picnic on Clapham Common gathered all years 6s, parents and siblings for a last reunion. A big thank you to Paul Burrows and Bryony Taylor for organising and preparing all the food and to Killik&Co for providing the ice bags.

The picnic was followed by a **Year 6 disco** where DJ Troy and dancer Annabel got all the kids dancing for a full hour. Even the teachers were bopping up and down on the sidelines! Miss Atherton was full of praise: "*This year has been the easiest Year 6 to look after. They just do what there are told*". A big thank you to Alex Hurley and the year 6 parents as well as our generous sponsors Oddono's and Dexters.

All year 6s received their **leavers hoodies** on the last day of school (just in time for the heat wave). If you are not able to collect yours, we will keep hold of it until September.

We wish all year 6s and their parents all the best with the start of secondary school. Do stay in touch and come visit!



Thank you all for fantastic year of fun and fundraising

Thank you to all parents who volunteered their time to support the various PTA events throughout the year. We could not have managed without you!

This year has been another incredibly successful fundraising year during which we raised just short of an impressive **£50k**. From the fairs and summer parties to the movie nights and class calendars, the year was full of events and initiatives, which we hope you and your children enjoyed.

We are forever grateful to our generous sponsors who have been instrumental in enabling us to pull off some of the most lucrative initiatives, notably Rampton Baseley, LDN Finance, Cote Brasseries and Killik & Co.

This year, PTA funds have been put forward to purchase much needed equipment for the school:

New guided reading books: In September, we saw the arrival of £15k worth of guided reading resources for years 1 to 6. You have no doubt had the pleasure of discovering these engaging, diverse and beautiful stories with your children during the year. We hope this has



PTA Committee farewells and vacancies

A revitalized PTA trustee committee is here to stay.

We were very fortunate to have a 16-strong PTA committee who has instigated a number of new initiatives such as the contactless donations, the gift aid registration and kick starting the organisation of the upcoming auction of promises.

The committee has big plans for the coming year and will be sharing these at the **PTA AGM** and coffee morning on **Friday 27th September**.

Sadly, the end of year brings changes in the committee.

Paloma Belaunde will be stepping down from the chair role and **Caroline McNamara** will take over from September.

We are sorry to be losing three other long serving members of the committee: **Giancarlo Cavaliere**, **Lilly Julien** and **Lucy Hughes**. We would like to thank them for their invaluable contribution over the last few years. New PTA appointments will be announced in September.

Finally, we are looking for a worthy successor to **Swathee Sankar** who has been managing the PTA theatre tickets over the last year. If you are interested in taking over this role, please get in touch bellevillepta@gmail.com

encouraged your young readers to discover passion for books.

100 new i-pads for ICT: in January, £30k was spent on updating the slow and antiquated ipads, which the children have been using regularly during their ICT days and other class lessons.

Instrumental Year 4 music programme with Wandsworth Music Services where each child is taught a wind, brass or string instrument in small groups of 10 is an initiative the school and the PTA are very proud of. £11k of PTA funds goes towards this and we will continue to fund this initiative next year.

New playground and PE equipment: the PTA funded £1,700 of new athletics equipment in September for hurdles, high steppers, target throws etc. . . as well £1,000 for new games and outdoor activity sets which the children have used during playtime.

Year 6 leavers gifts: approximately £4k is spent on the various year 6 initiatives each year which include: the 2x 3hrs first aid course in June, the external drama coach for the end of year production, the year 6 disco and the leaver's hoodies.

Year 5 & 6 running club: £800 goes towards funding the free morning running club with a coach from Herne Hill Harriers. The club was



started with proceeds of the Fun Run to encourage children to take on running as a regular fitness activity. A huge thank you to Natasha Russian, this year's club organiser who has spent many cold, wet and windy mornings supervising the children in the park.

DATES FOR NEXT TERM

Reception Welcome Picnic

Tuesday 3rd September
11:30 am - 1pm
Clapham Common Band Stand

Back to School

Wednesday 4th September

Class calendars photo shoot

Tues 24th/Weds 25th September

PTA AGM & Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September
Webb's Road
9:30 - 10:30am

Film Night KS2

Friday 4th October
Meteor Street
5-6:30pm

Film Night Reception - yr2

Friday 11th October
Meteor Street
5-6:30pm

Belleville Open Days

Weds 30th /Thurs 31st October
Webb's Rd at 9:30am
Meteor St at 11:30am

Auction of Promises

Friday 8th November
Webb's Road
7 - 10:30pm

Christmas Shopping Evening

Wednesday 20th November
Webb's Road
7 - 9:30pm

Our most successful Summer Fair EVER!



The Guardians of the Planet summer fair raised almost £18k for the PTA, an amount never seen before.

It was also the greenest fair which encouraged everyone to be as environmentally friendly as possible and ditch the plastic.

The fair would not have been such a success without everyone's help. A huge thank you to our chief organiser **Taikwan Chin Wright** for coordinating the event and running the raffle which broke records bringing in over £4,000! **Sarah Scott** did a brilliant job organising the much-anticipated Belleville's Got Talent show, surviving a week of hectic auditions.

The new token system and contactless payment machines were a hit and will be repeated in future fairs. Thank you to **Pablo Orvananos** and **Julien Basch** for setting these up.

Another big thank you to all the class reps and their team of helpers for creating fun activities for the children. We loved the new additions such as Dangly Donuts, Basket Ball, Unicorn and Dragon poo and the hair colour stand that swapped hairspray for coloured chalk.

Once again, we were spoilt with the diverse array of international foods. Thank you to chefs **Sanjeev Chopra** for his outstanding Biryani, **Asia Mahmood** for her tasty Samosas. **Miss Nyedige** for her Ghanaian feast and **Fergal Spencer** and the year 6 dads for their burgers and hot dogs.

Our sponsors deserve a round of applause too. Thank you to **Rampton Baseley** for the boards around the neighbourhood, **Chestertons** Battersea Rise for supporting the raffle and sponsoring the Pimms bar and **SellMyHome.co.uk** for sponsoring the talent show.

Finally, the outstanding recognition award should go to our dear **Baki** who again went beyond the call of duty to set-up and clear-up and attend to everyone's needs.

**THANK
YOU!**

Leavers' Donations

For all those who are leaving the school this term, there is a way you can express your thanks for the wonderful work the school has done with your children's education.

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.

Donating is very simple. Go to the Belleville School website under:

News and events/PTA /Donations to the PTA. Just follow the prompts on the **Click here to donate** text.



MATCH FUNDING FOR YOUR SCHOOL

All donations are gift aid eligible and don't forget you may be able to double your donation with employer match funding.

The Belleville PTA is now also registered with **Benevity** which many corporations use for their charitable donations. Please enquire with your Community Relations or HR manager and help us maximise the

funds Belleville receives. For any clarification on the process please contact the PTA treasurers on: **Bellevilletreasurer@yahoo.co.uk**. Thank you for your support!

Belleville Staff Collection Gifts

The 60 Belleville staff across Webb's and Meteor was truly appreciative of the vouchers they received on the last day of term.

Thank you to the class reps for their class contributions and to Jessica Acher-Spencer for organising the collection and purchasing the gifts. Each member of staff received an £18 John Lewis voucher, while the school heads John Grove, Mary-Lyne Latour and Sarah Atherton received a bottle of bubbly.

Wishing you all a very restful and enjoyable summer holiday.
See you back in September!