



# Newsletter



## Attendance October

Reception	93%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	96%
Year 3 Hazel	95%
Year 3 Laurel	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	95%

Well done Year 5!

## Dates for your diary

31/10—Y2 @ The Army Museum

1/11—Y1 @ the Transport museum

8/11—Y6 @ Remembrance

Day workshop  
12/11—Y3 @ Surrey Quays

Cinema  
13/11—Y2 @ Into film festival  
14/11—Y6 @ Royal Courts of

Justice  
3/12—Y5 @ Thames Explorer  
10/12—y6 @ Benjamin Franklin

House  
13/12— Y3 Hazel @ St

George's Church  
16/12—KS1 nativity @ 2pm  
17/12—Ks2 music concert @

2pm  
18/12—Christmas parties  
19/12—Break up @ 1.30  
7/1—children return to school

## A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a relaxing break last week and welcome back to this half term which looks very busy!

As we approach winter and the weather becomes colder, please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. Please can you also ensure that your child's coat and jumper are clearly labelled. When the children get warm on the playground, they often take their jumper off, and can forget to pick them up which can make it hard to identify the correct jumper when they are not labelled.

Throughout the term, I have continued to be impressed by the children's continued enthusiasm for learning, and one of the highlights of my job is when children come and show me good work. I have been especially impressed with the writing that I have been shown by Year 6 which has included diaries and information leaflets. Keep up the good work, Year 6—I am very proud of you!

Warm wishes,  
Julie Ireland (Head of School)

## Parents' Evening

On November 6th and November 7th, we will be holding Parents' evening. This is an opportunity for you to formally meet your child class's teacher and discuss the progress your child has made, as well as ways in which you can support your child's learning. Time sheets for each class have been put up in the main foyer—please sign up for a time or phone the office to request a time. Parent's Evening will run from 3.30-6.30 on November 6th and 3.30-6.00 on November 7th. If you cannot make these dates, please arrange an alternative time with your child's class teacher.

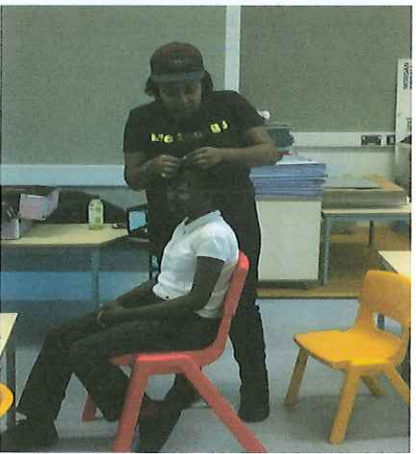
## Poppies

During the run up to Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November, school council will be selling poppies and other Royal legion merchandise before and after school. Please help support this very worthwhile charity.

If you would like to buy a paper poppy for either yourself or your child, then please make a donation. Easers, poppy reflectors, pencil sharpeners and pencils will be on sale for 50p each; rulers are £1 and the metal 2019 poppies are £2.00.

## Black History Month

During October, we celebrated Black History Month. The children produced some amazing work based on a range of themes. If you get chance, please take a look at the work which is displayed in the hall. Black History Month culminated in a very successful International Evening. We were dazzled by a range of talents which included the choir, rapping, clarinets and steel pans. A group of children demonstrated the positive effects of yoga, and we also enjoyed the Y5 poetry. Thank you so much for the enormous amount of food that we received—we had a wide range of delicious dishes from around the world. I hope that you had a chance to enjoy the many activities on offer—from hair braiding to henna. I would like to thank the parent volunteers—Shardanay's mum and her colleague for the hair braiding; Arali's mum and Emily for yoga; Mr Faruque from Pilgrims' Way School for coming over and creating henna patterns and to all of the staff for their hard work. Thanks to Ms Trew, Mrs Turnbull, Tian and Miss Rose for organising such a wonderful event. Please see the photos of International Evening overleaf.



## Safeguarding

As you would expect, safeguarding your children is our first priority here at Bellenden. We have a safeguarding policy that can be found on our website or, alternatively, you can speak to Emma-Jayne or Susan if you would like to obtain a hard copy of the policy.

Please visit our website for more information: [www.bellenden.southwark.sch.uk](http://www.bellenden.southwark.sch.uk)