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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent, so I am delighted that you have taken time to have a look at our website to explore what we offer at BWA and that you may wish to come to see us in action one day soon.

This is an immensely exciting time for us at BWA. In September 2018, I took up the headship of this wonderful, unique school and it is an honor to have been appointed as the first headteacher of this new school. As an experienced headteacher and National Leader of Education, I am truly excited about the future and working with the school community to make BWA the school of choice for our local families. I feel very fortunate to work within an organisation that places the quality of teaching and the needs of children at the heart of all they do. The school converted to an academy in August 2017 and joined the Quality First Education (Q1E) Trust. A MAT (multi academy trust) established by Belleville Primary School; a very well respected school in the local area. Last October we had our first Ofsted inspection as a new school and were thrilled at the outcome - BWA is a good school with an outstanding EYFS. You can read the full report here. <https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/our-key-data/ofsted/>

As a staff team, we are all committed to the development of every child at our school; our priority is to ensure that your child is safe, and flourishes, during their time with us, in partnership with you – the most important people in your child's life. Our staff have access to a wealth of expertise through the support offered by the Directors of Q1E Trust and their close working partnership with the Belleville staff. Every week, the teachers in each year group, across both schools, come together to plan the teaching and learning for the following week. Our weekly staff training is also shared with Belleville. These opportunities offer exceptional professional development for our staff as well as ensuring we are delivering a consistent and high-quality educational provision for all our pupils.

Pupils at BWA are offered an array of opportunities to thrive and to find a passion for things that matter to them personally, as a unique individual. Every day I have the great privilege of being surrounded by happy BWA pupils who love coming to school and feel safe. They really do love to learn both in and out of the classroom and I am very proud of the manner in which everyone at BWA works together to create such positive experiences for every pupil. Our pupils leave BWA as happy, confident and well-rounded individuals, ready to face the challenges ahead.

Our Q1E motto is "United and Unique." For Belleville Wix Academy, this means that we maintain our special, bicultural community feel. We have shared our site with Ecole de Wix, a French primary school which is annexed to the Lycée Francais Charles de Gaulle, for over twenty years. In turn, we have shared a bilingual stream provision with Ecole de Wix for over ten years. These precious relationships continue, whilst we work together to ensure that all our children receive an equal and fair education, according to their needs, no matter which learning route their parents have chosen for them. Our sense of shared community is enhanced by building routine opportunities for all children onsite to play together, eat together and wherever possible, learn together. All pupils wear the same, simple uniform, which has contributed enormously to the children's sense of togetherness and belonging.

We would love to show you around our school when it is safe to do so. It is such a hard decision to make during this pandemic as a visit to a school is so informative. I always say to parents you will know when you walk into a school if this is the right school for your child. It is also natural to think of questions after visiting our website today or after a visit therefore we encourage you to never hesitate in contacting us on 0207 228 3055 or email admin@wix.wandsworth.sch.uk. We would be very happy to answer your queries.

Miss Séana Henry
Headteacher

An Overview

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about Belleville Wix Academy. We hope that this overview provides helpful information about our school.

• **Our Context and Organisation**

Belleville Wix Academy converted to an academy on 1 August 2017 as part of The Quality First Education Trust, a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). The Quality First Education Trust was established by Belleville Primary School on 1 August 2017. There are four schools in the MAT - Belleville, Belleville Wix, The Alton in Roehampton and Churchfields in Bromley. Belleville has a successful track record of working with, and supporting, other schools to improve.

Belleville Wix Academy has shared its site with École de Wix for over 20 years. École de Wix is a French primary school annexed to the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle in South Kensington. We are in a very unique position to offer three streams on our one site, for pupils in Reception, through to Year 6. This is explained below.

Three Streams

1. **English stream** - led by Belleville Wix Academy. English National Curriculum taught.
2. **French stream** - led by École de Wix. French National Curriculum taught.
3. **Bilingual stream** - led by Belleville Wix Academy and École de Wix. Both the French and English National Curriculums have been used to create our unique bilingual curriculum offer, which was revised and then launched in September 2018. Pupils in this stream are taught in a two-way immersion structure - they are taught in English by an English teacher for one week and then in French, by a French teacher for the following week. Half the pupils (14) are registered with BWA and the other half are registered with the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle.

Belleville Wix also has a nursery class, offering 20 full time places and 12 part time places.

Our Aims and Values

We have a relentless drive for improvement. This approach, together with our 'relentless drive for excellence and equality' underpins our aims for all children and adults to:

- be safe
- be excellent learners
- have excellent social and emotional skills
- fulfil their potential

Our values (for pupils and staff) are simple and clear and represented by the word **CARE**:

- **Considerate**: being caring, polite and fair, and doing our best to understand and encourage others;
- **Articulate**: listening, communicating well and expressing ourselves;
- **Responsible**: taking responsibility for ourselves and others, valuing leadership and teamwork;
- **Effort**: the importance of participation, perseverance and resilience.

We build these values into our daily language and our expectations of behaviour - "Are you making the right choice?" This encourages our pupils, at an age-appropriate level, to take responsibility for their behaviour, to reflect upon it and to be able to articulate what is a good choice and why.

• **Admissions**

The total number of places available for Reception 2022 at BWA is 44, as set out below.

The total number of places available for Nursery 2021 at BWA is 20 full time and 12 part time.

English Stream

We offer 30 places per class in the English stream. In September 2022, there will be one reception class, offering 30 places.

Following the establishment of the MAT, there are two "Belleville" schools located over three sites (Belleville has sites on Webb's Road and Meteor Street). However, for admissions purposes, applications are still separate and it should be noted that there is no possibility of transferring your child between the Belleville Wix and Belleville sites.

Parents or carers wishing to apply to Belleville Wix Academy should do so via the Wandsworth admissions procedures (ref: 2022 prospectus). Please note that parents or carers wishing to apply for a place for their child in the bilingual stream will need to complete a separate application at the back of the Wandsworth prospectus.

Last year the catchment area for the English class was 623 metres.

Bilingual Stream

We offer 14 places in the bilingual stream reception class.

Parents or carers wishing to apply for Belleville Wix Academy should do so via the Wandsworth admissions procedures (ref: 2022 prospectus) and complete the supplementary information form at the back of the Wandsworth prospectus.

Last year the catchment area for the bilingual stream was 459 metres.

Nursery

Applications should be made directly to the school. Forms are available on our website or from the school office.

- **Our School Community**

We are very proud of our unique school and have a strong sense of community.

Parents and carers are extremely supportive of the school. We have an active, committed and enthusiastic PTA whose fundraising events are enjoyable and well attended. The PTA's for the two schools come together to form 'The Friends of Wix'. There are parent representatives on our Local Governing Board.

Our pupils have positive attitudes to their learning, high standards of behaviour and very good attainment across the curriculum. Pupils across both schools share break and lunch times. They enjoy learning together and this offers a unique learning experience for them to both learn and play in a safe environment, reflective of the diverse city that we live in.

As is fairly typical for South London primaries, the school serves a very wide range of familial backgrounds. Approximately 70 % of pupils are from non-White British groups. The proportion is larger and the mix of heritages is more diverse at the older end of the school.

- White British (30%)
- White – Western European (14%)
- White – other (12%)
- Mixed – other (7%)
- White and Asian (7%)

Some 24 languages are spoken by our pupils. 52% of pupils have English as an Additional Language with 19% of children speaking French as their first language.

We are one of five feeder schools for Bolingbroke Academy.

- **Pedagogical and Professional Provision**

Belleville, our academy sponsor, was one of only five London primary schools to be awarded National Teaching School status. National Teaching Schools are outstanding schools with a leading role in the training and professional development of teachers and leaders, in order to contribute to raising standards across the education system. In 2014, it became one of the first thirty-two National Maths Hubs. It is also a designated National Support School and our shared Executive Headteacher, John Grove, is a National Leader of Education as is our headteacher, Miss Séana Henry.

Belleville Wix staff are very fortunate to work closely with the Belleville staff and Quality First Trust Directors to develop professionally and be the best they can be.

- **Our Staff**

By employing the best possible teachers and support staff, we provide a high standard of education for BWA pupils. Staff are highly motivated and are blossoming within the Trust's supportive environment. We always seek to appoint enthusiastic and proactive teachers; ensuring the quality of their professional development is a key part of sustaining our improvement as a school, whether newly qualified or with many years of teaching experience.

We believe our pupils directly benefit from the high level of support leaders provide for our teachers. Both our Headteacher, Séana Henry, and our Executive Headteacher, John Grove, are National Leaders of Education. National Leaders of Education (NLE) are effective headteachers who, together with the staff in their National Support School (NSS), use their skills and experience to support schools in challenging circumstances.

- **Curriculum**

We pride ourselves on providing a broad, balanced and well-structured curriculum, enhanced by the use of specialist teachers. Ensuring high standards in core subjects of English, maths and science is at the centre of the Belleville Wix curriculum. We also provide a breadth and quality of education beyond the core subjects which is rare in a school of this size and specialist teaching in Art, PE, French, Dance, Gymnastics, ICT and music. We are extremely proud of the high standards and varied opportunities that are offered to pupils across the curriculum and as extra-curricular activities.

- **Extra-curricular**

Our extra-curricular activities are constantly changing and cover, or have recently covered, the following interests: Football, Yoga, Multi-Sports, Drama, Music clubs and singing, Dance, Sewing, Homework, French, Philosophy, Debating and Mandarin.

For families who require wrap around child care, we offer a Breakfast Club from 7.30am and an after school provision until 6pm, operated by Youngstars, an external provider.

In addition to the trips offered to all children in all year groups, the Year 6 children have a residential journey each year. This is currently either an adventure-based activity trip or visiting Normandy, to tie in with the children's learning about the Second World War and French language.

Belleville Wix Admissions 2022/23

For the latest admission information, please visit our website at:

<https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/our-school/admissions/>

Application Procedure and Key Dates

For all details on the application process, please refer to Wandsworth Council's publication: 'Choose a Wandsworth Primary School'

https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/media/9335/choose_a_wandsworth_primary_school.pdf

Academy Status

On 1st August 2017 we became an academy. However our admission criteria remain the same as Wandsworth Council's publication.

What happened in 2021?

Whilst there is a degree of variation year on year, the 2021 information may help to give some indication of the proximity factor in determining offers.

Reception admission details for September 2021

44 places available (30 English, 14 Bilingual)

- Places were allocated by the following priorities:
 - Priority 1 - Looked after children
 - Priority 2 - Exceptional medical or social need
 - Priority 3 – Siblings (A child must have sibling on roll at Belleville Wix at the date of their entry) 3 Bilingual, 16 English
 - Priority 4 – Distance from school Bilingual, 459 metres, English, 623 metres – all applicants were offered places
- Places continue to be offered as and when they become available

Nursery admission details for September 2021

We offer 30 hour places

12 part-time places universal free 15 hours (Nursery 1: Monday – Wednesday lunchtime; Nursery 2: Wednesday lunchtime – Friday)

20 full – time places (30 hour funded places or additional 15 hours top up fee)

- All applicants were offered a place

Secondary Destinations 2016 – 2021

Secondary School	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ark Globe Academy						1
Ark Putney Academy	2	1				
Ashcroft Technology Academy	2	1	2	1	1	1
Bishop Thomas Grant						1
Bolingbroke Academy	15	11	11	17	15	21
Burntwood School	1	1	2	1	2	1
Centre Academy		1				
Chestnut Grove	1		1	1		
CTBF Kentish Town	1					
Dulwich College	1	1				
Dunraven		1				
Emanuel		1				
Garrett Park		1				1
Graveney	2		1	2		
Harris Academy Clapham					2	1
Harris Academy Battersea	3	4	3	5	2	
Fulham Cross Girls				1		
Hurlingham & Chelsea	1	1				
James Allen Girls	1		1		1	
Kingsdale		1				1
Lambeth Academy	3	1	2			
La Retraite			1			
London Nautical		1	1			
Lycee Charles de Gaulle	1	3	2		4	4
Notre Dame		1				
Pimlico Academy					1	
Platanos College		1				
Putney High School			1			
Ricard's Lodge			1	1		
Saint Cecilia's C of E School	1			1		
Southfields Community College			1		2	
St John Bosco		2	1	1		2
Stonyhurst St Mary's						1
The Charter School Dulwich			1			
The Elm Green School					1	
Trinity Academy	1				1	
Whitgift	1					