



# Belleville News

10 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A quotation we live by at Belleville and Q1E is that 'the quality of an education system cannot exceed the quality of its teachers.' With this in mind, there are few more important jobs for a school leader than to recruit high quality staff and Ms Latour and I have spent the week interviewing prospective members of staff for next academic year.

To retain, recruit and develop excellent people is part of our mantra and we like to complete the process early to attract candidates that are highly skilled, have a positive mindset and are hard working (as well as possessing excellent people skills and emotional intelligence). We have been delighted by the quality of the field so far and we look forward to some of them joining the Belleville community next year.

You will be aware that next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March are the third and fourth days of strike action by the NEU in their funding and pay dispute with the government. We hope that agreement can be reached before this date but disruption is likely. We shall contact you as soon as we have pertinent information to share. Have a good weekend.

John Budden

## Dates for your diary:

**NEU Planned Strike Days** – Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March.

**Red Nose Day for Comic Relief** – Friday 17 March. Children can dress up as Mr Men / Little Miss or wear something red. Voluntary donations for Comic Relief.

**Wandsworth Music Brighter Sounds Concert - Royal Albert Hall** Tuesday 28 March, 7pm (Year 6, and Year 4 Brass players).

**Last day of Spring 2 term:** Friday 31 March.

**PTA Auction of Promises** – Friday 12 May, Wandsworth Town Hall.



For Comic Relief on Friday 17 March, children will have the opportunity to dress up in either something red or follow this year's theme of Mr Men / Little Miss and dress up as one of the book characters!

We will be collecting voluntary contributions on the day.

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Our first priority is to ensure all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.





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Next week, the children will be celebrating Science Week. This year's theme is 'Connections' and each year group will be focusing on the journey of 'Field to Fork'. They will be exploring the connection between how vegetables grow and how they end up on your dinner plate. Each class will work in groups to plant herbs or vegetables, with the seeds kindly donated by '[Cultivating Change](#)'. They will work as a team to help them grow until they become edible!

Another way the children can get involved is by entering the [British Science Week](#) poster competition. As this year's theme is 'Connections', there are lots of STEM topics that could be explored! Some ideas could include how our body parts are connected, the connection between our actions and the impact on the environment and how internet connection has changed our world.

All entries must be submitted by Monday 27 March to their class teacher. This will allow time for the top 5 to be selected and sent on to the main British Science Week Competition. There is no template so get creative on any piece of A3 or A4 paper- good luck!

## Year 4 visit AFC Wimbledon

Over the last few weeks, our Year 4 classes have visited AFC Wimbledon. They toured the stadium, played football, and listened to talk about racism. Some children also wrote reviews of their visit.



What I enjoyed about the football game at Wimbledon stadium

- I was glad that my team won Champions League.
- I was really happy that we got the most goals because the people on my team.
- Some kids football like thanks to 2 people who helped me team.
- I am proud that other teams got goals even if they don't do football and hope that their best.
- I know it would be a good game because I think that everyone will try hard as possible.
- Lastly, what I enjoyed is that we worked as good teams and helped each other.
- Lastly, I think everyone worked really hard and tried their best.

Megan Wint, text about football game Wimbledon football stadium.

What is racism?

The power point about racism really showed us about how disgraceful it is and how no-one should ever have to experience it. It also showed all of us that no-one should have to go through it even if they are completely different to you. Finally, it showed us that everyone is unique and everyone should be happy about it.

What we saw when we were shown at Wimbledon football ground

The at show really showed us around the stadium and we even got to sit on seats at the stadium. Finally, they showed us the hallway where the had signed. The kids who were not football players and explained why they were signed. Next, they took us to the changing room that had many seats a shower and even a radio desk. Finally, they showed us the stadium which you might know that it is where the players go to when we were there it had many goals instead. It was a brilliant tour we saw and I'm happy we got to do it.

Maya 4JM, text about the stadium tour AFC Wimbledon football stadium



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## Year 4

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard since the beginning of the Spring 2 term. We have started lots of exciting new topics and already learnt so much.

In science, our topic this half term is 'Microbes in Our Lives.' Already, the children have learnt to distinguish between viruses, bacteria, and fungi, as well as carry out many different investigations. We used glitter as a helpful model to represent microbes on our hands and showed how easily they can spread to others. We then looked at the effect of washing our hands by carrying out a 'mouldy bread' investigation where, unsurprisingly, the bread touched by lots of unwashed hands grew lots of mould! The children have also looked at useful microbes and carried out a 'Yeast Race' to see which solution would grow the fastest.



We are continuing to focus on times tables, ahead of the Multiplication Tables Check in June. We have introduced new posters to the classrooms that show how many of the facts we have already learnt and how few are left to go! The children are working very hard with this, and it is great to see them gaining confidence.

## PE Update

This half term in Years 1 and 2, we are focusing on throwing and catching a variety of balls. We've added in more techniques such as stepping forward when bounce passing to get more strength and accuracy. The children have also learnt side-stepping when receiving the ball and creating a target with their arms to catch the ball. They have also practiced dribbling with their hands and feet using basketballs and footballs.





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## World Book Day

We had a fantastic celebration of World Book Day last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many creative outfits. Our focus text was [Patchwork](#) by Matt de la Peña and Corinna Luyken, a profound and uplifting new classic with an empowering message for readers of all ages.





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## InCommon Intergenerational Project

The group of Year 3 children visited Queen Elizabeth House again. Focusing on the idea of identity, the children gathered information about the places where the residents grew up and the meaning and origin of their names. The residents brought special objects, such as photos of their families, to share with the children. At the end of the visit, the children shared what their own favourite objects were with the group.



## U11s Girls' Football Team

Our U11 girls' football team had a fantastic day yesterday when they reached the semi-finals of a competition run by Chelsea Football Club at Southfields Academy. Well done to all of them!



## School Term Dates

### Spring Term 2023

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 31 March

### Summer Term 2023

Inset day: Mon 17 April – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 18 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May – school closed.

Bank Holiday for Coronation of King Charles III:

Monday 8 May – school closed.

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 26 May

Summer half term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset day: Monday 5 June - school closed to children.

First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 6 June

Last day of Summer 2: Friday 21 July

### Autumn Term 2023

Inset Days: Mon 4 & Tues 5 Sept - school closed to children.

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 6 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 20 October

Autumn half term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October

First day of Autumn 2: Monday 30 October

Last day of Autumn 2: Thursday 21 December

### Spring Term 2024

Inset Day: Mon 8 Jan – school closed to children.

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 9 January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 9 February

Spring half term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 19 February

Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 28 March

### Summer Term 2024

Inset Day: Mon 15 April – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 16 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May – school closed.

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 24 May

Summer half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

Inset Day: Monday 3 June – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 4 June

Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July