



Belleville News

2 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see so many parents attending our recent round of Open Classroom sessions. We hope you found them enjoyable and got to hear and see more about your child's learning. It is such a pleasure to see the pride the children have in showing you their learning.

We hope to see you again next week at Parents' Evening. This is another key opportunity for us to work together to help your child's progress. Thank you for making the time to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

School Council Bake Sale



On Friday 9 February, our School Council, with the support of the PTA, are holding a bake sale at both sites after school to raise money for school improvements. The money will go towards new books and resources for school, playground equipment and more. We hope to see you there!

Dates for your diary:

School Orchestra performance at the Mayor's Gala. Tuesday 6 February, 7pm. The Civic Suite, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU - Tickets: £6 for adults and £2.50 for children and [available here](#).

Parents'/Carers' Evenings - Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February. Nursery - Mon 5 to Thurs 8 Feb.

Own Clothes Day for children in Meteor House – the winning house for Spring 1 – Thursday 8 February

Parent Readers' Workshop for Reception - Year 2 – Friday 9 February, 2pm by zoom. Link to follow.

Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2024 entry - Friday 9 February 2024. Please download the Nursery [application form here](#) and return directly to the school office.

Last day of Spring 1 Term – Friday 9 February. Children may wear their own clothes to school, please see next page for more info. School finishes at the usual time. School Council Bake Sale after school.

Spring Half Term Holiday - Monday 12 – Friday 16 February. **First day of Spring 2** - Monday 19 February

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Children's Mental Health Week – 5 - 11 February

The theme of this year's [Children's Mental Health Week](#) is **My Voice Matters**. It is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools, they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, this can have a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children and young people who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.



This year, [Place2Be](#), the charity which began Children's Mental Health Week 10 years ago, wants children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. During Children's Mental Health Week, all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, should be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters". They have also provided some [Top Tips for Families](#) who want to talk to their children about mental health.

On Friday 9 February, we are encouraging all children to come to school wearing clothes that allow them to express themselves as a way to celebrate their uniqueness and what makes them special.
No donations required.

Attendance and Appointments

You may have seen the Department for Education's *Moments Matter, Attendance Counts* campaign to raise awareness of the importance of school attendance and to highlight the benefits beyond attainment, such as friendships and wellbeing. Their campaign is targeted at preventable odd days of absence – or "avoidable absence". It is not aimed at parents of children who face greater barriers to attendance, such as pupils with long-term medical conditions.

We understand that there may be occasions when you need to take your child out of school for medical appointments. However, we would ask that these appointments are made outside of school hours whenever possible and that children return to school after their appointments where possible and if they are well enough to do so. We would also like to remind parents and carers to provide confirmation of these appointments to the School Office in advance so that it can be recorded on your child's attendance record. Thank you for your help with this request.

Parents/Carer Evenings

Parent/Carer evenings will take place next week, from Monday to Thursday for Nursery and on Wednesday and Thursday for Reception to Year 6. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

If you would like to meet with one of our specialist teachers, please email enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk by Monday 5 February and we will do our best to arrange this for you.



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Year 2 Update

Year 2 have had an action packed half term so far. For their history topic, the children have visited the Florence Nightingale Museum and learnt about significant people that have changed others' lives. Linked to this, the children have had a chance to explore lots of different 'Little People, Big Dreams' books to learn about more important people in history and activists. We are very grateful to the Belleville PTA for funding these books for the year group.

Our Science unit this half term is all about 'How animals survive and thrive'. The children have been learning about how we stay healthy, hygienic, and prevent the spread of germs. The children used glitter on their hands to model how germs spread to other people and objects. To enrich this unit, we were kindly joined by some parent visitors who shared their experiences working as doctors and how their jobs help others stay healthy.

It was also a joy to welcome parents from across the year group to our open classroom. The children performed their poems and shared their favourite pieces of learning from this half term. Thank you to everyone that joined us.



Girls' Football Tournament

Last week, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 girls took part in a girls' football tournament with another 18 local schools. The top two schools from each round qualified for the next round. It was a great day for girls playing football with over 360 girls representing schools in Wandsworth across the full day.

Our girls have qualified for the next round, finishing 2nd in our group with two wins and one loss. Very well done everyone!



Our number one priority is to ensure that 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.



Year 3 Trip to the British Museum

Over the last two weeks, Year 3 have visited the British Museum as part of their history topic on the Egyptians. They saw mummies, sarcophagi, hieroglyphics, shabti and even the Rosetta Stone! It was fantastic to see all the artefacts they have been learning about in lessons and really brought the topic to life. The children were great role models for Belleville and were very sensible on their journey to the museum, as well as during the visit. Thank you so much to all the parent volunteers who attended to help the trips run smoothly. Your support is very much appreciated.



Spring 1 House Winners – Meteor House!

Today we had a House assembly, led by our House Captains, where the winning House was announced. Well done Meteor House! You have won a non-uniform day on **Thursday 8 February**. The House points will now be reset for Spring 2.

Well done for everyone who has earned House Points! This shows you've been demonstrating our **CARE** and **Excellent Learner** values and you should be proud of each and every point you have earned.



Belleville PTA – Save the Dates!

The PTA have many exciting events coming up over the next few months, further details to follow.

Friday 1 March - World Book Day book and costume sale
Friday 15 March - Express Yourself day
Saturday 6 July - Summer Fair

Friday 8 March - Quiz Night
Sunday 19 May - School Fun Run

For these events to be able to happen, we need more parent volunteers to help organise and run them. Please email hello@bellevillepta.org if you can help. If you have any ideas for other activities, especially ones that celebrate the diversity of our wonderful school, please get in touch with us.

Spring Term 2024

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

Term dates for 2024/25 are [on our website](#).

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
First day of Summer 2: Monday 3 June
Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July