



# Belleville News

9 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was really good to see so many of you in school over the past couple of nights for Parents' Evening. We see these events as a very important part of the ongoing conversation between you and the teacher. There should be no major surprises at Parents' Evening if the communication is working well. Please stay in touch if you have any issues you wish to raise because we know it is best to deal with issues in the early stages, rather than allowing them to develop. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Next week is half term so we wish everyone an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing all the children back at the normal start time on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes,

John Budden  
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

**Spring Half Term Holiday** - Monday 12 – Friday 16 February.

**First day of Spring 2** - Monday 19 February

**Belleville PTA World Book Day book and costume sale** - Friday 1 March

**Belleville PTA Quiz Night** - Friday 8 March, 7pm, Meteor Street. [Tickets now on sale.](#)

**Belleville PTA Express Yourself Day** - Friday 15 March

**Year 6 Singing Project with Wandsworth Music.** In School performances. Friday 22 March, 10.30am, Webb's Road for 6DB, 6T and 6W. Friday 22 March, 2.30pm, Meteor Street for 6B and 6H.

**Brighter Sounds Concert** - Weds 27 March, 7pm at Fairfield Halls.

## Supporting your child with anxiety

Is your child experiencing worries about school? Or about specific things e.g. the dark, dogs? Do your child's fears and worries impact on your family's daily life? Would you like to understand how to help your child manage their anxiety?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, the Battersea Education Wellbeing Service may be able to support you. We work with families, supporting children who are experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or common behavioural difficulties. We are an early intervention service, based in your child's school.

We are holding a [coffee morning at Webb's Road](#) on **Monday 26 February at 9am**. We welcome all parents and carers to attend if you would like to find out more about the support we can offer.

If you would like to attend, [please sign up here](#). Thank you.

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## Music Update

Years 1 to 3 have been exploring pitch this half term. Year 1 has been learning to sing and play songs on xylophones using do-re-mi-fa-sol-la-ti-do in C major, using step, leap, jump and slide patterns. Year 2 has been learning songs using five pitches on the ocarinas and have been working hard on improving their finger co-ordination and reading rhythms in 3/4 time. They have also been learning to sing rounds with class leaders to help them. Year 3 has been exploring pitches BAGC on the recorder and learning how to read them on stave.

Year 6 have started their singing project, delivered by the Wandsworth Music vocal team, and are having a great time learning a disco lives medley and songs by Emelie Sandi, Adele, and Rick Ashley in 2- and 3-part harmonies. They cannot wait to start singing some Abba after half term. We look forward to both their in-school and Fairfield Halls performances at the end of the term.

The orchestra performed a marvellous rendition of James Bond for the Mayor's Gala Concert on Tuesday evening at the Civic Centre - it was quite a challenging song for a primary school to learn and the orchestra practiced, worked hard, and sounded fantastic - well done orchestra!



## Eco-Council Update

This half term, in our Eco-council meetings, we have discussed Environmental Awareness Days and Dates for 2024. We learned about Veganuary and reasons why people go vegan in January. To inspire our members, we shared some vegan recipes with to try at home. On 2nd February, we also remembered the World Wetlands Day and virtually visited some incredible habitats. After the meeting, Maya in 4JS visited the London Wetlands Centre and explored a number of animals in their natural habitat. This half term, our hard-working members have also continued to recycle paper and pens at Belleville Primary School. Thank you so much for your excellent work.



## Nursery Update

Nursery excitement reached scorching temperatures a couple of weeks ago, as both classes visited Battersea Fire Station to enrich their topic of Fire fighters. The trip began instantly with the children's first experience of riding in the school minibus. Once at the station, they learned about the number to call for an emergency, sat in the front seat of one of the fire engines and some even tried on a real fire fighter's helmet. The children were able to fire a water hose and learned about how a fire fighter's special uniform keeps them safe. It was such an exciting visit for all where the Blue Watch team made the young firefighter enthusiasts feel very welcome.



The Nursery children were also very lucky this week as we had guest speakers to talk about Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year, which will be taking place over the half term holiday. The children listened to a story about the Big Race and found out that 2024 is the Year of the Dragon. Children explored using chopsticks and noodles and were lucky enough to take home some chocolate money in Hong Bao envelopes.



## Year 4 Visit to the Science Museum

Last week, Year 4 went on an exciting trip to the Science Museum. They are learning about the Polar Environments in geography and Shackleton's expedition in English, so they went to see Antarctica 3D. While they were there, they embedded our learning about our science topic on electricity by watching it pass through our bodies to light the energy stick!





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## Wandsworth Music – Applications for Music Scholarships

Applications for Music Scholarships to attend the Wandsworth Music Academy are open. Wandsworth Music, in partnership with the London Music Fund and the Thomas's Foundation, provide scholarships for children in Years 3 to 6 in challenging circumstances or in need of financial support to continue their music tuition.

Parents/carers must submit applications online at [www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships](http://www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships). The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 30 April 2024** for scholarships commencing in September. Students who are shortlisted will be informed in early June and may be invited to audition where they will need to perform a short piece of their choice.

The scholarships provide up to 4 years' of funding towards children attending the Wandsworth Music Academy including weekly instrumental tuition, instrument hire and ensemble membership, and can be worth up to the value of £4,000 for the funding period.

More information including eligibility criteria and the online application form can be found at [www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships](http://www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships)

## AFC Wimbledon Foundation - Half Term Football Camp for Girls

Our friends at the AFC Wimbledon Foundation are running a football camp for girls on 12-15 February, 10am – 3pm at The Aspire Centre, Burr Road Entrance, London SW18 4SS. The price is £25 per day or £80 for the 4 days for girls aged 7-10 and 11-14 years. There is also a football camp for girls and boys aged 4-6 years, which runs from 10am-12.30pm and costs £20 per day or £60 for the 4 days.

To book or find out more, please visit: [Girls' Football Holiday Courses — AFC Wimbledon Foundation](https://www.afcwimbledonfoundation.org.uk/girls-football-holiday-courses)



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.

### 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