



Belleville News

17 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to be at the PTA Quiz Night last Friday which was so well supported and great fun. Congratulations to everyone involved and many thanks to all the parents that supported the school by attending.

Huge thanks as ever to the PTA members that organised and ran the whole event. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated and directly helps all the children at Belleville.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

PTA Quiz Night



Thank you to Belleville PTA who arranged the fantastic quiz evening last Friday night, to our staff team who helped, and to all the parents and carers who attended the event. The event raised an amazing **£4,000** for the school. Many thanks also to [Mathnasium Clapham](#) who sponsored the event.

Dates for your diary:

Belleville PTA - Places for TCS Mini London Marathon – The closing date to express your interest in one of the places that Belleville PTA has secured for the TCS Mini London Marathon is midnight on Monday 20 March. For more information and to register your interest, please [visit the PTA website](#).

Year 6 Song Project Performance – Lower Hall, Webb's Road
Friday 24 March, 10.15am

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.

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

First day of Summer 1 term - Tuesday 18 April.

Belleville PTA Auction of Promises - Wandsworth Town Hall.
Friday 12 May

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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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Modern Foreign Languages at Belleville.

As we mentioned in our letter to all parents/carers in December, we have been re-evaluating our Modern Foreign Language provision to ensure that it is excellent for the future. We have decided to continue to teach French within Key Stage 2, strengthen the provision and further develop the curriculum.

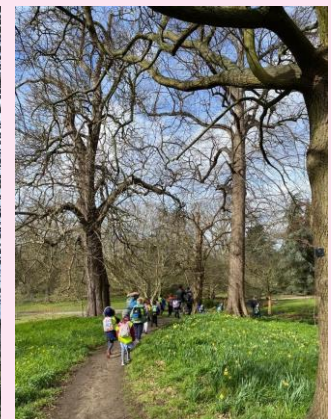
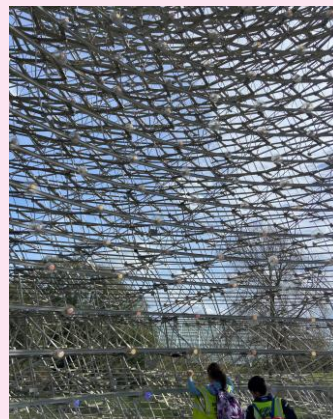
The local community that we serve includes a large French community, and the French language is very much part of our teaching across the Quality First Education Trust. At our Q1E Trust sister school, Belleville Wix Academy, we have a bi-lingual stream in partnership with École de Wix. It is also one of the most popular modern foreign languages that children study at secondary school.

We are now recruiting for a Teacher of French to start with us in September 2023 and further details of the post and how to apply [are available here](#). This role does not necessarily require QTS status and we are also open to part-time applications. The closing date for applications is Monday 27 March at 9am.



Year 1 Visit Kew Gardens

Children in Year 1 enjoyed their trip to Kew Gardens to support their science topic. They took part in a 'Plant Hunters' workshop and immersed themselves in all the wonderful plants and trees. Children had a fantastic time and left with a real understanding of the variety of plants and trees.



Important: Club Fees

Please remember to pay any outstanding fees for Spring 2 clubs as soon as possible through [Schools Buddy](#). Thank you!



Nursery

In Nursery this half term, the curriculum has been filled with 🎵 🎵 🎵 **...Food...glorious food...** 🎵 🎵 🎵 as the children have been exploring foods from the weekly focus story.

They watched pancakes being made and chose their favourite topping after reading **Pancake Pancake by Eric Carle**, made sandwiches for **Little Red Riding Hood's** grandma, carefully cut up fruit from **The Hungry Caterpillar** and made a fruit salad and this week mixed and chose toppings for their porridge after reading **The Magic Porridge Pot**.



Over the next two weeks, children will make and decorate little cupcakes to enrich the story of **The Tiger who came to Tea** and will help to make bread like the main character in **The Little Red Hen**.

Whilst these activities have been really fun to do, they also have a hidden EYFS agenda. They enable children to strengthen their fine motor skills (Physical Development) through cutting, spreading and mixing. They develop their sense of self (Personal, Social, Emotional Development) with talking about their likes and dislikes through choice of toppings and fillings. The activities have encouraged their physical development skills of health and self-care by ensuring hands are washed before undertaking the food task as well as providing opportunities to broaden their use of language (Communication and Language). Understanding the world concepts were also explored in discussions about the skins and seeds in the Hungry Caterpillar fruits and whether or not Little Red Riding Hood made the right choice to go off the path and speak to the wolf.

After Easter, Nursery children will be taking one step for 'child-kind' and will be launching themselves into their next topic - Space.



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Wandsworth Music Academy 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. The deadline for applications is **Monday 24 April 2023** for scholarships commencing in September.

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 £4000 for the funding period. More information including eligibility criteria and the online application form can be found at www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships



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