



# Belleville News

21 April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and are looking forward to a fantastic summer term. It has been great to see all of the children back in school and the term has started very well.

Monday was National Offer Day for primary school Reception places, and we were very pleased with the strong numbers of applications. We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children in September.

Unfortunately, the dispute between the NEU and the Government remains unresolved and, during the Easter holidays, the NEU announced that further strike action is planned for **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May**.

As with the previous days of strike action, we will communicate the impact it will have as fully and as quickly as we can, so please keep an eye out for this communication.

Many thanks for your understanding.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher



Good luck to all the runners taking part in the [TCS Mini London Marathon](#) on Saturday!

### Eid Al-Fitr

Eid Mubarak to all the families in our community celebrating the end of Ramadan.

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### Dates for your diary:

**Proposed NEU Strike Days** - Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May.

**Eid Cake Sale** – Friday 28 April, pick up time at both sites, in aid of [DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal](#)

**Bank Holidays** - Monday 1 & Monday 8 May – school closed.

**Belleville Choir** - Thursday 4 May, 2.30pm, Clapham Common Bandstand. Performance to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III with Parkgate School Choirs.

**Belleville PTA Promises Auction** – Friday 12 May – Wandsworth Town Hall. Last few tickets [available here](#).

**Belleville PTA Gardening Day** - Saturday 13 May – both sites.

**Belleville PTA Fun Run** - Sunday 21 May.

**Year 4 and Year 5 Secondary Transfer Event** – Monday 12 June, 6pm, Webb's Road.

**Belleville PTA Summer Fair & Belleville's Got Talent** - Saturday 1 July, Webb's Road.



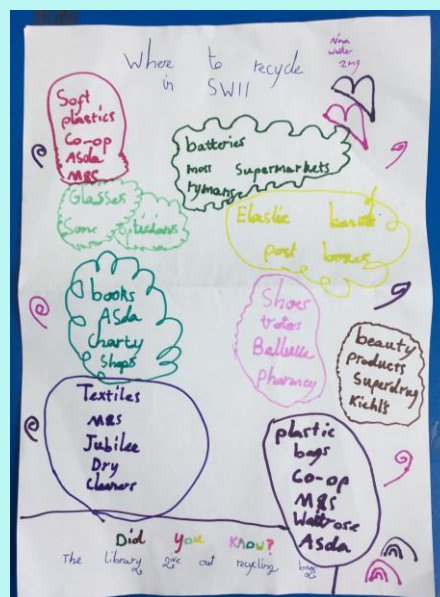
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## Eco Council and Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness and inspiring action to tackle the various environmental challenges facing our planet. This day is also a time to celebrate those who have done a lot to help the environment. Earth Day is held on the 22 April each year. This year, it falls on Saturday 22 April 2023 and the theme of Earth Day is 'Invest In Our Planet'.

### How can we celebrate Earth Day 2023?

Eco-council have created a poster with ways you can celebrate Earth Day and Nina in Year 2 has created a poster to show where to recycle household items in SW11.



Families are also invited to attend [Single Use Planet](#) – a free art exhibition at Southside Shopping Centre. Single Use Planet has worked with over 50 primary classes from schools across Wandsworth to explore single use plastics, and the detriment they have on our planet.

You are welcome to go along to explore the art, add your eco message and create your own jellyfish design to be in with a chance of winning a prize of [Kids against plastic](#) goodies. The exhibition is taking place at Southside Shopping Centre from 10am - 5pm on 22 - 23 April, 29 - 30 April & 1 May

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.



If you are worried about something ....  
If you are worried about someone else.....

You can talk to ANYONE who works for the school



Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE



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## Nursery Update

This term, the Nursery children are embarking on an out-of-this-world adventure as they are learning all about Space.

They have already donned astronaut spacesuits and watched the 1969 moon landings. This week we have also been washing (clean) alien underpants in the water tray to complement our weekly story book- 'Aliens don't wear underpants' and have been creating extraterrestrial playdough-beings using a range of resources to represent arms and legs.

The Nursery environment has been transformed to help the children explore more within this topic - our role play room has been turned into a rocket and the playhouse is now a Space Station.

They will also have an egg-siting experience towards the end of this term as we will be having ducklings again. This is a wonderful opportunity where children are able to see how the ducklings hatch, how they eat, how they swim and they also will be able to give our fluffy feathery visitors a cuddle too! Watch this space for more duckling news soon....you'd be quackers to miss it!



## Wandsworth Young Musician of the Year

Wandsworth Music are encouraging applications for Wandsworth Young Musician of the Year. Round one is open to all instrumentalists and vocalists and entries will take place by video submissions. There are three categories:

- Junior Solo Category (age 12 or under, minimum standard Grade 4)
- Senior Solo Category (age 13-18, minimum standard Grade 5)
- Ensemble Category (under 18s, groups of 3-12, minimum standard Grade 5)

The closing date for applications is now Friday 28 April and video submissions must be received by 30 April. For more information, [please click here](#).





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## Your PTA needs you!



Belleville PTA are still looking for volunteers to help with several roles from the end of this term onwards. They ideally need to fill these roles by half term to allow time for a handover. The PTA cannot run activities and raise money for the school without their team of volunteers, so please consider getting involved if you can. No previous experience is needed - just bags of enthusiasm!

They are looking for:

**PTA Co-Chairs** - ideally two people to head up and run the PTA.

**PTA Treasurer** - 1 person needed to run the PTA accounts.

**PTA Secretary/Communications** - 1 person to help with all the communications & administration.

If you are interested or would like more information, please email: [hello@bellevillepta.org](mailto:hello@bellevillepta.org) and they would be more than happy to meet and discuss the roles further.

We are very grateful for all that the Belleville PTA do for the school. Thank you for your support.

## School Term Dates

### Summer Term 2023

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