



Belleville News

27 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you will be aware, the NEU teaching union has called four days of strike action in the coming weeks. These strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the Government and not because of any issues at Belleville or the Quality First Education Trust.

The first of the strike dates is next **Wednesday 1 February** and the school will be partially closed on that day. A more detailed communication, outlining the information we currently have about the impact of this, will be sent to you later this afternoon by Parent Mail. Please do take time to read this. We will update you again next week if we receive any further information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Energy Drinks

We have noticed that some children are bringing energy drinks such as Prime into school.

Evidence suggests that consumption of energy drinks by children is linked to negative health outcomes such as headaches, sleeping problems and tiredness. These drinks should not be consumed by children under 16 years of age.

Please can you ensure that your children do not bring energy drinks into school. All children should bring a water bottle into school and may have a small juice or squash if they have packed lunch.

Dates for your diary:

The Mayor's Gala - Wandsworth Civic Suite

Belleville School Orchestra. Tuesday 7 February, 6pm.

Parent/Carer Evenings – Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 February.

Nursery Admissions Closing Date – Friday 10 February

[Click here for the application form](#) for nursery places for Sept 2023

Spring Half Term: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February

School Council/PTA Pupil Discos – Tuesday 21 & Thursday 23 February

Wandsworth Music Brighter Sounds Concert - Royal Albert Hall

Tuesday 28 March, 7pm (Year 6, and Year 4 Brass players)

Important: Club Fees



Please remember to pay any outstanding fees for Spring 1 clubs as soon as possible through [Schools Buddy](#). Thank you!

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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Reception meet Roarsome Dinosaurs!

Last Friday the children in Reception became Palaeontologists for the day in a Dinosaur Workshop. They discovered fossils and identified the dinosaurs they belonged to, learnt lots of dinosaur facts and met some very lifelike dinosaurs.



Happy Lunar New Year!

We would like to wish everyone in our community who is celebrating this week, a Happy Lunar New Year.



Belleville Disco!

Our School Council are very excited to announce that with the help of the PTA, they have organised a disco for all year groups on Tuesday 21 February (Reception – Year 3) and Thursday 23 February (Year 4 – Year 6). Ticket prices are 'donation based' with a suggested minimum donation of £2 per child and will go on sale on Monday 30 January.

The disco will be held at Webb's Road. For further details and to purchase tickets, [please visit the PTA website.](#)



This week, we have introduced children in Key Stage 2 to [Times Table Rock Stars](#) to help them with their multiplication facts. We are grateful to Q1E Trust, who have provided this great resource for all children in Years 3-6.

The app is designed to help children become automatic with their multiplication tables, so they can feel confident and be successful in their maths lessons. The children are really excited to start earning coins and gaining points for themselves, their class, and their school.

Let's Rock and Roll!





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Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy since returning to school after the Christmas holiday. As part of our 'Life Changers' history unit, each class has travelled by bus to meet Florence Nightingale at the Florence Nightingale museum by St Thomas's hospital.

We learned about Florence's life, the impact she made during the Crimean war and how her legacy has influenced nursing today. While we were there, we also learnt about another important figure of this time, Mary Seacole. Year 2 learnt of Mary's bravery, kindness, and impact on soldiers during this period. The children were very excited to see the fabulous statue of Mary herself outside the hospital.



Our science unit is all about how animals and humans survive and thrive. Linked to our knowledge of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, the children have explored the importance of keeping clean and hygienic to stay healthy. We have focused on how we can stop the spread of germs and understand the importance of soap and hand washing. We demonstrated this by putting glitter on our hands, high fiving each other and touching objects in the classroom to show how germs spread.

We also used our scientific modelling skills to show the importance of soap. We washed our hands with soap and put them into a bowl of water with pepper. When clean hands touched the pepper, the pepper dispersed, which showed how soap helps to prevent the spread of viruses. Each class has also created their own set of class rules for washing hands to spread their knowledge.





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Dance

Year 1 at Meteor are exploring the Victorians with our dance teacher Miss Robbins to the song 'Food Glorious Food!' from Oliver Twist. Year 3 are making group choreographies inspired by Ancient Egypt, exploring Egyptian sculptures and hand gestures.



Year 4 are exploring Magnetism with partners and in small groups. They are also working hard to jump high in their pencil jumps, learn ballet movements from The Royal Ballet, and explore shapes for their Kandinsky inspired artwork.

Year 5 is taking inspiration from parkour for our James Bond topic. The children created their own movements to show they were overcoming obstacles and worked with their partner to teach each section before dancing their motif to music.



In Year 4 Dance Club, children are creating and choreographing a dance based on Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.





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Gymnastics

Children in Year 2 are learning the key points to vaulting, position on the vault and landing from the vault.



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School Term Dates

Please note confirmation of extra May Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III.

Spring Term 2023

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 10 February
Spring half term: Monday 13 – Friday 17 February
First day of Spring 2: Monday 20 February
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.

**Extra 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