



Belleville News

3 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you all at next week's Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 February. These are very important dates in the school diary since all the research shows that effective communication and working together between school and home is key to any child's academic and social progress. Thank you for making the time to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you also to everyone for your understanding with the strike day this week. We now wait to hear news of the proposed future strike dates (2nd, 15th & 16th March) and will let you know as soon as we know more about these days.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

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.

'Dress to Express' Day – Friday 10 February – children wear their own clothes to school in support of [Place2Be](#). You can [donate here](#).

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)

Football Tournament



A team of our Year 5 and Year 6 boys took part in the finals of the AFC Wimbledon kids' cup with nine schools.

All of the matches in our group stages were very close. We ended with three draws, one loss and had a great day out!

Important: Club Fees



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

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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.



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

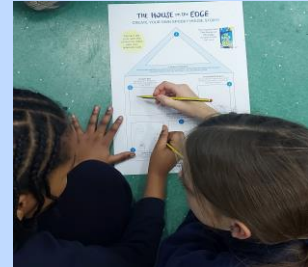


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Year 5 – Visit by Alex Cotter, Author

Year 5 had an exciting opportunity to listen to and share creative writing ideas with the children's author [Alex Cotter](#). She discussed how to use things from everyday life - stories, locations, and objects – to inspire their own stories. Some children had a go at linking past and present events, using objects as prompts - a hard thing to do in only two minutes!

Working in pairs, all of Year 5 had a go at creating a framework for their own scary house story. Creations included the towers of old magicians, undersea mermaid houses and even an abandoned, yet cursed, treehouse! It was a very enjoyable experience, and the children are looking forward to reusing their ideas in future writing.



Dress to Express!

This Children's Mental Health Week (6 – 10 February), we are hosting a 'Dress to Express' Day to help raise vital funds for children's mental health.

On Friday 10 February, children can wear a colourful outfit to school to express themselves. It could be their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they're feeling, and it can be as simple or elaborate as you like!

Dress to Express is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. It will also raise valuable funds for the charity, [Place2Be](#). If you would like to make a donation, [please click here](#).



The Battersea Education Wellbeing Service is pleased to offer a **free** online workshop called 'Creativity to Connect.'

The workshop will explore understanding and recognising your child's emotions and how to use creative strategies to promote emotional wellbeing and connection.

It is for parents and carers of primary school aged children and takes place online on Wednesday 8 February from 10-11am. To sign up, [please click here](#).

For any questions please email: wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk



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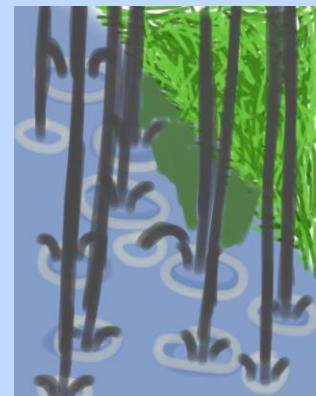
In this half term, the classes have covered a range of different topics in Computing and Digital Literacy. Year 1 have been learning how to program the Bee-Bot Robots in fun practical activities using floor mats. They are developing an understanding of how to put together a basic sequence of instructions to solve problems and thereby begin to understand what an algorithm is. We also encourage the children to correct mistakes and understand the need to debug simple programs.

In Year 2 we have been learning how to search for information using the internet. We have found pictures of "Life Changers" linked to our History topic. We know how to use keywords and have saved and added our pictures of historical characters to our own files in Photos on the iPad. We have begun to format information in our own non-fiction books using The BookCreator App on our iPads.



Year 3 have been exploring the Scratch App to plan create and debug simple programs. We've begun to make animations and create story sequences. Year 4 have been using the Keynote App on the iPads to plan, research and present to share ideas to the class.

Year 5 are exploring the digital artwork of David Hockney using the drawing App he uses. We have produced our own versions of his floral still life works and sketches of Yosemite park. Year 6 are using the Lego EV3 Robots to design, write and debug programs to solve practical driving challenges.





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Year 1

In maths we have been focusing on numbers to 40. The children have been using dienes to help solidify their understanding of place value. They have begun comparing numbers to find which one is greater by looking first at the tens and then the ones.

In ICT, the children have been using programmable floor robots called Bee-Bots in our computing lessons. They entered instructions to make the Bee-Bots spell words. The children were buzzing when they were able to programme the Bee-Bots correctly.

For our RE topic on Christianity, children visited our local church. The aim of the trip was to explore the different features of a church and find out more about what Christians believe. The children were praised by the vicar for their observant and thoughtful questions.



Our Year 1 science unit this half term is all about how long our rubbish lasts. The children have been learning about what happens to rubbish after it gets thrown into the bin. They were amazed to learn how long it takes for different materials to decompose. They have really enjoyed observing how food decomposes over time - this apple core and peelings have been decomposing for 4 weeks now!





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Quiz Night – Save the Date!

Belleville PTA are delighted to announce the Belleville School Quiz Night is back!

Please save the date - **Friday 10th March 7.30pm** at Meteor Street. Tickets will go on sale next week.

Easy Fundraising

Belleville PTA kindly set up Easyfundraising and it has raised over £9,000 so far! If you shop online, **it is easy and completely FREE** to raise funds for the school.

Over 7,000 websites will donate a % of the transaction to Belleville PTA when you use Easyfundraising to do your online shopping – a weekly grocery shop, clothing, a takeaway - at no extra cost to you! The pennies from these transactions really do add up to make a difference. Thank you.

Sign up here: [Belleville School PTA Easyfundraising](#)

School Term Dates

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