



Belleville News

3 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been a fantastic celebration of World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the children in their outfits as characters from literature and thank you to them (and their parents!) for making such an effort with this. The day is great fun and an important celebration of the ongoing value and importance of reading and books.

Our focus text today was *Patchwork* by Matt de la Pena and Corinna Luyken, (thank you to Mr Hudd for choosing this). We hope you'll discuss that book (and others) with your children over the weekend.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Ghana Day – Monday 6 March. Children can wear the colours of Ghana's flag – red, yellow, black or green. There will be a voluntary donation of £1 for our partner schools in Ghana.

PTA Quiz Night – Friday 10 March, 7.30pm, Meteor Street.

NEU Planned Strike Days – Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March.

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief – Friday 17 March.

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.

PTA Auction of Promises – Friday 12 May, Wandsworth Town Hall. Tickets will go on sale w/c 6 March.

Nativity Donations

We're pleased to let you know that we raised £2,165.02 at our Christmas concerts.

The money has been shared between St Michael's church, where we held our KS1 performances and St. George's hospital. Thank you for your support.

Free Football Tickets!

Our friends at **AFC Wimbledon Women** have offered us free tickets for their match against Chesham United Ladies this **Sunday 5 March at 2pm** at Cherry Red Records Stadium, Plough Lane, SW17 0NR.

If you would like to apply for tickets, [please click here.](#)

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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Year 6 Visit the BFI IMAX

On Tuesday, Year 6 went on a trip to the BFI IMAX in Waterloo as part of their Second World War and Migration topics in history and geography. This interactive event included feature film clips and films from the BFI National Archive which showed wartime life on the Home Front. The films covered subjects including the Blitz, 'digging for victory', rationing, evacuation, Windrush and the impacts of the Second World War. The event concluded with a screening of Good Night Mr Tom, a moving story about an evacuee during the Blitz.

When we arrived for our workshop and screening, the excitement at the sheer scale of the screen was palpable. The children were treated to a viewing of several government information and propaganda films, reflecting on matters such as audience, purpose, atmosphere and mood. They had plenty of opportunity to demonstrate their learning about the Second World War. At the end of the workshop, the children wrote a 'Dig for Victory' advertisement, with several Belleville children brave enough to share their excellent efforts with an audience of over 200 people. Thanks go to our adult helpers and the children for their excellent behaviour when representing the school in public.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have enjoyed reading a series of texts by Atinuke. The children were inspired by Atinuke's Africa Amazing Africa to write some fantastic information texts about Nigeria, using a range of conjunctions to add details to their work. We are now reading The No 1 Car Spotter and the children are looking forward to finding out what happens to No 1 next.

In maths, Year 3 have been learning to use a variety of methods to add and subtract money. Well done everyone!





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Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

Our thoughts continue to be with all those who have been affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, including families within our community.

Tens of thousands of people have been killed, hundreds of buildings have been destroyed and survivors are facing freezing conditions and need urgent aid to survive.

If you are able to, please [donate to the DEC.](#)



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

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