



Belleville

Primary School

News

Friday 11th February 2022

Points to note:

- Return to school after half term is at the usual time on Monday 21st February
- We encourage families to take a lateral flow test before returning to school after the holidays
- World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March – children can dress up as characters from a book

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a great start to the final day of the half term to be met by a small fairy and a witch on their way to breakfast club this morning, 'dressed to express' as part of Children's Mental Health week. Thank you to the PTA for a fabulous Valentine's Day themed cake sale yesterday, so many delicious treats! ❤️

We hope that you had a useful appointment with the class teachers this week - if you couldn't make an appointment, we will follow up to find a mutually convenient time after the holidays. We also attach the year group letter for next half term so that you know what will be taught next as well as the essentials of PE days and so on.

We met with the school caterers this week to discuss some improvements to the menu and also planning for the return to a full lunch hall service for school meals, once we are able to do so. This continues to be our aim and we have started partially using the halls at Meteor as the kitchen has the capacity to serve both the hall and provide boxes for classes with Covid outbreaks when needed. We will be meeting with Harrison's each week next half term to enable us to plan ahead, respond quickly if and when Covid guidance changes and have a smooth transition to full use of the halls (especially as this will be a new experience for our younger children).

We have fantastic experiences lined up for the next half term and beyond with concerts, theatre visits, visitors, special event days celebrating reading and maths, fundraisers, community meetings and much more in the diary. We wish you a restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you all, refreshed and raring to go, on Monday 21st February!

With best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteacher Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteacher Juniors)



Can you help?

We are missing hundreds of books from our guided reading sets – please have a look under beds, in cupboards or other other mysterious places they end up in and return any you find to school!

Thank you

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



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.



School Improvement Priorities: Meeting the needs of all; Communication and engagement

Children have been thinking about how we take care of ourselves this week as well as how we can support each other – we were blown away by their understanding and the care for each other they expressed. Below are a sample of thoughts from Years 3 - 6 that are good advice for people of any age as well as a small selection of expressive outfits from today!

Thank you for all of your generous contributions to the children's mental health charity Place2Be, so far we have raised £974. This will close on Sunday 13th February if you would still like to donate [HERE](#).

How can we looking after our bodies (our physical health)?

- Hygiene - showering, brushing teeth and hair
- Eating fruits and vegetables
- Drinking water
- Exercise
- Spending time outside
- Go to bed at a sensible time
- Vitamins
- Having a balanced diet

How can it make us feel when we don't do these things?

- Angry
- Irritated
- In the blue zone - sadness, boredom
- Short tempered
- Grumpy, annoyed, frustrated
- Lethargic
- Unwell - headaches
- Sluggish
- Exhausted
- Impatient
- A lack of focus
- Anxious
- Silly and over-excited (yellow zone)





How can we look after our feelings and thoughts (mental health)?

- Doing activities you enjoy with other people e.g. sports clubs
- Relaxing
- Reading to keep your mind active
- Staying safe on the internet
- Having a positive mindset
- Drawing to keep your mind relaxed
- Going for walks
- Playing
- Spending time with pets or in nature
- Taking time for yourself
- Limiting screen time
- Playing games that you need to focus on e.g. Rubix cube, Lego, chess, board games
- Show yourself kindness and forgiveness

What can happen when we don't do these things?

- Over-reacting
- Arguing
- Avoiding activities/other people
- Thinking about something all the time
- Taking it out on other people
- Not sleeping well
- Having tummy aches or headaches
- Not sharing your thoughts or feelings
- Feeling alone or like no-one can help
- Feeling like you are the only one who feels/thinks this way
- Not asking for help

What can we do to support each other to have good mental health?

- Laughter, playing games, keeping positive
- Spending time with each other
- Helping your partner with their work if they need it
- Being optimistic, having a growth mindset
- Checking in on friends, asking people how they are
- Spread kindness, hold the door, manners, listening, take part in a community project
- Giving and getting advice
- Playing with people (or offering to play) with people in the playground if they are alone
- Meditate, brain breaks, support friends, doing something you enjoy, give gifts
- Smiling, helping, jokes, tell people how you feel, playing
- Cheer them up, tell an understanding friend
- Playing with someone, helping them if they're hurt, include people, checking if someone is okay
- Talking about it, giving space
- Being kind to each other, do something you enjoy, co-operation, show others you care, include everyone
- Make sure they know that you are their friend
- Don't stand by if someone is being treated badly
- Let an adult know if you are worried about something or are worried about a friend

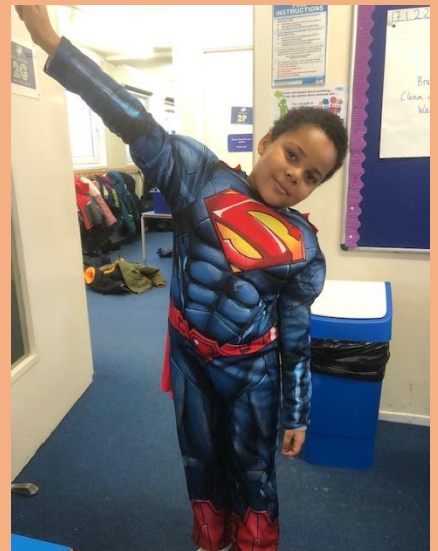
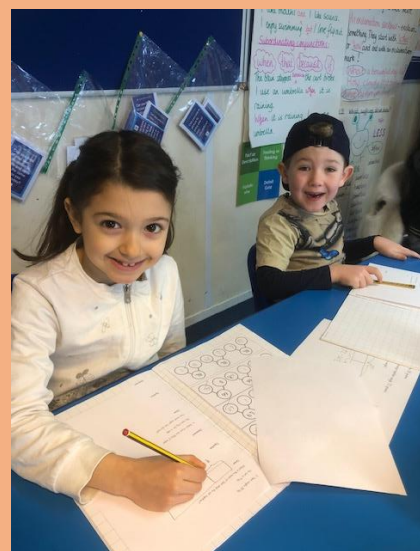
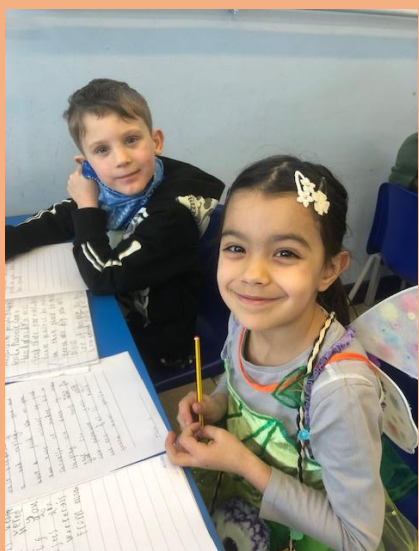
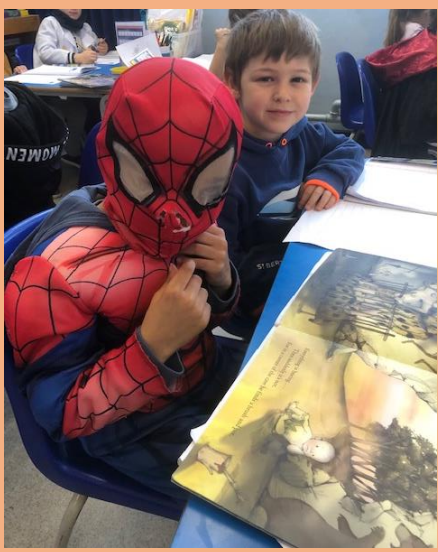
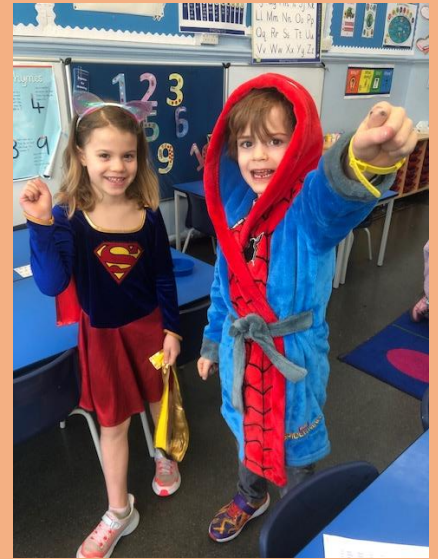




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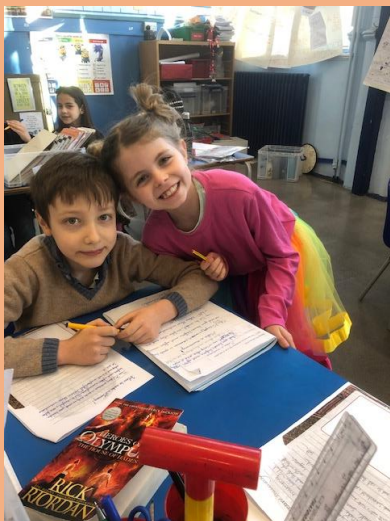




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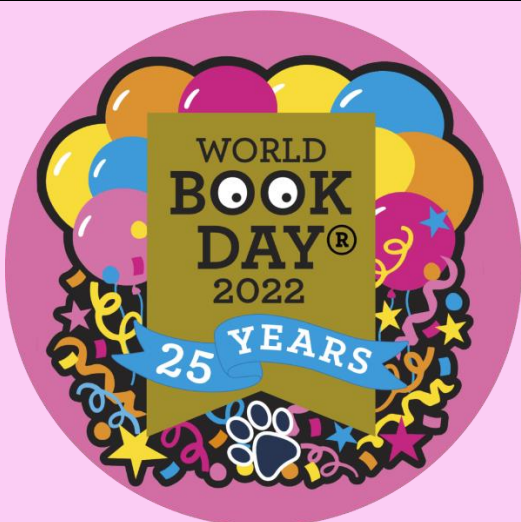




Thursday 3rd March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day 2022. The children will have the opportunity dress up as a favourite book character and enjoy a virtual visit with an author organised by The Children's Bookshow.

On the day, the whole school will spend time in lessons looking at the stunning *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman (illustrated by Loren Long). As you may be aware, Amanda Gorman delivered her poem, *The Hill We Climb*, at President Biden's inauguration. This book will be used to stimulate creative writing around the theme of change. We are delighted that every classroom will have a copy of this book for children to enjoy long after this date. More details about arrangements for World Book Day will follow next half term.





Year 4 Engineers at Work

Year 4 have been constructing their own torches this week as they finish their science topic all about electricity, circuits, switches and applications in real life.

As you can see, they worked hard and are very proud of their products.





Nursery Postal Museum Visit



Last week, Nursery children visited the Postal Museum in Farringdon. We were chauffeured there by Mr Gashi, Ms Gaskin and Mr Lynch in the minibuses (which was also rather exciting too!). Thank you also to the many parents and carers that supported the trip.

We had lots of fun exploring all on offer in the interactive sorting room. We worked in the Post Office - weighing and stamping letters, delivered the post using a postal trolley, drove a mail van and sorted the parcels using a pulley system and slide. There was even a telephone we could speak into and hear our friends in the other phone box!

We all had a great time especially as it complemented our Postal Week for our 'People who help us' topic.



Nicola Davies Visits Year 5 (and shares a 'World Exclusive')



Nicola Davies, poet and writer of 'The Day War Came', dropped into the Year 5 classes on Zoom today.

She talked about how she wrote the poem and answered questions from the classes. She even shared proof pages and read one of the poems from her new book 'Star Whale' - Belleville children were the first people to see this (other than Nicola, her illustrator and her publisher).

She talked about the importance of thinking creatively and complimented the classes on being 'remarkably lovely humans'.

She even sent a follow up email to her publisher, saying:
"I don't think I've ever had a group of children think so deeply and thoroughly about a book. Really impressive."

Tours for Current Parents and Carers



If you would like to come and see the school during the school day, we will be holding small tours on the following dates, all starting at 9am.

Please contact enquiries@bellevilleschool.org if you would like to book a place!

Infants

(Nursery to Year 2)

Meteor:

Thursday 24th February

Thursday 10th March

Thursday 24th March

Webb's Road

Thursday 3rd March

Thursday 17th March

Thursday 31st March

Juniors

(Year 3 to Year 6)

Meteor:

Thursday 3rd March

Thursday 17th March

Thursday 31st March

Webb's Road

Thursday 24th February

Thursday 10th March

Thursday 24th March

Minibus drivers needed!

We have two fantastic PTA funded minibuses that we would like to use more for school trips and events – could you volunteer to drive?

You don't need to commit to many days or have a special driving licence or a DBS check as a member of staff will always accompany you, just the willingness!

We also offer a test drive session with Mr Gashi before your first trip to familiarise yourself with the bus.

Contact us on enquiries@bellevilleschool.org if you are interested.





TERM DATES 2021-2022

Spring Term 2022

Spring half term holiday: Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February
First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 21st February
Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 1st April – finishing an hour earlier than usual

Summer Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 19th April – school closed to children
First day of Summer 1 term: Wednesday 20th April
Bank holiday: Monday 2nd May – school closed to children
Local Elections: Thursday 5th May – Nursery closed (Nursery used as a Polling station)
Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 27th May
Spring half term holiday: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
First day of Summer 2 term: Monday 6th June
Last day of Summer 2 term: Thursday 21st July – finishing an hour earlier than usual

TERM DATES 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Inset Days: Thursday 1st – Friday 2nd September – school closed to children
First day of Autumn 1 term: Monday 5th September
Last day of Autumn 1 term: Friday 21st October
Autumn half term holiday: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October
First day of Autumn 2 term: Monday 31st October
Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2023

Inset Day: Tuesday 3rd January – school closed to children
First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 4th January
Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 10th February
Spring half term holiday: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February
First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 20th February
Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 17th April – school closed to children
First day of Summer 1 term: Tuesday 18th April
Bank holiday: Monday 1st May – school closed to children
Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 26th May
Spring half term holiday: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
Inset Day: Monday 5th June – school closed to children
First day of Summer 2 term: Tuesday 6th June
Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 21st July