



Points to note:

- British Science Week poster competition entries due in by Friday 25th March
- Year 5 residential information forms sent home today – please return promptly
- Year 5 and Year 6 residential journey payments sent on Parentmail
- Year 6 concert to all parents and carers, Friday 25th March 10.30am at Webb's Road
- Year 6 Fairfield Halls concert – information letter and slip to be returned sent home today
- Last day of term – Friday 1st April, non-uniform day (no donation needed) with earlier finish times of:
 - Years 1 – 3: 2.15pm
 - Years 4 – 6: 2.20pm
 - Reception: 2.25pm
 - Nursery: 2.30pm
- Children's first day back is Wednesday 20th April at the usual times

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a very productive series of meetings on Monday, firstly with the PTA co-chairs to discuss upcoming events and the further developments on both sites. We then had our meeting with Harrisons to finalise arrangements for school meals to return to lunch halls at Webb's Road from Monday 21st March.

We met with the local governors and the chair of the trustees last night to reflect on the recent Ofsted and the next exciting phase for the school and its community. We are grateful to all of the people mentioned here, and many more, who generously volunteer their time and expertise to support and improve the school.

Thank you also to you for remaining vigilant and informing us of Covid cases in your family. We are unfortunately still experiencing a consistently high number of cases in school, affecting both children and the staff. The latest guidance is below for your reference and we thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mary-Lyne Latour (*Headteacher Infants*) and Sarah Atherton (*Headteacher Juniors*)

Covid Health Advice

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with COVID-19 infection to self-isolate, however if your child(ren) have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is for them to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The **main symptoms** are a recent onset of a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of/change in sense of smell or taste. If your child has any of these symptoms, you should get a PCR test. You are advised to keep them at home and avoid contact with other people whilst waiting for the test result.

Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause. Remember – if your child is unwell, for any reason, they should not come to school until they recover.

It is still advised that your child **self-isolates** for 10 days if they have COVID-19. You may choose to give them a Lateral Flow Device test from 5 days after the symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if they did not have symptoms), followed by another test the next day. If **both** these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, the risk that they are still infectious is much lower and they can safely return to their normal routine.

The full guidance is linked [HERE](#) . When there are outbreaks in school, we consult with the health agencies who may give additional specific advice on further measures to put in place. We will inform you as and when this happens.



Comic Relief – Red Nose Day 2022





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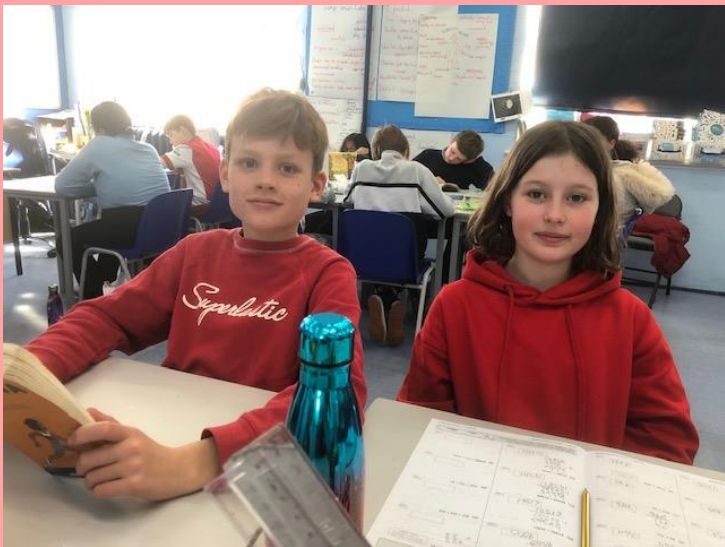
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Eco Tip from Belleville Eco Council



It is great to see so many of you wearing a Red Nose this Red Nose Day!

Thank you for supporting the charity.

What are you going to do with your Red Nose after today?

Belleville Eco Council suggest that you could keep it and reuse it next year.

If you don't want to keep it, please don't throw it away in a bin. Instead, you could recycle it at your local Sainsbury's or any other participating shops.



British Science Week

This week is British Science Week and at Belleville we are celebrating all things science!

As well as reading non-fiction science books at school and finding out more about Science Week in assemblies we are also having a poster competition.

This year's poster competition theme is 'growth' and children who would like to enter will have their poster judged on scientific content (informative and accurate), creativity and effective communication (presentation of ideas).

There will be one winner selected from each year group who will have their poster displayed around the school and the top 5 winners will be entered to the British Science Association with the chance to win some prizes!

Deadline for entry is **Friday 25th March**. Children should hand their posters in to their class teacher.



Year 4 have been learning about microbe growth and experimenting with what conditions make yeast rise the most.



Year 1 this week have been observing their seeds growing as part of their plants topic.





Opportunities to be Active

PTA Swimathon



The swimathon was back with a splash last Sunday!

We were so happy to see lots of our swimmers last Sunday evening giving up some of their time to raise funds for our school. Many children had been busy playing other sports that day too but still had some energy left to complete their laps, ranging from 2 lengths to 40 - with some wanting to do more than they'd pledged!

Thank you to PTA for bringing this back to help our school and all the parent helpers on the night helping with lanes and counting children's laps.

Everyone should be proud of their efforts as we raised £1,500.

Kurling Competition



At the 2022 Wandsworth New Age Kurling Festival, Belleville had a lot of fun. We used tactics like knocking away obstacles, sliding rocks on lines to win and cheering teammates on.

Altogether, after all the fun, Belleville scraped a bronze medal, coming in 3rd place. We almost received a silver medal but lost in the final. It was a great day!

by Henry (Year 3)

Year 6 Join a Lunchtime Lecture

On Tuesday, some of our Year 6 children chose to join a transatlantic Zoom over their lunch break with National Ambassador for Children's Literature, Jason Reynolds. Children have studied 'Ghost' in Year 6 for the past two years and it is always greeted with enthusiasm: other stories in the 'Track' series and his recent graphic novel collaboration 'Stuntboy in the Meantime' are now class library favourites. Several Belleville children had their questions answered by the superstar writer who frequently appears on US television speaking about his writing. We learned that most of his back catalogue has been optioned for film or television: excitingly, the 'Track' series (of which 'Ghost' is part) is being adapted for Apple TV. Reynolds also spoke of connecting with young people through books, the influence of hip-hop on his writing and his admiration for Walter Dean Myers (whose name some children may recognise as he is referenced heavily in Sharon Creech's 'Love That Dog', a Year 6 Guided Reading favourite). Reynolds has also written several books for young adults, so hopefully, many of our children will continue to enjoy his books beyond their time at Belleville.



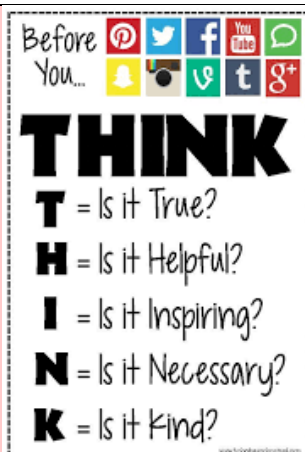


Year 1 Visit Kew Gardens



Children in Year 1 enjoyed their trip to Kew Gardens. They enjoyed learning about all the wonderful plants and trees on display to support their science topic. Children had a fantastic time in the sunshine (and rain!) and left with a real understanding of the variety of plants and trees.

Thank you to the many parents and carers and minibus drivers for their time and support.

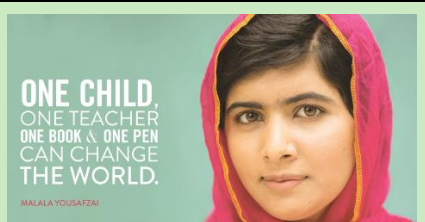


We've spoken with the Year 3 – 6 children, on the theme of kindness, about how to T.H.I.N.K. before we speak both in the real world and online. Even if something is true, it may not be helpful, necessary, inspiring or kind to say.

With our older children, we have specifically talked about how comments said or read online can cause a lot of hurt and how we can forget we are talking to/about real people when we are online.

We encourage parents/carers to monitor your child's messaging on phones and when gaming to support healthy, safe relationships and check content is appropriate.

Letter to Malala



Three children in Year 6 have been so inspired by Malala Yousafzai that they have decided to send a letter to her to see if she would speak to the Belleville children on Zoom.

They have spent weeks making decorated sheets for each class in Years 2 – 6 so children can write their name if they also find her an inspiration. We'll let you know if they get a reply!



Tours for Current Parents and Carers

School Improvement Priorities: Communication and Engagement



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)

Juniors

(Year 3 to Year 6)

Meteor:

Thursday 24th March

Meteor:

Thursday 31st March

Webb's Road

Thursday 31st March

Webb's Road

Thursday 24th March

Minibus drivers needed!

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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

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 1st April – finishing an hour earlier than usual

- Years 1 – 3: 2.15pm
- Years 4 – 6: 2.20pm
- Reception: 2.25pm
- Nursery: 2.30pm

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

