



Belleville Wix Academy

10th December Newsletter



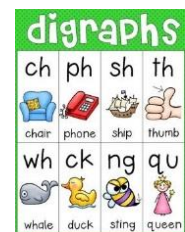
This autumn term has truly been a wonderful one. It has been an absolute joy to see the pupils come in so happy each morning, ready to learn and excited about the day ahead.

I am very grateful for the phenomenal support you have given us this term. Your kind words and actions are really appreciated. It is a privilege to spend so much time with your children every day and we adore seeing them grow and flourish at BWA.

Here are some of the highlights of our week together.

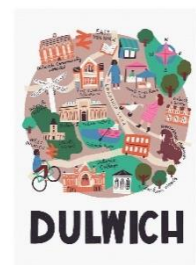
Pupils in Nursery have been busy practising writing their names in glitter trays, on Christmas cards and their Christmas pictures. They have been thinking carefully about what sound they can hear at the start of their names.

In Phonics this week pupils in RW have been introduced to digraphs for the very first time. They have been practicing the sounds, the actions and formation of letters. We have been very impressed that they have even been using them in captions and sentences. As a result pupils are writing some incredibly complex words and are spotting digraphs in posters around school - they call themselves digraph detectives!

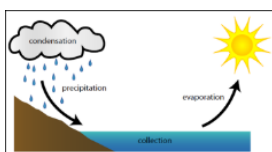


Year 1 have been designing and making their own triple-decker sandwiches in DT this week. They looked at the Eatwell guide to help them decide on the fillings and bread to use to make sure that their sandwiches were healthy.

Year 2 had a wonderful time on their school trip to Dulwich Village this week. Linking Geography and English, they considered how a settlement evolves over time. Pupils found similarities and differences between Dulwich Village and their local area as well as comparing human and physical features found in both locations. Everyone had a great time which ended with a little snack and a sunny play in Dulwich Park. Thanks to the kind parent volunteers who helped on the day.



In English this week, 3M have been writing Horrible Histories themed songs about the Roman army. Pupils have enjoyed taking inspiration from other songs as well as have been challenging themselves to find words that rhyme. They are looking forward to performing their songs in front of each other next week.

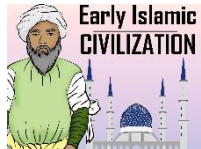


Year 4 had fun this week creating their own models of the water cycle. Pupils made mountains from clay to represent land and observed the effects of evaporation and condensation when hot water was added to the bowl.

This week 4B really enjoyed creating expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and similes to describe Shaun Tan's creature the Lost Thing, which they will include when they write a diary.



5B have been studying a range of hand-drawn maps of London from as early as 1666 up until contemporary digital satellite images during their topic – Mapping London. Pupils went on a local field trip this week to collect data on the amount of parked cars in the area. With this information, the passionate geographers of 5B conceived and produced a map of the future that might contain live parking data to help parents find a parking space around our school. If only a map like that already existed...well, one day, perhaps one of our brilliant class might just make it happen.



This week in history, Year 5 have enjoyed exploring the innovation and invention from the Early Islamic Civilisation which are still used in the 21st Century. The pupils were amazed to find that modern day anaesthetic was first developed by a scientist in 900 AD.

Letter to Self



This week, Year 6 have been writing a letter to themselves with advice on how they could: tackle situations differently; avoid potentially negative situations and remember the good things that have happened. Pupils have read Pete Sampras (World tennis champion) and Jackie Joyner-Kersey (Three time Olympic gold medallist) 'letters to my former self' to help them.



COVID 19

The number of cases certainly rose significantly recently and I am sure you are also aware of colleagues and friends testing positive with the COVID19 virus.

Again, I thank those families who have been instrumental in stopping the transmission of the virus. I have no doubt this has made a significant difference to our positive cases which has ensured the education of the majority of pupils has not been interrupted.

As we continue our best efforts to reduce the risk of the virus spreading in our school, and local community, so that we minimise the disruption to learning for all pupils, please may I ask you to adhere to the following expectations.

1. Families continue to do regular lateral flow tests at home to pick up asymptomatic cases
2. Wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection
3. No-one with symptoms should come onsite. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Schools have been asked to ensure they have contingency measures in place for January so I reiterate my message last week that you please check you have the details to log in for the resources we use. Please also inform us if your circumstances have changed and you may need access to a device. Those families who have informed us already do not need to confirm this as we have a device set aside for you should it be needed.



School Tours

It has been great to show prospective families around our school this week. If you know of anyone who is looking at schools for their child to start Nursery or Reception in September 2022, please do let them know tours have resumed for now and can be booked on our school website.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to our Excellent Learners that were celebrated at our assembly on Monday.

Excellent Learners LEARN BY THEMSELVES			
Alex T-F	RW	Ella-Mai	3S
Marie	RB	Faya	3M
Anya	Y1	Vincent	3B
Audrey	1B	Shiheim	Y4
Noah	2G	Sofia	Y5
Olive	2M	Roy	Y6
		Matias	6B



Healthy Break Time Snacks

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack to eat for morning break. Our school morning can be very long for many pupils and they do need a little snack to help them stay focused on their learning.



Thank you for your support with our Festive Friday. Bake Sale We are very grateful for your contributions and hope that you have a great time after school today at the event.



Maths Workshops in January

On Tuesday 11th January, we are delighted to offer two virtual maths workshops for parents.

- 1:30 - 2:30pm
- 6:30 - 7:30pm.

These workshops will give you a great understanding of how we teach maths at Belleville Wix Academy and will give you tips for supporting your children at home. Karen Taylor, the Director of Maths for the Q1E Trust, will deliver these sessions. More details will follow in the January.

End of term times for the English stream only

Time	1902 gate	Blue gate
12:40pm	Nursery	
12:50pm	RW	
1:00pm	Year 1	
1:15pm	Year 3	Year 2
1:40pm	Year 4 and Year 5	
1:45pm	Year 6	

Please note the Bilingual Stream finish at 3.15pm

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry