

Belleville Wix Academy

10th June 2022 Newsletter



Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the festivities to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

In our celebration assembly on Monday I said to the pupils that the school year has flown by so quickly and that there is a saying, 'Time flies when you are having fun'. When I write this weekly newsletter it showcases just a few highlights of what happens every day at BWA. We do have great fun learning together every day and appreciate all the support you give us to make every day a memorable one.

This week our Nursery pupils have really enjoyed exploring their new Jungle role play area, using the binoculars to see which animals they can see. Everyone has enjoyed dressing up as jungle animals all by themselves.



We had a very, very exciting delivery for pupils in RW this week - chick eggs! Pupils looked after the precious eggs that were in the warm incubator watching for signs that they chicks may hatch.

One by one the chicks pecked at the shell so we could meet them. It's a very tiring process and the chicks needed a lot of rest periods before they finally hatched. When they were strong enough we moved them from the incubator to their new home that had a heat lamp to keep them warm.



Everyone has been bursting into school to see the chicks in the morning and have loved observing the chicks.

Pupils have taken turns to fill up their food and water when it is needed to help the chicks continue to grow. Look at the chicks sleeping together under the heat lamp in this photograph - aren't they beautiful!



Year 1 have had a brilliant time learning all about the features of countries in their Geography unit. Pupils are able to identify what makes a country and explored countries across Africa. Using their enquiry skills, pupils learnt about Kenya and the surrounding countries.

In 1B, pupils started learning about where our school, Belleville Wix Academy is. Pupils were in awe of the aerial view of the world. They can confidently name the country, city and town they live in. They even located BWA using google Earth. Fantastic learning.

Pupils in Year 2 had fun this week when they completed their traditional tales unit in English. Taking it in turns to play the part of the big bad wolf and the police officer, pupils enjoyed bringing an alternative version of a story to life with some classroom drama. They were very creative and entertained their peers with their alternative versions.

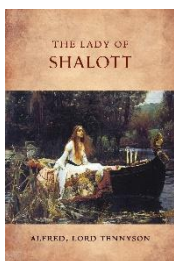


Year 3 have had a brilliant start to the half-term, launching their new Science topic exploring Food and the sense of taste. They particularly enjoyed trying different types of food and drink to discover how taste is affected by smell, texture, colour, appearance and temperature. They were very surprised to discover that the red lemonade was not in fact strawberry flavour!

A highlight for Year 4 this week has been taking part in their new 'Performance Poetry' unit in English. Pupils have loved investigating the work of Joseph Coelho and creating their own comical poems based on his original poem, 'A Little bit of Food'. The class came up with some creative and entertaining verses. Pupils really enjoyed performing them for their peers.



This week Year 5 started their new history topic - 'Who gets remembered and why?' Pupils enjoyed discussing a range of recent and past history makers as well as debating whether these people should be remembered. It was excellent to listen to the pupils explain and evidence their points of view.



This week, 5B have been exploring the Lady of Shalot, by Lord Alfred Tennyson. Using their reading skills to find evidence to inform inference, pupils generated some mature and insightful opinions about this poem which, at times, can be quite challenging to comprehend. We have been particularly impressed with the levels of empathy the pupils have expressed for the Lady of Shalott - locked away in her castle, unable to engage with the world outside.



Year 6 went on a fabulous educational visit to the National History Museum this week to consolidate their learning about Earthquakes and Volcanoes. They had a self-guided tour around the museum before taking part in an Earthquakes and Volcanoes show. The pupils were wonderful and everyone came away having learnt something new. Sincere thanks to Mr

Attenborough for organising this wonderful experience and for the parental support we received to make it happen.



Excellent Learners

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

Excellent Learners Are not afraid			
Otterley	RW	Nina	3S
Dorra	RB	Leona	3B
Adam	Y1	Maeson	Y4
Robin	1B	Charles	4B
Whole Class!	2G	Imogen	Y5
Vivienne	2M	Alexander	Y6
Arthur	2B	Lina	6B
Chase	3M		



Holiday dates

- Our Bilingual stream finish school on Tuesday 19th July.
- Our English Stream finish school on Thursday 21st July. School will close on this day at the following times for pupils.

Time	1902 gate	Blue gate
12:40pm	Nursery	
12:50pm	RW	
1:00pm	Year 1	
1:15pm	Year 3	Year 2
1:30pm	Year 4 and Year 5	
1:45pm	Year 6	

If there is anything we can do to help you or improve what we offer, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me through the admin email. Our invitation to show you around the school is an open one as we start the summer 2 term – we would love to show you the school in action.

From Monday, staff may wear a mask whilst outside.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend.

Miss Henry

Headteacher