



# Belleville Wix Academy

## 18th March Newsletter



Another fabulous week of learning together at BWA comes to an end. Here are some of the many highlights of our week together. We were so pleased that the sun shone this week to help us celebrate Saint Patrick's Day at BWA.



Nursery have been retelling the story of 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. They have used the puppet theatre to retell the story to their friends and have also created their own magic pots.



The Traditional Tale in RW this week was The 3 Billy Goats Gruff. The pupils listened carefully for story language and key lines in the story - "trip, trap, trip trap" - to help them retell the story themselves.

They then created their own troll pebbles to help with this retelling and performed their version to the class with props.



This week the pupils in RB have been learning about emergency vehicles and how they were different in the past. Whilst looking closely at the features of the vehicles, the pupils have been sorting images into old and new depending on the types of technology they can see. The pupils have built their own emergency vehicle out of junk modelling materials and chosen the best joining materials for the job.



In History, Year 1 have been learning about how their local area has changed over the last 100-150 years. This week the pupils focussed on how transport has developed and were able to explore old cars, bikes, buses and trams. Year 1 were able to compare the old transport to the new transport and identify what stayed the same and what was different. They thought about why these changes happened in Clapham all those years ago.

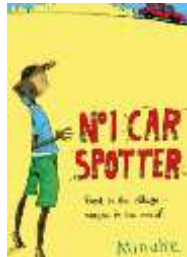


Pupils in 2M enjoyed a fantastic Art Day, where they learnt how to use oil pastels and pencil to create wonderful artwork inspired by aboriginal symbols and stories.



2G had great fun doing a Haiku Poetry Slam this week, thinking about how to use their voice, movement and pace to make it more exciting for their audience.

2B celebrated this glorious weather and the start of spring by also writing haikus. The pupils have chosen an aspect of spring to write their poems about, such as daffodils, lambs, ducklings and chicks.



3S have continued writing their diary entry all about The No.1 Car Spotter. The pupils have worked really hard at using time adverbs and emotive language to help inform the reader of how Sissy is feeling. Miss Stevens has been so impressed by all their writing.

3M and 3B have been developing their ability to tell the time. They have enjoyed lots of practical work using their own small clocks and have felt very satisfied being able to apply their new knowledge and tell their teacher what the time is at various points of the day.



Year 4 had a fantastic lesson learning about Viking beliefs. The pupils loved learning about the Viking Gods and Goddesses which were used to inspire the Marvel film characters. Once they had discussed their characteristics, pupils drew their chosen God or Goddess and completed a character profile.

This week in year 5, the pupils have been writing their own chapter for their book 'The Adventures of Odysseus'. Pupils have had to plan and write a narrative in which Odysseus explores an island, finds a dragon and slays it. The pupils have had to consider how to build suspense in their writing to this exciting climax of the story. Great work Year 5.



Year 6 and 6B had the incredible opportunity to have a live zoom session with Dr Eiad Zinah, a refugee from the war in Syria, as part of our Migration unit in Geography. Dr Eiad spoke with the pupils about his experience of travelling from Syria to the United Kingdom (a journey that took him almost 3 months), what he had to leave behind and what his life has been like since he has achieved refugee status in the UK. It was so powerful to hear his lived experience and really put the learning the pupils have been doing into context. They were hanging on his every word and asked some brilliant questions to further their understanding.

**WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?**  
Tips for parents & caregivers



**Child Illness**

I thought this link may be helpful if you haven't seen it already. I hope it helps you make informed decisions about when your child can/should attend school if they are ill.  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



**COVID 19**

We have 6 staff and 36 pupils with COVID 19 at BWA. This is a significant rise in numbers. Please continue to be vigilant of symptoms. I ask that we all work together to continue to reduce the risks we can to prevent the virus spreading further within our community.

We ask that all families continue to adhere to the following expectations.

1. No-one with symptoms should come onsite. The list of symptoms linked with COVID 19 has increased to 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.
  2. Take a test if you have symptoms. See the guidance [here](#).
- If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, schools can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.
3. Close contacts should follow the advice set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time.
  4. Pupils who test positive for COVID return after two days of negative lateral flow tests as set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time.
  5. Wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection.



**Excellent Learners**

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

<b>Excellent Learners</b> <b>Learn with others</b>			
Cornelius	RW	Fynn	3M
Louis	1B	Adam	Y4
Hudson	2M	Electra	4B
Alima	2G	Jess	Y5
Millie	3S	Alex	5B
		Brooke	Y6



### Holiday dates

- End of Spring term is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. School will close at the following times for pupils in the English stream.

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	

Wishing you all a relaxing and very happy weekend.

**Miss Williams**



### **BWA Wish to Read**

The PTA have been working closely with the school on creating a Reading Wish List for each year group but we need your support to try and achieve these wish lists for our little ones to further their reading.

Rather than asking parents to purchase these books via Amazon we are trying a more sustainable approach by partnering with Fara and online charity shops for second hand books.

#### **\*How you can help....\***

1. If you have any of the books in the attached document for your year group or any year group that you are able to donate from home please kindly place your name on the live document under heading \*Book 1 or Book 2\*. The school requires two copies of each book.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bfObaWwNgosSHdTn-EUNbxq6Gdh2ALJxw3G9HnHol14/edit?usp=sharing>

2. Please kindly visit our online book donation shop 📖

<https://bwabookwishlist.bigcartel.com/>

You can choose the amount you would like to donate and the PTA will use this towards your chosen year group to purchase second hand books from local and online charity shops.

3. If you would prefer to purchase a book via Amazon and send directly to the school please feel free to followed by placing your name on the above excel spreadsheet so we can ensure no more than two copies are purchased of the same book.

All books donated at the last book sale have been contributed to the school.

Mother's Day is just around the corner and the PTA have collaborated with Rob Van Helden's beautiful florist! 🌸

Rob is one of London's top florists, creating amazing bouquets for some of London's finest celebrities. He has also kindly supported the school on many occasions donating flowers and decorations for past and future events.

🌸 Order a beautiful bouquet online and collect locally just in time for Mother's Day! 🌸

<https://ptamothersday.bigcartel.com>

The shop will close on Thursday 24th March at 12noon!

10% of the proceeds will be donated to the BWA PTA.

Thank you for your support

The PTA Team xx