



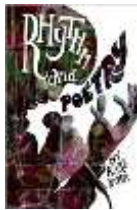
Belleville Wix Academy

Weekly Newsletter 9th October 2020



Today we celebrated Hello Yellow Day to acknowledge World Mental Health Day. Thank you to everyone for making such a huge effort and to Miss Fisher for organising this lovely day for us. It was perfectly timed given the eventful 7 days we have had at BWA, to stop and reflect on what makes us happy and how we can help each other.

Having the privilege of seeing the pupils learning every day is a joy. There have been some very special moments this week.



Karl Nova – The Poet

Year 6 and 6B attended a virtual creative workshop with poet Karl Nova who they are studying in their English lessons. The children listened to Karl perform his poetry and got the opportunity to ask him questions. It was a very memorable experience.

Henry Moore – The Artist

Year 6 have been studying the Artist Henry Moore whose famous sketches of the London Underground during WWII are helping them to learn more about the London Blitz. The children's artist pages have been so impressive. Well done Year 6. What a great start to your final year at primary school.



Local Area Study

1M and 1W braved the inclement weather this week and ventured out to explore the human and physical geographical features of Lavender Hill and Clapham Common. We are very fortunate to have the common nearby. The children also saw the Battersea Arts Centre and Lavender Hill Police station.

A huge well done to both classes for sharing all their knowledge of the area around them with each other.



Learning about the Bible

On Monday, Year 3 had a zoom visit from Mr Gately who spoke about the Bible and what it means to Christians. Mr Gately shared some fascinating facts about the bible with the class. Year 3 were amazed to find out that the original bible would have been hand written instead of printed. Mr Gately showed the class a leather scroll, on which the Bible would have been written before books existed and a copy of the Bible which was hundreds of years old. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their zoom visit from Mr Gately which enhanced their learning about their current R.E topic. Thank you Mr Gately.



Parents Teacher Meetings - week beginning 19th October - English Stream only

The teachers are looking forward to meeting you at these meetings coming up. They will be held during the day, via ZOOM. More details will follow for you to book your 10 minute appointment with the teacher. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to meet the teacher virtually, discuss how well your child has settled at school and discuss how we can work together to secure the best outcomes for your child.



School Streets

From Monday, Wix's Lane becomes a 'school street'. This means it will be temporarily closed to most traffic during the following time slots, 8:15am – 9:20am and then again between 2:45pm though to 3:30pm. We encourage any families who drive to school not to drive onto Wix's Lane to avoid the

road block.

This morning we had training for the very generous and thoughtful volunteers who will help man the temporary closure barriers outside our school. I am very grateful to the parents and carers from both schools who are willing to give their time to ensure our school community is safer at the beginning and end of the school day. I am sure you will join me in offering every volunteer our most sincere thanks.

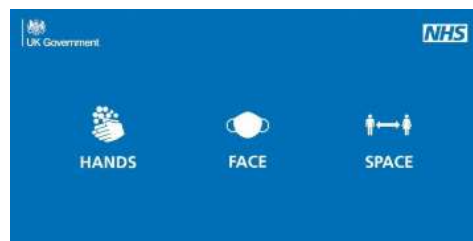
Please note

- Some traffic is permitted on the road during the set hours so do take care when walking on the road at the beginning and end of day.
- We expect everyone to socially distance by 2m.
- Groups should not gather together because there is space on the road to do so as this blocks the area to other users.
- Anyone on bikes and scooters must be mindful of other users and their safety.



As you all know we were informed of our first positive case of COVID 19 this week. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is much appreciated.

At the beginning of term I shared some research that is being carried out investigating whether children display different symptoms to adults. I do acknowledge that the government advice has not changed. I am aware of some GP's also quoting this research. A very young relative of mine tested positive this week with the symptoms referred to in the research but none of the main symptoms. The child who tested positive this week was asymptomatic and would not have known they had the virus had they not taken part in a random trial. In light of this, I urge you to socially distance and encourage your children to do the same. We want our pupils to be in school and we can work together to keep our school community as safe as we can by following the government advice.



Home Learning

Mr Andrieux has told me he is very happy as 2b are working diligently on their home learning tasks. He had more than 80 shares on seesaw in the first day of home learning. It was lovely to hear him report that as difficult as it may be to be out of school at the minute, there is a nice feeling of, "We are in this together". Well done 2B. We miss not having you at school.



I would like to thank the school community for working so well together during the incident at the end of day last Friday.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry