



Belleville Wix Academy

Weekly Newsletter 13th November 2020

This may be a bumper issue as I have so much to share with you in our first newsletter for this half term.

I hope that you are all had a wonderful half term break – no doubt it feels like it was a very long time ago. The clocks went back which means it is a little bit darker at home time. It is important to keep ourselves safe at this time of year so I attached a poster that I hope you can share with your children on how to keep themselves safe in these darker evenings. https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be_Bright_Be_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf



Last week we entered our second national lockdown. This resulted in updated DfE guidance for schools. Here is a link for parents that you may find interesting.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>



Stay in your bubble!

You may also find the following information about making a childcare bubble with another household helpful.

Government has published [guidance](#) for parents on how to form a childcare bubble for children aged 13 or under with friends and family they do not live with. A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to a child or children aged 13 or under. They can provide the childcare in either or both of the homes from the 2 households. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered. Once all children in a household are 14 or above, the childcare bubble arrangement must stop.



Parent Phonics Workshops

Thank you to the KS1 parents who took part in our very first virtual workshop last week. Thank you for your kind words of thanks and remember, if we can help you in anyway, don't hesitate to ask. It is important to work together to ensure your child flourishes at BWA. Sincere thanks to our super Miss Williams and Mr Millington for organising this helpful event.



Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, 11th November we marked Armistice Day by holding a two minute silence at 11 am. This date and time marks the day WW1 ended in 1918. The pupils made poppies that are on display in their classrooms. They learnt that poppies are worn in November as a symbol to remember all of the people who have given their lives for their country in war.



Anti-bullying Week at BWA

Next week is national Anti-bullying Week and we have a range of fun activities planned for our pupils to ensure they know what bullying is, what to do if they see it happening to others or experience it themselves as well as the things good friends do. Bullying is not tolerated at BWA and I would invite you to read our revised Anti-bullying policy on our school website.

<https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/data/dynamic/spaw/documents/BWA%20Anti%20Bullying%20Policy%20Autumn%202020.pdf>



Bilingual Stream Parent Teacher Meetings

Parents and carers of pupils in our bilingual stream are invited to attend a meeting with the class teachers during the week beginning 23rd November. A booking form is being sent to you today so do remember to book your slot.

Since returning after half term, our fabulous teachers have organised wonderful learning experiences for our pupils.



Year 3 Roman Day

To enhance their understanding of all they have been learning during their topic Ancient Greece, Year 3B and 3 were invited to participate fully in a Roman Day, last Thursday. The children arrived at school wearing their Roman outfits that they had researched, ready for a day full of exciting activities, such as making their own mosaics, learning to read and write in Roman numerals as well as making Roman shields. Their fun filled day ended with a well-earned feast of grape juice, cheese, olives and bread to celebrate the children's achievements. In 3B, Feta cheese and Black Olives were the least favourite foods at the banquet. Everybody had a fantastic time. Thank you parents for helping your child prepare for the day and to Miss Stuart and Miss Mallinowski for organising this wonderful day.





Year 2 Great Fire of London

During Autumn 1, Year 2SB and 2G learnt all about the Great Fire of London. Due to their period of self-isolation before half term, they missed the opportunity to re-enact the fire so they could witness how quickly the fire spread and the devastation it caused. They worked together to make a replica Pudding Lane, where the original fire began. Under the careful eye of Mr Jefford, they watched Pudding Lane go up in flames outside in the playground. Seeing this in real life felt like they were being transported back to 1666 as the houses that were made from wood and straw caught fire very easily and then spread quickly from house to house. Many thanks to the staff team for creating this magical learning experience for our pupils.

A Tiger came to BWA this week and made a mess in our Year 1 classrooms!



A tiger invited himself to our 1W and 1M classrooms on Wednesday morning and he left a huge mess – just look at the evidence in these pictures. He ripped the flipchart and destroyed the tissues. He kicked over chairs and tipped over our maths bowls. It took the pupils and staff ages to clear up after his visit. Despite the mess, it was a



great way to introduce past tense verbs with an 'ed' suffix. The pupils wrote fabulous sentences describing what happened.



Year 6 – Circulatory System

Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system in Science. This week, they observed a dissection of a lamb's heart to learn about each part and its function. Some of the children were brave enough to investigate this themselves at the dissection table! What an amazing opportunity for our year 6 pupils –thank you so much Mr Mullin.



Nursery Dwali Lamps

Our pupils in Nursery have been celebrating Diwali this week. They used clay to make these beautiful Diva lamps and then painted them in bright colours to show all the bright colours in Diwali. Well done Nursery.



Last day of term - finish time

Many of you have been asking if we will be closing early on the last day of term as we have done before and the answer is yes, we will be. We anticipate pupils going home from 1pm but we will have to stagger this and once the times for each class are confirmed these will be shared with you.



Many, many thanks to everyone who joined in our fun Friday for Children in Need.



PTA Amazon Wishlist

Thank you to everyone who has kindly bought books for us through our Wishlist on Amazon. We are so, so grateful.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to enhancing the reading corners and support the children's love of reading. Many families have asked about this opportunity as way of contributing towards their child's learning experience, not only for themselves, but to extend the opportunity to friends and family – all set up to be delivered to the school and such an easy and effective way to contribute to your child/ren classroom. Do remember to add the school as the delivery address for the attention of Miss Hawes.

Nurse: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3HJ2KRP5RLZDV?ref=wl_share

Reception: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1A4YQD69XQ49T?ref=wl_share

Year 1: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/RL9YEBFXZXR3?ref=wl_share

Year 2: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3IS60PP9ADQUF?ref=wl_share

Year 3: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1BH0VM9654NYE?ref=wl_share

Year 4: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3CGTP3QQWKG5P?ref=wl_share

Year 5: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2AUTAXXSNCFK4?ref=wl_share

Year 6: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1ANNGW9Y5MRR4?ref=wl_share

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry

EXCELLENT LEARNERS ARE NOT SCARED TO MAKE MISTAKES

Iris	1M		Adam	Y3		Taeyang	5B
Isobel	1W		Oscar	3B		Meriem	Y6
Isabella	2G		Jhonny	Y4		Victoire	6B
Huda	2SB		Nephe	Y5			