



Belleville Wix Academy

Weekly Newsletter 20th November 2020



Last Friday we had a wonderful end of the week as we dressed up in our favourite colour, or something spotty, to raise money for Children in Need. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported this cause. We raised £431.00 for this charity. Thank you.



Anti-bullying Week at BWA

On Monday we had another 'wacky clothes day' as we donned odd socks to launch our anti-bullying week. Look at the fabulous pictures of our odd socks.

By wearing odd socks we could celebrate our uniqueness and to help us understand that we are all different. This week we have been focusing on what makes a good friend, what is the definition of a bully and what we should do if we see bullying happen or we think it is happening.



Nocturnal and diurnal animals - do you know the difference?

RB have been busy this week continuing their learning on the topic of 'light and dark.' Everyone enjoyed learning about nocturnal animals and how they adapted to function at night. Miss Fisher and Miss Hardy were very impressed with how the pupils used the words nocturnal and diurnal appropriately. Wow!

Learning about different cultures and traditions are every important throughout our curriculum and in the EYFS the pupils learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali. Every child made, then decorated their own diva lamp to take home and we hear they loved seeing them being used at home.



Bulb Planting

In RW, pupils planted daffodils in their flower bed this week. We are very grateful to Mr Crane for so generously donating these bulbs to us so we had the opportunity to plant them. We are looking forward to looking after them and watching them grow under our attentive care.



Developing our Enquiry Skills

This week pupils in 1W and 1M had to put their enquiry skills to good use when two bags of belongings were found at school. To identify who the bags belonged to, they looked carefully at the contents in each bag, their evidence, and then evaluated whether the objects inside were helpful to them. One bag belonged to a child and another an adult. It turns out Mr Jefford had misplaced his bag and they knew it was his because it contained a wallet, some house keys and most importantly his lanyard.



The Science of Making Chocolate

Year 4 have been investigating the difference between solids, liquids and gases in their science lessons this half term. This week we had the very exciting opportunity to speak to Micah Car-Hill, a scientist who has previously worked for Green and Blacks as a lead taster for their products. He explained how they used different scientific processes to precisely change the state of the cocoa products at different stages of the chocolate making process to create the perfect product every time. Thank you Micah for giving up your time to speak to the children and show how the science of solids, liquids and gases is used in the real world. Is anyone jealous of his job as a lead taster for a chocolate firm?



Maps through time

This week, 5B studied a range of maps of London from as early as 1666 to the present day. It was wonderful to see how the pupils could analyse and interpret the maps, drawing conclusions not only about how and why London has changed over the last 400 years, but also about how and why mapping techniques have changed in that time. Great work 5B Geographers.

It was also a joy to watch a fabulous music lesson in 5B yesterday afternoon.



WW2 – learning about the impact locally

So we can't go to all the wonderful places on our doorstep due to the pandemic but as ever, we have a phenomenal staff team who are dedicated to doing whatever it takes to bring learning to life and this week was no exception.

As part of Year 6's History topic of 'World War II', we invited project to visit us virtually. The experts on this project have carried out an oral history of Battersea during the war by recording the memories of people who were living here at the time. Everyone learnt so much about the experience of local residents who experienced being bombed, the evacuation as well as wartime food and the impact of rationing.



Supporting Parents and Carers – especially during this pandemic

We know that parents and carers played a significant role in supporting our pupils with their learning when BWA was closed to most pupils in March. During this term, some classes have closed for a period of time and many pupils have had periods of time learning from home. As a school we are supporting you by providing high quality remote education resources for your child when they need to self-isolate.

Wandsworth has been selected as an area for mass COVID testing. As a school we need to be aware that this may increase the number of cases in the local area as well as the number of pupils and staff who may need to isolate. Please may I ask that you ensure you have access to Seesaw, MNP online, Bug Club and SPAG.com. Our Q1E website has excellent links available to all families for home learning - <https://www.q1e.co.uk/current-home-learning/>. You may like to watch the maths video before any potential period of home learning so you can ask us any questions you have – link here. <https://www.q1e.co.uk/current-home-learning/year-1/>



Bilingual Stream Parent Teacher Meetings

We are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers in the bilingual stream next week. You will all have received your ZOOM invite.

How can I see the work my child is doing in school?

During parent teacher meetings you normally get to see your child's work. Due to the current restrictions this hasn't been possible for both streams at BWA. We will be sending home a selection of work at the end of this term for you to see and celebrate with your child.



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.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry

EXCELLENT LEARNERS ASK QUESTIONS

Olive	1M		Freya	2SB		Jovany	Y5
Anna	1W		Armani	Y3		Sam	Y6
Leonora	2G		Khayyiel	Y4		Eduoard	6B