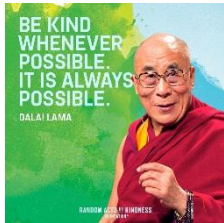




Belleville Wix Academy

Weekly Newsletter 27th November 2020



Well done for making it through the second national lockdown. I am sure you will join me in thanking our amazing staff who as key workers have done a phenomenal job at keeping our pupils safe and happy every day. As a staff team, we would also like to say a very special thank you to all the families at BWA who have been so supportive of us. Your kindness makes a significant difference to us.



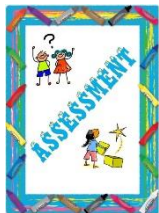
This week I wrote to all our families to inform you that one of our pupils tested positive for COVID19. This is a stark reminder for us all that the expectations we have in place are essential and how important it is that we all adhere to them. Ironically, in the newsletter last week I asked you all to check you had access to our online learning platforms, so please do check this if you haven't as the change from onsite learning to home learning happens very quickly.

This week year 5, who are learning from home have had a great start to their home learning. We hope they keep well and work hard despite the constraints of having to self-isolate for 14 days.



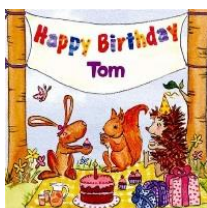
Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to everyone who has bought us books through the Amazon Wish List. The children literally jump with joy to hear and read the new books that keep arriving from very generous friends and families all over the world. I have added the links at the end of this email for your convenience if you would like to have a look.



Assessment week

This week pupils in year 1 – 6 have been sitting their end of term assessments. We are very proud of their attitudes to their learning, everyone tried their very best. The results will help us identify gaps in learning so we can address these before the end of term and amend our spring term curriculum as necessary.



Birthday Celebrations in Nursery

Tom's 4th birthday was this week! Nursery have been looking at different ways people celebrate a birthday. They made balloon art pictures, wrapped birthday presents and talked about different ways people celebrate their birthdays. They were all very excited to have a birthday party for Tom!



Reception Superstars

The children in RW become Santa's Little Helpers this week and have helped to create their own Santa's Grotto. In their Grotto this week they have created Christmas decorations and written their rather long Christmas lists..... Santa and his team are going to be very busy so long as the children are on their very best behaviour.

They have also been learning about shadows this week - they talked about the way shadows are formed and how the size changes if the light source is close to the object or far away. They also created their own shadow puppets and using torches performed shadow puppet shows. What a very busy week for reception.



The Wolf from the Three Little Pigs leaves a mess in 1B

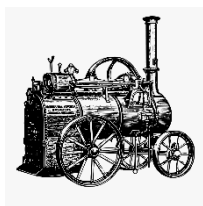
1B have had a very exciting week as the wolf from the Three Little Pigs story sneaked into their classroom during the night. Look at the destruction he left in their classroom.

The children really enjoyed discussing how the wolf left a trail of devastation in their classroom. This event helped them to use past tense verbs as they retold what had happened. Excellent writing 1B – well done.



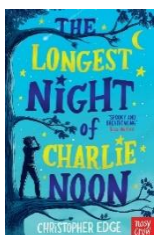
Investigating Solids

In science this week, Year 2 conducted an experiment to see how they could change the shape of different solids. The teachers made their predictions and the children discussed who they agreed with and why. They used four actions when testing the shapes of each material (bend, twist, squash and stretch) and recorded their observations. They found out that the gooey slime (the favourite object tested!) was able to change shape the most, closely followed by blu tack and hair bands - but wooden pencils were the least flexible so couldn't change shape at all. In fact, when we tried to change the shape, it snapped.



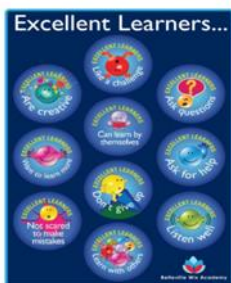
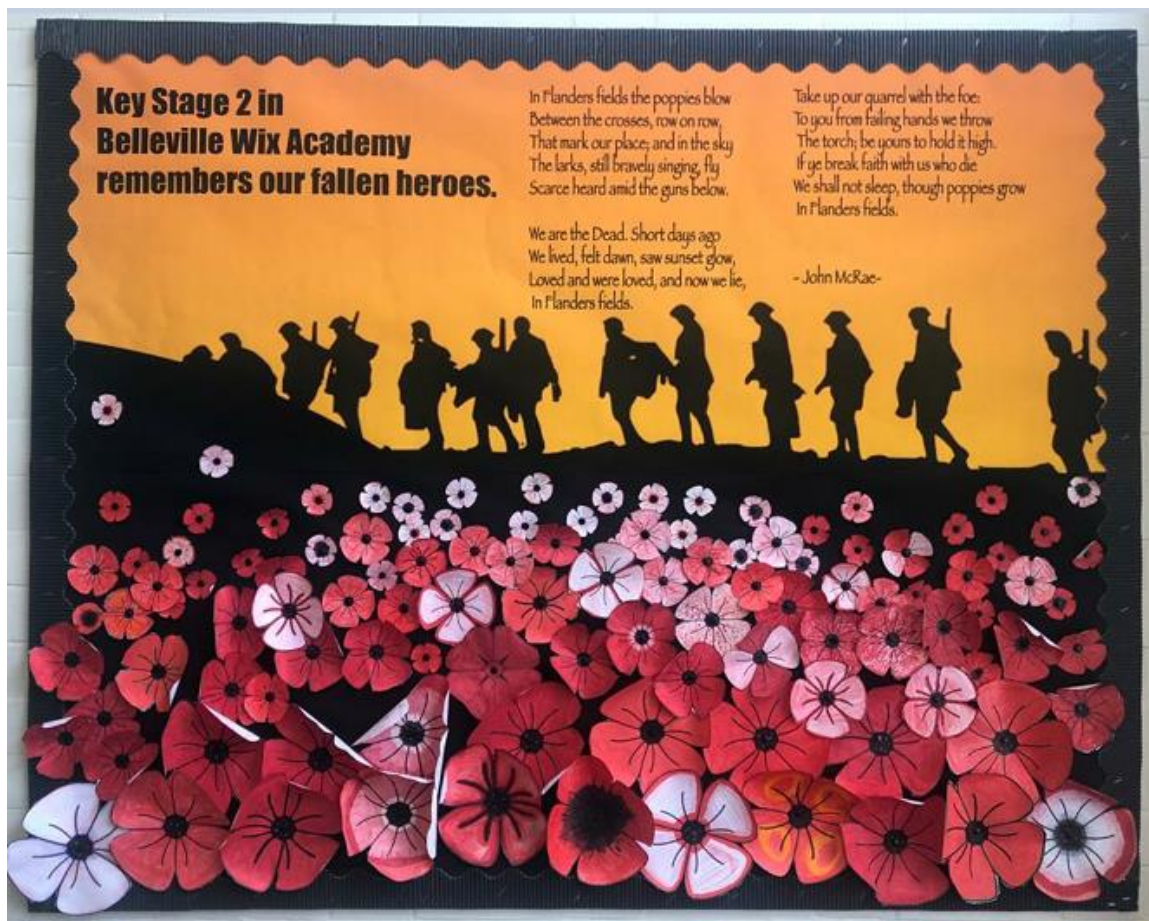
The Industrial Revolution

6B continued their investigation into The Industrial Revolution this week, looking at the development of the Steam Engine and the explosion in the use of coal and iron in 19th Century Britain. The children were incredibly impressive in the way in which they could take historical facts and make statements about the wider implications on the nation due to these key innovations and developments. Well done 6B historians!



Christopher Edge, the author, visits BWA

In Year 6 and 6B, the children have been studying the novel, 'The Longest Night of Charlie Noon' in their English lessons. This week, the classes were visited on zoom by the author, Christopher Edge. The children asked excellent questions about the book and were given great advice on how to become a published author!



Congratulations to our Excellent Learners this week

EXCELLENT LEARNERS LIKE A CHALLENGE							
Hudson	1M		Layla	Y3		Ayaan	Y5
Gaspard	1W		Charlie	Y4		Eyes	5B
Cashun	2G		Olivia	4B		Nia	Y6
Millie	2SB						

Bilingual Stream Term Dates

Mr Bonnefoy has written to all families in our shared bilingual stream regarding the staffing arrangements for the start of the spring term. EdW are scheduled to teach every bilingual class on the first day of term and this remains unchanged.



Flu Spray

Today, many of our pupils received their Flu spray. Well done everyone for being so sensible and supportive of one another. Sincere thanks to Miss Holt for organising this important event.



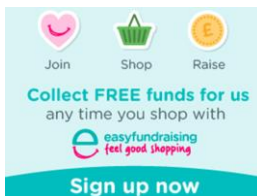
Festive Friday

Oh my goodness – what an awesome start to our four Fabulous Festive Fridays. Thank you so much for making this a wonderful day. The pupils look truly fabulous and families have been so generous in donating the items the local foodbank need. We will share an updated list for next Friday with all our families.



Last day of term - finish time

Please note that we will be closing early on the last day of term as we have done before. 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.



PTA Easy Shopping

Today may be your favourite, or least favourite day, of the year as you shop for great deals on Black Friday. If you are shopping, please do take a minute to consider if your activity could help raise funds easily for the BWA school community. Your normal online shop can result in the company giving the school some money and when everyone does it, it really adds up. I have included an extract from the PTA newsletter for you to see how to set it up if you haven't already. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful and peaceful weekend, we all need one after this very busy week.

Miss Henry

Amazon Wish List Links

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/RL9YEBFXZYR3?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

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

Easy Fundraising



Turn everyday shopping into free funds for our school by using easyfundraising (FREE). Signing up is quick and easy, all you need to do is to sign up following the steps below.

Step 1

- Visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and search for a cause: Belleville Wix PTA

Step 2

- Click to support this cause (Belleville Wix PTA)
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellevillewix>

Step 3

- Create an account with easyfundraising.
- It takes a matter of minutes and is COMPLETELY FREE

Step 4

- After registering add the easyfundraising's donate button as well as the shopping functions (OR download the app).
- There are no set up fees or commission when collecting direct donations from parents.

There are over 4,100 retailers to choose from including Just Eat, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Amazon and many more. Plus, once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation. Happy shopping!