



# Belleville Wix Academy

Weekly Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



Ending another fantastic week of learning at BWA with a Festive Friday has been delightful. Thank you for your generosity with this initiative. I think we have all enjoyed dressing up whilst knowing we are making a difference to others at the same time.

Next Friday, pupils will not be in school so we will have a Fabulous Festive Thursday instead. It is going to be a very busy and enjoyable last day of the autumn term.



## School Tour Video

Many parents will remember the daunting challenge of going on tours of different primary schools in the area in order to make the best informed decision about which schools to put on the Reception Admission Form and the order of preference. Selecting the primary school for your child is always a challenge as your child is so very precious and you want the very best for them. Having a tour of a school, or several tours of the same school, helps you get a feel for each school and whether it would be the right one for your child. This year, prospective parents have an even greater challenge as they haven't been able to get into the schools to see them in action. This week we recorded our school tour which will be shared with everyone soon and current parents have called prospective parents as well, for which I am truly grateful. If you have friends making this difficult choice at this time, please do talk to them about our wonderful school and encourage them to get in contact with us. One of the joyous moments I had after the first day of filming was hearing a nursery child telling their mummy they were going to be on TV. Our pupils skip into school each day and seeing them so happy and engaged in their learning is why we teach and love the job we have.



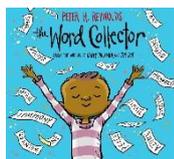
## Christmas Artists in Nursery

There has definitely been a Christmas spirit in Nursery this week as the children decorated their beautiful tree that was so kindly donated by one of our generous parents – thank you so much. You have made us all very happy and brought much cheer to this time of year with the lights and stunning decorations as well. The children made mini decorations out of lollipop sticks and love seeing their work hanging from the tree.



## Reception Mathematicians

RW have been learning how to find one less in Maths this week and mastered it. To help them grasp the concept they used fish counters and a greedy crocodile, who only eats one fish at a time. As all super BWA mathematicians do, they challenged themselves by writing the calculations. Keep up the super work RW.



### Year 1 Poets

Year 1 have been exploring poetry this week and received a letter from Jerome the Word Collector (story by Peter H Reynolds) challenging them to write poems using rhyme and repetition. The children did a fabulous job and wowed their teachers with their poems. What superstars you are year 1.



### 1B Scientists

In Science, 1B used their developing enquiry skills to predict and investigate which type of paper is best for mopping up a wet floor by testing the absorbency of different types of paper. This may be very helpful knowledge to have at Christmas.



### Year 2 Phonics Superstars

Due to the lockdown in the summer term, our year 2 pupils did not sit the year 1 Phonics Screening. They had to sit it before the end of this term and we completed the screening this week. You may have seen the teachers leaping with joy as they were so pleased with how well the children did in this test. Year 2 you truly are Excellent Learners and we are so proud of you. Thank you parents for your support with narrowing the gaps, especially this term.

They had some fun as well learning their Autumn 2 poem, Penguins on Ice, as well as the actions to go with it. We can't wait to share this with their families next week.



### Year 4 Historians

During their history lesson this week, Year 4 learnt about the beliefs of the Anglo-Saxons and how they changed over time. They found out all about the Pagan Gods and how the days of the week, that we use today, are named after some of these Gods. For example, Woden, The Chief God, has a day named after him called Woden's Day. We now know this day as Wednesday.



### Persuasive Writers in 4B

I hear on the grapevine that 4B have been writing persuasive letters to me to convince me that I should not recapture the Iron Man and trap him in a hill. I can't wait to read these pieces of writing.



### Scientists

Year 5 have been exploring how shadow lengths change throughout the day. They made predictions about when a shadow would be longer and shorter depending on the position of the sun in the sky. After, they learnt how shadow lengths change in different seasons due to the position of the Earth on its axis.



### Supporting the War Effort

Year 6 have been excellent historians this week when learning about the involvement of the Commonwealth in World War II. They explored reasons why countries around the world supported Britain during the war and used a range of sources to investigate how people from the Commonwealth were treated by the British.

## **Fabulous Festive Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Donations List**

This is the list for donations that Wandsworth foodbank would appreciate next week. Thank you for your kindness.

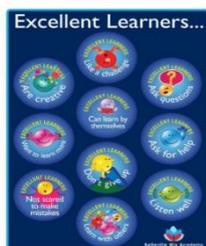
<b>TINNED VEGETABLES</b>	<b>PACKETS OF NUTS OR CRACKERS FOR CHEESE</b>	<b>LAUNDRY TABLETS</b>
<b>TINNED POTATOES</b>	<b>4-PACKS OF TOILET ROLL</b>	<b>HANDSOAP</b>
<b>TINNED CUSTARD</b>	<b>CAN OPENERS (NOT FOOD BUT REALLY IMPORTANT!)</b>	<b>WASHING UP LIQUID</b>



### **PTA**

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM last night and for the progress made in achieving charitable status. The time and effort put into making this happen for our school community is much appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

If you haven't already, please do check out the new BWA Facebook page and do share with family and friends as the more likes we get on the page, more visibility we will have. <https://www.facebook.com/bwa.pta/>



### **Congratulations to our Excellent Learners this week**

<b>EXCELLENT LEARNERS WANT TO LEARN MORE</b>							
Anatole	1M		Oliver	2SB		Matilda	Y5
Natu	1W		Adam	Y3		Kayolan	5B
Sebastian	1B		Sofia	Y4		Katelyn	Y6
Estelle	2G		Filippo	4B		Margaux	6B



### **PTA Easy Shopping**

If you are like me, you may have a few last minute things to buy so I hope you don't mind me reminding you that you could be helping the school doing your everyday or Christmas shopping by signing up for this scheme. It costs nothing yet makes a difference. Your support with this is much appreciated.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding of the change to the end of term dates. It is very much appreciated and I am truly sorry for any inconvenience this has caused you.

Wishing you all a wonderful and peaceful weekend.

**Miss Henry**

## **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!