



Belleville Wix Academy

26th March 2021 Newsletter

As we come to the end of our third full week back at school with all pupils, I am immensely proud of how well our school community has coped with this transition. Thank you for your support and care of one another.



One of my highlights this week was watching 1B in their music lesson on Thursday. It would have brought tears of joy to many 1B parents to see the engagement and enjoyment as the children moved their colourful scarves to the beat of the music. My description certainly doesn't do the magical moment justice.

Today 1W and 1M were very excited to be going on a tree hunt on Clapham Common. In Science they have been learning about deciduous and evergreen trees. I hear they were excellent at identifying these types of trees.

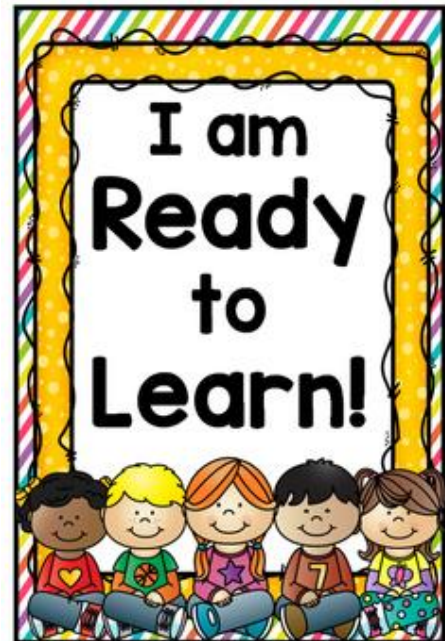
Every day I am amazed at how well our youngest children have returned. RW have been reading traditional tales, such as *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, this week. They collected pebbles and then painted them so they looked just like the troll under the bridge. Beware of troll pebbles in RW's garden as they dotted them around their garden.

2B have been working hard to understand the concept giving change when learning about money. This can be a tricky concept to understand. They have mastered it now, achieving their goal even with Mr Laurence having to isolate during the week. Well done 2B!

Last term, Year 3 were very lucky to have a Zoom visit from author and poet, Rachel Rooney. After meeting Rachel Rooney, Year 3 felt so inspired by her work that this term they wrote their own poems based on Rachel Rooney's poem 'The Russian Doll'. Miss Stuart was so proud of the poems that Year 3 had written that she shared the amazing writing with Rachel Rooney. When she received the poems, Rachel Rooney was also very impressed with their fantastic work and published a few examples of Year 3's poems on her Twitter account. They have received lots of compliments on twitter, one lady even said she was so impressed that she could not believe the poems were wrote by Year 3 pupils. We are so, so proud of you year 3.

It was noisy above my office this week as year 5 acted out a fight scene between a dragon and Odysseus to inspire their writing, thinking carefully about how they could describe what was happening so the reader had a vivid picture of the event. Great work Year 5.

Our eldest pupils in Year 6 have been excellent learners this week and have risen to the challenge of Geometry in Maths. Not only can they measure and identify angles, but now they can use their knowledge to draw shapes. You are awesome Mathematicians year 6.



In 6B this week, the children have been learning the necessary grammar skills to help them become junior journalists and write newspaper articles about the shocking events that have recently taken place in the class novel, Holes. We may have some future Fleet Street legends in the making in the class as the standard of writing was incredibly impressive. Well done 6B!



Foodbank

In the run up to the Christmas holiday, we joined together to help others in our community. Our last donation to the Wandsworth FoodBank weighed in at **689.2 kg** which was estimated to provide **1,641 meals** for people across our borough. Over the four fabulous Fridays, we believe we were able to provide almost 3000 meals. Truly phenomenal. As I was reflecting on this I wondered whether the local foodbanks needed further support as we enter another holiday. So we would like to invite families to make a donation on Wednesday 31st March, the last day of term for the English stream, in return for wearing something bright and colourful, maybe an Easter Bonnet as well! Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

ITEMS NEEDED:

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| TINNED VEGETABLES | PASTA SAUCE |
| TINNED POTATOES | CHOCOLATE BARS |
| UHT MILK (SEMI-SKIMMED) | JAM |
| TINNED FRUIT | FRUIT CORDIAL/SQUASH |
| TEABAGS | HANDSOAP |
| RICE (BASMATI OR QUICK-COOK) | |



PTA Update

I hope you enjoyed reading the wonderful PTA newsletter, showcasing the amazing work done and achievements made this year. I am truly grateful for the time and commitment of the parents organising the events as well as everyone who supports these super events.

Easter Treats: We have teamed up with The Baguette Deli (on Lavender Hill) who have generously put together a selection of yummy Easter themed treats. Do not forget to place your order by 26th March. Collections will be taking place on 31st March. <https://bwapta.bigcartel.com>

Easter Treasure Hunt: The PTA Crew have set up and created a treasure hunt for our community over Easter weekend. You can sign up on our EventBrite page by 1st April to find out more. Your friends and family are welcome to join in the fun! Treasure Hunt will take place between Friday 2nd – Tuesday 6th April. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bwa-pta-easter-treasure-hunt-tickets-145936346541>



Staffing Update

Our lovely Mrs Zurowski will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has been a great member of our team and we will miss her very much. Mrs Zurowski has secured a job closer to home and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all she has done to look after and support our pupils as well as wish her the very best for the future.



Nursery Places for Sept 2021

We have a few places for Nursery in September 2021. If you require a place for your child next year and haven't applied, please do get in contact. We would also value you sharing this with friends and family who you know have a child eligible to start Nursery this September.



This week marked one year on from the first anniversary. I remember that time very clearly. It felt so surreal to be saying goodbye to families during the term. We truly have achieved so much and gone through so much. Every one of us have our own story to tell and I hope you have been able to share them with friends and family this week. If you will be kind enough to send any of your reflections about how you and your family felt this time last year we are looking at how we can collate this information as a way to capture this time in history.



Next week is our final week of the spring term.

- English Stream finish on Wednesday 31st March
- Bilingual Stream finish on Thursday 1st April

I hope you all have a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Miss Henry