

23rd April 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed taking part in the PTA Easter Hunt. It has been lovely to see the children skip back into school this week. They have had a great week of learning and being together.



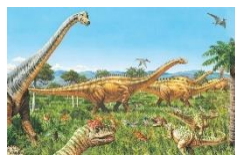
6B began their study of evolution in Science. They have been investigating the differences between inherited and environmental characteristics. The pupils showed great curiosity and engagement in the topic. Mr Gale was particularly impressed by the range of knowledge the pupils shared and the thoughtful questions asked during their very stimulating class discussions.



We have been enjoying the sunny weather and seeing the growth of our potato plants that were planted before the holiday. This week year 2 planted cornflower seeds as part of their experiment to establish what plants need in order to grow.



I am quite sure many of us overindulged in some chocolate this Easter but pupils in 2B still had room for some more this week. They have been reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' to inspire their creative writing. To get their creative juices flowing they were given the opportunity to savour the most creamy and delicious chocolate, using all their five senses to describe the wonderful sensation. What a treat!



1B really enjoyed learning about when dinosaurs lived on the Earth in History this week. They created the timeline of the formation of Earth and learnt about the dinosaur era. They now know that dinosaurs inhabited the entire earth before humans. 1B also learnt about the first female palaeontologist, Mary Anning, who made a significant contribution to our understanding of the Earth.



RW's topic this half term is Under the Sea. This week the pupils turned their classroom into an aquarium. In their aquarium they have been looking at different fish and sea creatures. They also used paints to create crab handprints to display in the fish sanctuary. RB are in for a treat next week when they start this topic. Miss Hatcher created a wonderful home corner with treasure, a stranded pirate ship and beautiful fish.



Foodbank Drive

On the last day of term for the English stream, you very generously supported the local foodbank. I would like to share the lovely message we received over Easter from the foodbank.

*Please pass on our thanks to everyone at Belleville Wix Academy for their generous Easter donation to the Wandsworth Foodbank. The collection weighed in at **600.7 kg** which we estimate will provide **1430 meals** for our foodbank guests across the borough.*



COVID 19

Over the break, Wandsworth and Lambeth were two boroughs having surge testing due to the detection of the SA variant. Staff have been offered a PCR test and will continue to do the LFT twice a week.

I would like to kindly request that everyone who joins the line for drop off and collection wears a mask. It is very unsettling for other members of our school community to be in the line when another adult doesn't wear a mask. I acknowledge that there will be times when you may forget your mask, if this happens, please do indicate this to a member of staff who can help you drop off/collect your child at the time. Thank you for your co-operation and thoughtfulness towards others.



Parent Teacher Meetings

This week, parents and carers of pupils in the English stream have been invited to book an appointment to meet with the class teacher. If you haven't already booked a slot, please may I encourage you to do this as soon as you can?



Key dates coming up this term.

May Bank Holiday

- Monday 3rd May – no school

Half term

- Week beginning 31st may

End of the year

- Bilingual Stream – Friday 16th July
- English Stream - Friday 23rd July. Early finish - times sent out closer to the time.

I wish you all a peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry