

30th April 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of two full weeks back at school, it must be time for a holiday!



In school this week, our Excellent Learner trait that we have been working on is 'Learning with others'. In assembly on Monday, I was asking the pupils if they had heard of the Pink Supermoon that was visible at the start of this week. They were tasked with finding out about it and sharing what they found out with others. I was super impressed with how knowledgeable they were after their research and how they shared what they learnt with others.

- It is called a supermoon as it appears big and bright in the sky.
- The moon is so big and bright because of its closeness to Earth
- It isn't actually pink but is named after pink flowers called wild ground phlox, which bloom in early spring throughout the United States and Canada.

If you missed it, the next supermoon is expected to be visible on 26 May.

It has been a joy to see the pupils learning this week. Here are some of our highlights.



Nursery are learning about space. You may have noticed their classroom windows have been transformed into a night sky. The pupils have been looking at different things they might find in space and made their own aliens and UFOs out of card and paper plates. This is a picture of some of their wonderful work. The pupils loved thinking about different materials they would use and how they would design an alien.



RB have had a great first week of English provision for the summer term. They were very excited to see the wonderful under the sea area with a stranded pirate ship, treasure and plenty of fish that Mrs hatcher had created for them to explore in. They enjoyed playing in the sunken pirate ship role play area and dressing up as pirates. Yesterday, they created a gigantic storm which prevented them from finding the treasure! The pupils also made portholes using paper plates and designed their own sea scene. Sounds like an awesome week in RB.



On Thursday morning one of the pupils in RW brought in a wonderful octopus they had made at school. The octopus is now in the RW under the sea area having a great time. Thank you Harrison for being so kind to make this octopus for everyone in your class to share.



This week in RW we have been investigating floating and sinking by gathering objects from around the classroom and garden to see whether they float or sink in water. They have created a record of the objects they have tested so they can spot trends and identify why some objects float and some sink. Great scientific skills being developed in RW.



1M and 1W have had a very exciting launch to their history learning over the last couple of weeks. A bag of artefacts was found in a loft in Clapham and the children were tasked with identifying who they may have belonged to and what era they were from. With some careful exploration and discussion they figured out the objects had belonged to the Jones family who lived in Clapham during the reign of Queen Victoria. They then explored a mystery object and tried to work out what it might have been for. Here is a picture of the object, do you know what it is?



Year 2 have been reading more of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They have just discovered that Charlie found the last golden ticket and gets to go to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory! In their writing, they wrote wonderful diary entries, pretending to be Charlie. We were delighted with the amazing vocabulary and different types of sentences they used in their writing to share how they felt when they found the final golden ticket.



3B were excited to learn more about Ancient Egypt this week. Their curiosity was piqued during remote learning when they learnt how to make a mummy. This week, they learnt more about when the Ancient Egyptian civilization existed and started exploring pyramids.



5B began their new History unit of study - The English Civil War. It was inspiring to see our young historians employing the skills of collecting and analysing historical sources, such as portraits of King Charles I, and forming opinions about some of the reasons why he was such an unpopular monarch. It was especially impressive to see how children understood and used the term "propaganda" when forming their opinions of the King, which they generated from the commissioned portraits they analysed. It was another rich and rewarding week for our 5B students.



Year 5 have been exploring the classification of living things in Science. They created a classification key for year 5 to understand how scientists use their observational skills to classify animals. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed looking at their individual characteristics to create yes or no questions for the effective a classification key for the class.

Yr 6 Masterchef

Inspired by their study of migration, Year 6 deepened their understanding of world cuisine during their Design and Technology challenge. Pupils researched, sourced and prepared a dish from a country of their choice during the spring holiday. Just look at the amazing dishes they made. It is very clear they worked very hard and learnt invaluable cooking skills. Year 6 – this is fantastic work.



Marvyn
Steak and Potato Dauphinoise

Aaron
Thai Chicken Fried Rice

Natalya
Pork Chops

Kiera
Jerk Chicken



Sam
Spaghetti Carbonara



Miya
Chicken Pakora



Daniel
Pelmini



Hannah
Chicken & Chorizo Paella



Iker
Spanish Omelette



Paulo
Pizza



Katelyn
Vegetable Spaghetti



Jesse
Banku and Okra Stew



Carla
Chicken Tikka Masala



Nicol
Spanish Tuffos



Clara
Spaghetti Bolognese



Sophie
Italian-style Meatballs



Delivery of New Chromebooks

On Wednesday evening we were thrilled to receive a donation of chromebooks. One of our parents kindly donated these from their place of work and James Waller has spent endless hours converting them to chromebooks for us and sourcing power supply packs. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank James and the parent who kindly thought of us to secure these devices.

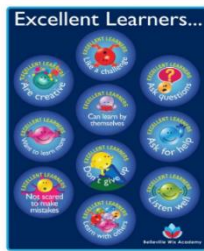


Schools Street

We have all enjoyed the benefit of the area outside the school being closed off to most traffic at the start and end of day. Please do sign up to help man the barriers if you can. Every offer makes a big difference.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Bank Holiday weekend.

Miss Henry



Congratulations to our excellent learners this week who showed they were not scared to make mistakes.

EXCELLENT LEARNERS ARE NOT SCARED TO MAKE MISTAKES							
George	RW		Danyal	2G		Hellora	Y4
Mila	RB		Evie	2SB		Olivia	4B
Minhha	1W		Elliott	2B		Brooke	Y5
Charlotte	1M		Maya	Y3		Carla	Y6
James	1B					Maxime	6B