

Newsletter for the week ending 22nd March 2024



This Tuesday we had a wonderful afternoon at the Year 5 and 6 Spring Music Recital. We hear a variety of songs and listened to excellent solo piano recitals. It was a lovely celebration of their learning in Music this term. Well done Year 5 & 6. Next week, we are looking forward to the Year 3 and 4 as well as the Year 1 and 2 Spring Music Recitals.



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Attendance – we need your help!

As we come to the end of this term, I ask that every pupil is in school until the last day of term. Holidays should not be taken in term time. Our attendance continues to be affected by families taking extended holidays out of term time.

R



RELEVANCE

- recognition of the richness in diversity and inclusion
- tailored to reflect local, national and global perspectives
- clear progression in knowledge, skills, content, language, processes and concepts

In our LEARN Statement, R stands for Relevance. Here are some of our highlights of the week together.



Nursery were very fortunate to have a real life pastry chef teach them this week. Chef Carine spoke to the pupils and answered their many questions, such as, "Why do chefs wear hats?" and "How do you make a rocket cake?" Chef Carine taught pupils how to spread sandwich fillings evenly to make the perfect jam sandwich. Thank you, Chef Carine!



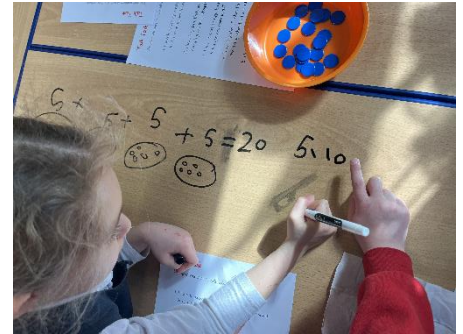
This week pupils in our Reception class have been learning the tale of Goldilocks and the three bears. They enjoyed tasting porridge with different toppings and practised using adjectives to describe the different flavours.

Pupils have also been learning about Ramadan and comparing different religious celebrations. They continued to develop their fine motor skills cutting around the shape of a mosque and then created a beautiful image against a dark background for the night sky.



Pupils in RB went on a local area walk and spotted clues about the past. They pupils were able to spot, chimneys, cobble stones and an old post box from the time of Queen Victoria. By the end of their walk they to see that the shops might look new on the ground but on the top floor there were very old features. During the walk the pupils spotted signs of spring as they saw the trees developing leaves and blossom in different stages.

Year 1 have been learning all about multiplication and the concept of equal groups. They really consolidated their learning this week when solving word problems with their partners. Everyone challenged themselves to explain their answer by drawing and even counting in different multiples to check they were right. Well done.



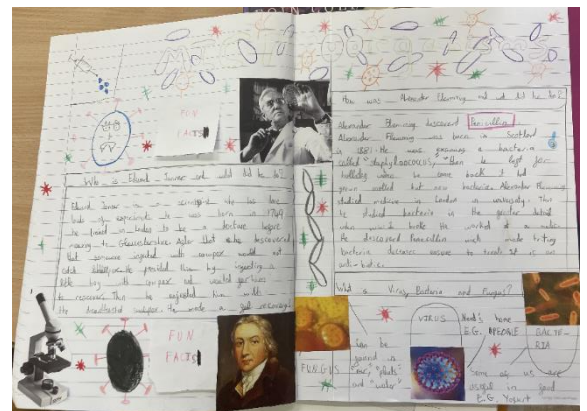
2B really enjoyed sharing a Zoom phone call with the author Atinuke to discuss her amazing book Brilliant Black British History. They learned more about the process of writing and lots about Black British history.



In Year 2, pupils researched, planned and wrote their expert information texts about space in English. During Science, they explored what stars are made of and what makes a constellation. Miss Mieville has been learning so many new facts about space thanks to this class of budding scientists.

This week, Year 4 have been showcasing what they recall about their learning in Science whilst showing their creativity through their double page spreads.

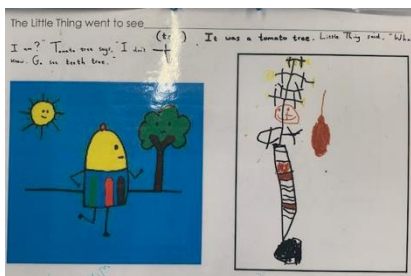
Pupils in 5S have been learning about why geckos are such good climbers and how their sticky feet (tiny microscopic hairs) have inspired amazing inventions like wall climbing pads and bandages that can be used on both the inside and outside of the body.



5LT's highlight this week was undoubtedly their incredible musical performance on Tuesday. Pupils were so excited to show off all their hard work to the audience.

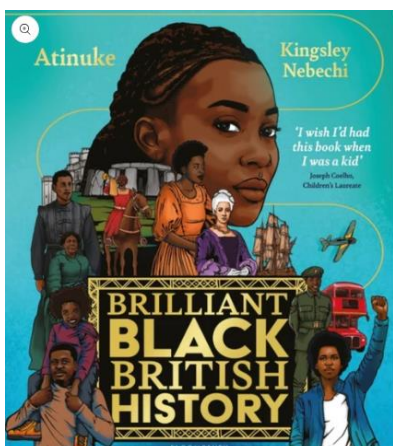
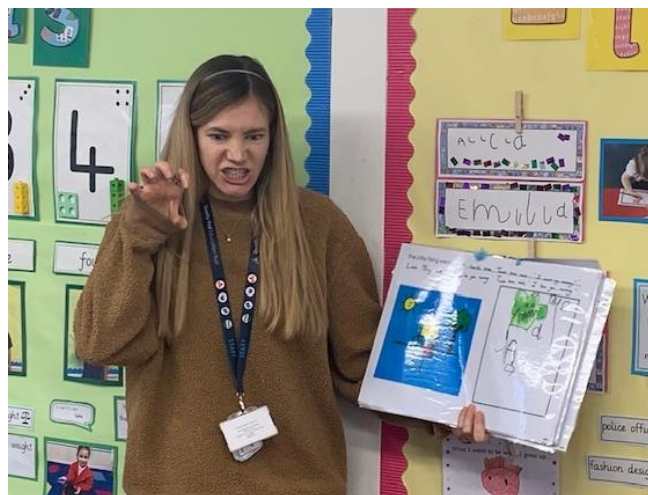
This week, our amazing class of authors in Year 6 retold the story of how Katherine Barlow in 'Holes' transformed into Kissin' Kate Barlow, becoming the most feared outlaw in Texas. The climax of their narrative shared with the reader how the Sheriff met his untimely demise, which was sealed with a kiss upon his cheek. Year 6 enjoyed retelling the story and used fantastic imagery to immerse the reader in.

Pupils in 6B have finished their unit on Ratio in maths. They have enjoyed seeing the use of ratio in real life contexts through word problems - seeing these as puzzles to solve that can occur our day to day. The unit of learning culminated in an analysis of the class using fractions, percentage and ratio.



World Book Day at BWA 2024

Nursery and Reception had a great time reading and exploring their World Book Day text, 'The Little Thing' by Nick Cave. Nursery invited Reception to watch a mini-performance of the new parts of the story they had written and illustrated. Everyone had lots of fun listening to Nursery's brilliant ideas - well done!



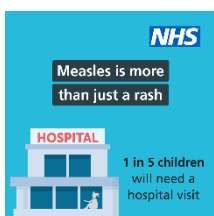
This week, pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 attended a zoom session with acclaimed author Atinuke who wrote 'Brilliant Black British History', our World Book Day text of choice. Pupils were very engaged and asked some insightful questions to the Nigerian-born author about her childhood in Lagos, her experiences as an author as well as 'if you could travel back in time to meet one person from Black British history, who would it be and why?'.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

Excellent Learners			
Listen well			
Mia	RW	Basil	3B
Emilio	RB	Henry	Y4
Mia	Y1	Danyal	5LT
Seba	Y2	Chase	5S
Victoria	2B	Annie	Y6
Sophia	Y3	James	6B



Information on Measles / MMR vaccination – message from the NHS

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

Birthday Treats



When it is a child's birthday during the school term, parents and carers can choose to celebrate this special occasion by bringing in food to share with the class if they wish. This food is given out at the end of the school day so that parents and carers can decide if their child consumes it. If you do choose to bring in food for the class, we would really appreciate it if, in addition to nut-free, consideration could be given to other allergies, religious and dietary preferences, so that all children can share in the class celebration.



Communication

Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have, no matter how small or trivial you think they may be.



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site. There are pupils onsite with allergies and we must all do our best to keep these pupils safe at all times when onsite.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school. Getting outside remains very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



Is your child a budding Banksy?

At Belleville Wix, we are so proud of the beautiful art produced during our resident artist visits. We would like to showcase our talented pupils even more and have found an exciting opportunity!

You may be aware that each year the Royal Academy of Art holds a Summer Exhibition and alongside they also hold a Young Artists Summer Show. <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> Submissions are currently open and we invite you to send in submissions of art that your child has produced.

Registration and submission is open until March 27th 2024. Good luck!



Dates to Remember

End of Spring Term

- **English Stream** - Thursday 28th March at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** - Thursday 28th March at 3:15pm

Start of Summer term

- **English Stream** – Tuesday 16th April
- **Bilingual Stream** – Monday 15th April



On **Friday 17th May**, BWA will celebrate International Families Day. Look out for more information about this community event which will include:

- Pupils to wear traditional outfits or colours of flag;
- Homework project around family /heritage
- Parent volunteers to come and share stories about their cultural heritage;
- International buffet after school.

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry