



BWA Newsletter

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[20th September 2024](#)



What a wonderful week it has been here at BWA. Pupils have truly immersed themselves in learning, showing incredible curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. From exciting lessons to engaging activities, it has been a joy to see the school community come together in pursuit of knowledge and growth. Each day, our classrooms have been buzzing with energy as we continue to build a strong foundation for the term ahead.

Our amazing PTA are busy finalising plans for the year ahead. We do hope you will get involved and support the many events in the pipeline. The dates for the events are in the table below. We will be holding our AGM on Monday 30th September at 7:30pm and everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting.



Message from the PTA

Exciting Events Planned – Check Our Website Calendar!

We have a range of exciting events lined up this term, and you can find all the details on our website bwapta.co.uk. Don't forget to subscribe to our calendar so the events automatically sync with your Google, Apple, or Microsoft calendar!

Two of our notable upcoming events include:

- BWA PTA Annual General Meeting - Monday, September 30th at 7:30pm

Join us at school to hear about our activities, enjoy cheese and wine, and connect with other parents. Everyone is welcome! RSVP Here: bwapta.co.uk/event/bwa-pta-agm-2024

- PTA/APL Parent Night - Thursday, October 10th

A fun evening to socialise with other parents. More details coming soon!

We hope to see you there!

Support the School

When shopping online, you can help raise funds for the school at no extra cost to you by using Easyfundraising. Simply sign up and participating retailers will donate a percentage of what you spend directly to us. It's a free! Sign up here:

bwapta.co.uk/easyfundraising

Also, visit bwapta.co.uk/contributing to find other ways of supporting the school!

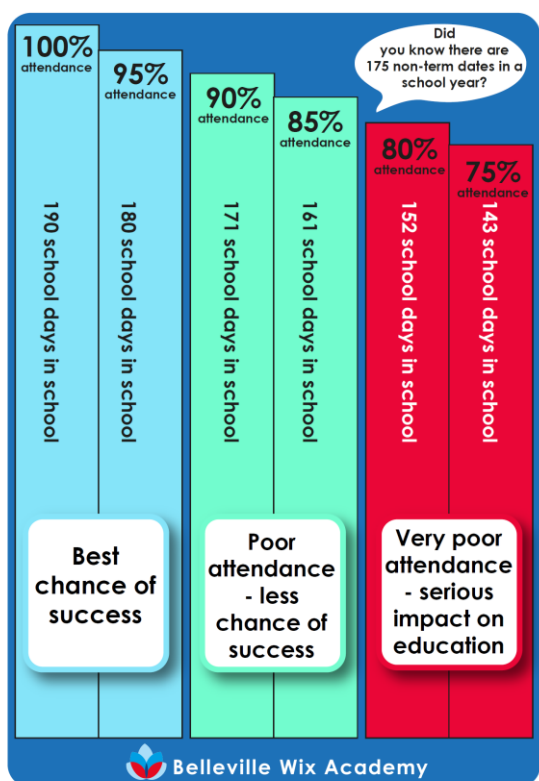
Thank you for your ongoing support, I hope you enjoy reading about our highlights this week. In our LEARN statement, E is for engagement.

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ENGAGEMENT

- exciting first hand experiences and enquiry approaches
- varied, structured learning opportunities that are purposeful and appropriate



Attendance – we need your help!

Attending school every day is very important and helps pupils be engaged in their learning. Pupils should be in school every day. It is important to know that if a pupil has attendance of 90% and below they are a Persistent Absentee.

Our attendance is affected by families taking extended holidays out of term time. please do note that holidays should not be taken in term time. Medical appointments should also be made out of school hours.

We know that pupils get sick and will need to rest to recuperate. Please do use this [NHS guidance](#) to help you make decisions when your child is ill about whether they should attend school or stay at home.

In our Nursery, pupils have been listening to the story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt,' by Michael Rosen. They had so much fun learning the words to the story and using the



different props to retell the story. Everyone made bear masks using different collage materials. As you can see in the very first photo, pupils also used recycled materials to make binoculars so they could hunt for the bear. Another highlight for pupils in Nursery was using scarves and ribbons to find different ways to move to the music in their dance lesson. They had a truly fabulous time.



This week pupils in our Reception class started their Phonics learning. As you can see from this photograph, pupils made crowns for Fred's Birthday and learned four new sounds. They have also been retelling the Owl Babies story using puppets and masks, which we have all been very impressed with how well they remembered the story.

In Year 1, pupils have really enjoyed being Sense Explorers in Science, investigating the smell of different foods inside mystery boxes. They were particularly excited by smelling chocolate, and were not keen on the smell of blue cheese. In English, the pupils have enjoyed planning and writing about

Fred's adventures. They had fun choosing what Fred was going to do, and some adventures included diving underwater with Fred.



This week, the pupils in our 1B class developed their art skills by looking closely at the details and colours they see in the world around them, with Mrs Hatcher, who is teaching our art this year. They used pastels, pencils, ink and watercolours to create an Impressionist inspired piece of art. A standout moment was when they looked back at the progress they had made in their drawing skills. They were amazed to see the development of their sketches, from what they thought was there, to seeing the shapes and details that make the form of an object. It was wonderful to see the pride on their faces when they saw their work.

Year 2 have had a fantastic week of learning. Pupils finished writing their letters to the teacher, drawing inspiration from the beautiful book *The Proudest Blue*. In these letters, they shared what makes them special and the things they are most proud of, allowing us to celebrate their individuality. They also enjoyed a creative Art Day, where pupils explored city skylines, taking inspiration from famous architects. They experimented with colour theory and mixing techniques to bring their masterpieces to life.



Year 3 have had a brilliant week, filled with excitement and creativity. They delved into their class text, *Fly, Eagle, Fly*, and used the eagle's perspective to write engaging recounts. In their anatomy and lifestyle topic, pupils had great fun constructing and labelling skeletons, learning all about how our bones help us move and support our bodies.



In Year 4 Science this week, pupils explored the importance of our teeth for eating. Pupils conducted an experiment, using different shaped objects to represent our various types of teeth, and observed how they break down food in different ways. Our pupils gained hands-on understanding of how each type of tooth plays a unique role in chewing and preparing food for digestion.



This week, pupils in 4B have been working hard to write the description of a setting for the start of a narrative, following some exploration of *Leon and the Place Between*.



This week in Year 5, pupils had an incredible time crafting their first poems on the theme, "*How Life is Wonderful*," drawing inspiration from our class novel *Cloud Busting*. The pupils expressed their creativity beautifully, capturing what makes life special. In Science, they conducted their first experiment, exploring which materials retain heat the longest—an exciting introduction to hands-on scientific investigation.

Year 6 have had another action-packed week. In English, they remain captivated by their class novel *Laurie and Max*, with the mystery deepening as they work to uncover who stole the money at New Heath Primary School. Alongside this, pupils are busily planning a creative writing block inspired by the story, eager to bring their own imaginative twists to the narrative.

Excellent Learners

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Ask questions			
Ulises	RW	Nicolo	Y4
Ottilie	Y1	Martin	4B
Cassie	1B	Anna	Y5
Leith	Y2	Bella	Y6
Alan	Y3	Victoire	6B



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.

Parent Forms

- If your child requires medication, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child requires time out of school, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child is allowed to go home alone, you will need to complete a form online.

These forms are available on the school website, under News, Parent Forms. A link is also [here](#).



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site.

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.



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.



Dates to Remember

- **Half term** – week beginning Monday 28th October.
- **INSET Day for all BWA staff** – 4th November. This means there is no school for pupils in the English stream. Pupils in the bilingual stream will be expected to be in school as the French teacher will be teaching on this day.

I wish you all a very wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry