



Belleville Wix Academy

21st January Newsletter



BWA offers a phenomenal provision for pupils. This week we have had our specialist teachers in school leading learning in Dance, Gymnastics, Games, ICT, French and music. Our class teachers have continued to plan and deliver exciting learning opportunities in every lesson for the pupils they teach. They really are dedicated to ensuring every child is happy and ready to learn. It has been a joy to see great learning continue this week in every class, for every pupil. We do feel very fortunate to teach, and learn with, your children. If there is anything you feel we could do better, as there is always room for improvement, please do not hesitate to contact us as we would value hearing your views. If you would like a tour of the school, we would love to show you around. Do contact the office to make a request.

Pupils in RW continue to enjoy learning more about as dinosaurs. They have been learning about the different foods dinosaurs ate and been able to sort them into groups according to the diets they had using the words omnivore, carnivore and herbivore. I was very impressed they could use the language correctly.



Year 1 have had a brilliant week looking at food waste in science, as part of their recycling unit. They were very fortunate to have had the opportunity to talk with Judith Wase, from Harrison's catering, to explore all the ways that our kitchens help reduce food waste. Year 1 asked brilliant questions to improve their understanding of the different ways they could reduce food waste at home and school.

Pupils in 1B have really enjoyed learning about how toys have changed over time during their history lessons. They exploring how the materials have changed over time and came to the conclusion that technology differentiates older toys from modern toys.



In Maths this week, Year 2 demonstrated how well they understand bar models when solving word problems about length. They also started their new topic on mass and had fun exploring the weight of everyday food items. We were very impressed how quickly they learnt to use a weighing scale and read a balance scale accurately.

Year 3 pupils were super excited to begin exploring length in their maths lessons. They had great fun using tape measures to measure different parts of their classroom (and friends!) and then converting the measurements from centimetres into metres.

Year 4 had a super Geography lesson exploring life in Greenland. They used their research skills to find out about leisure activities, the climate, jobs and housing in Greenland. Pupils really enjoyed visiting Reporter Wadsworth's BBC desk and 'Mr Mullin's Travel Agency' to find out more interesting information about this unique polar environment.



In 4B, pupils have been learning about the role of the different organs in the digestive system. This week, they discovered the purpose of the different types of teeth we all have through a practical experiment of eating different types of food (like apples and oranges) to establish what teeth we use for different foods. Our front teeth, or incisors, are good for biting and ripping food whereas the molars, at the back, were better for crushing food.

This week, Year 5 have been planning and writing an exciting narrative based on their novel, 'Oranges in No Man's Land'. Pupils have been planning the journey of the main character across the war-torn city of Beirut. Pupils have had to consider the dangers of the journey and how to use effective vocabulary in their writing so that the reader understands the threats to her mission.

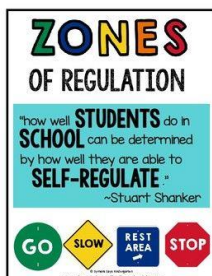


5B have been analysing the writing techniques that they have read in their class text, 'Oranges in No Man's Land,' by Elizabeth Laird, to help them create a suspenseful narrative in which the protagonist journeys through a war zone to deliver medicine to her ailing granny. The passion and skill deployed by pupils has resulted in some spectacular writing that is positively dripping in atmosphere and tension.



This week Year 6, started their unit on the world famous play Macbeth, by William Shakespeare. They have focussed their writing on Act 1-Scene 1 attempting to turn the play script into a piece of descriptive narrative. This has involved acting out the scene, collecting ideas that would create an ominous atmosphere and writing in the style of Shakespeare. It has been some of the best writing in Year 6 so far. Well done Year 6 – keep up the

great work.



Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop - Thursday 27th January

"WE ALL ENCOUNTER TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT TEST OUR LIMITS FROM TIME TO TIME. IF WE ARE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE WHEN WE ARE BECOMING LESS REGULATED, WE ARE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT TO MANAGE OUR FEELINGS AND GET OURSELVES TO A HEALTHY PLACE. THIS IS THE GOAL OF THE ZONES OF REGULATION."

- LEAH KUYPERS, CREATOR OF THE ZONES OF REGULATION

To support pupils recognise, name and manage their feelings as well as the accompanying behaviours, we introduced a technique called, '[Zones of Regulation.](#)' As we all work together to support pupils, we believe you may find it both interesting and helpful to hear more about Zones of Regulation. A letter has been sent out inviting you to this parent workshop on **Thursday 27th January 2022 at 1pm or 7pm.** We hope you can join us for this very interesting session.



Parent Teacher Meetings for English Stream - week beg 24th Jan

We are looking forward to meeting with all parents and carers in the English stream for parent teacher meetings next week.

Bilingual stream families will receive a written report at the end of this half term.

Please remember that if you ever want to speak with a teacher about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. We are here to do all we can to help and work in partnership with you.



After School Clubs

There are some spaces in a number of clubs if you missed the first opportunity and would like to sign your child up to attend. Please do contact the school office team if you would like any help with this.



COVID 19

On average 14 BWA pupils are off school every day having tested positive with COVID19. At BWA we have four classes who have high transmission and EdW have one class. These classes have had further restrictions imposed as we work together to reduce the risk of the virus spreading and impacting on both the health of the pupils as well as their education. We also have a

member of staff who has tested positive.

As we continue our best efforts to reduce the risk of the virus spreading in our school, and local community, so that we minimise the disruption to learning for all pupils, please may I ask you to adhere to the following expectations.

1. Families continue to do regular lateral flow tests at home to pick up asymptomatic cases.
2. Close contacts should do daily lateral flow tests as set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time.
3. Pupils who test positive for COVID return after two days of negative lateral flow tests as set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time. Results should be reported to the NHS as set out in the lateral flow test kit instructions.
4. Wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection.
5. No-one with symptoms should come onsite.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to our Excellent Learners that were celebrated at our assembly on Monday.

Excellent Learners Want To Learn More			
Aleck	RW	Kit	3M
Amaury	RB	Rose	3B
Luke	Y1	Shiheim	4
Gaspard	2G	Talha	Y5
Anatole	2M	Callum	Y6
Lisanne	3S	Mael	6B



Holiday dates

- Half term starts on Monday 14th February
- End of Spring term is Friday 1st April

Wishing you all a fabulous and safe weekend.

Miss Henry