



Belleville Wix Academy

24th June 2022 Newsletter

Haven't we been blessed with beautiful weather? It is so noticeable how happy it makes everyone feel – let's hope it lasts for some time. Thank you for making sure your child was dressed in light, cotton clothing to ensure they could stay cool. We really appreciate your support. I'd also like to thank staff for being so caring and ensuring the pupils in their care had what they needed to stay as cool as they could and had plenty of water to stay hydrated.



A number of our planned learning experiences offsite this week had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

This week pupils in our Nursery have been practising their fine motor skills by using the tweezers to hunt for mini beasts.

This the week pupils in RW have been collecting petals and leaves. They have arranged these beautifully onto a thin piece of card and pressed them inside a book for several days. It has created a beautiful flower press bookmark that they can take into Year 1.

This week Year 1 went to the Holly Lodge Centre to experience a Victorian school day. They travelled back in time to 1869, where they completed Reading, Writing and Arithmetic lessons. Pupils got to see the different types of punishment used in Victorian classrooms such as finger cuffs, backboards and Dunce's hats. The day finished with a drill lesson and fun game of coordination using soft blocks. A huge thank you to all the parents that volunteered their time to help as well as Miss Williams and Miss Sockalingam for organising the experience.



This week, 1B showed their creative writing skills by writing their own version of the story Jack and the Beanstalk. They used exciting words and interesting adjectives to describe the setting and characters.



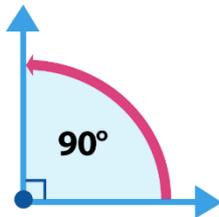
Year 2 pupils had another busy week! They planted their plants, which they grew from seeds last term, in the outdoor area, with the help and expertise from Mr Crane and Mrs Callam. Pupils were able to taste some mint and strawberries as well as enjoy planting and watering. Thanks to our fantastic parent helpers for running this gardening session for us

To mark Windrush Day, Year 2 enjoyed reading stories outside, including 'Granny came on the Empire Windrush' by Patrice Lawrence. Hopefully we will all get to see the new statue revealed at Waterloo Station to mark this special event.



2M worked very hard with our resident artists – as you can see from this picture. They made a printing and collage-based fruit and vegetable work of art in the style of Guiseppe Arcimboldo.

In Year 3S this week, pupils have been writing their own Lonely Planet Guides. Everyone had the chance to choose their own Mediterranean country to research. Pupils explored the attractions, food, weather and interesting facts about their chosen country and have produced fantastic outcomes.



This week in mathematics, 3M have been learning all about angles. Pupils made their own 'right angle testers' and then undertook a quest around the classroom to see how many they could identify. They came to the conclusion that there are right angles all around us.

A highlight for Year 4 this week has been revisiting their unit of 'Shackleton's Journey' through discovering how conservationists and archaeologists are currently trying to preserve the recently discovered wreck of 'Endurance' which was found 3,000m below the surface of the Weddell Sea. The class found the BBC article extremely interesting and were fascinated by its preservation after over 100 years of it sinking.



4B have been keen learners of history this week whilst exploring the function of Motte and Bailey Castles as well as the equipment and training required to be a knight during the Norman Conquest. Excellent questions and discussions were had about the pros and cons of castle design as well.

Over the past two weeks, Year 5 have enjoyed their intensive swimming course with Year 4. They have all made excellent progress. Not only have they been learning how to swim, they have also learnt about water safety; how to keep themselves safe if they get into trouble; and how to help others who may have fallen into water.



This week in Year 6, we have been putting the final touches on our science projects. The pupils have written their letters to their chosen audience, created their presentation and campaign poster. I have now tasked them with creating a short, emotive film for their chosen area and a website where people can find out more information. The pupils will begin practising their presentation to perform in front of the class. It has been brilliant to see them use their ICT skills to create their project.



Sports Day Dates for 2022

Our sports day dates for this school year are set out below. These events will take place on Clapham Common, near the end of Jedburgh Street. More details will follow closer to the time. We do hope you will be able to join us for the events.

Thursday 7th July 9:30am – 12:00pm

- Years 2 & 3 (2G, 2M, 2B, 3M, 3S, 3B)

Thursday 7th July 13:00pm – 3:30pm

- Years 4, 5 & 6 (Y4, 4B, Y5, 5B, Y6, 6B)

Parents and carers are asked to collect pupils from the common at 3:30pm (pupils not collected from the common will walk back to school with their class teacher to be collected from school at 4pm)

Friday 8th July: 9:15am – 11:15am

- Year 1 and Reception (RW, RB, Y1, 1B)

Nursery – will be on the school site. Date and time tbc.



Excellent Learners

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

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Are Creative</u>			
Seba	RW	Jaydon	3S
Marie	RB	Apolline	3B
Rico	Y1	Annie	Y4
Elsa	1B	James	4B
Elliot	2G	Sofia	Y5
Olive	2M	Arthur G	5B
Zora	2B	Ibrahim	Y6
Meghan	3M	Josephine G	6B



Holiday dates

- Our Bilingual stream finish school on Tuesday 19th July.
- Our English Stream finish school on Thursday 21st July. School will close on this day at the following times for pupils.

Time	1902 gate	Blue gate
12:40pm	Nursery	
12:50pm	RW	
1:00pm	Year 1	

1:15pm	Year 3	Year 2
1:30pm	Year 4 and Year 5	
1:45pm	Year 6	

If there is anything we can do to help you or improve what we offer, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me through the admin email. Our invitation to show you around the school is an open one – we would love to show you the school in action.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend.

Miss Henry

Headteacher