🕜 Belleville Wix Academy

25th March Newsletter

Pupils in every class have been excellent learners this week and enjoyed a wide variety of fantastic learning experiences. We have also really enjoyed the beautiful blue skies and glorious sunshine during our time outside.

Nursery have been thinking carefully about all of the sounds they have learnt so far in Phonics this school year. We were very impressed how confident and accurate they were at sorting pictures by their initial sounds.





In RW this week pupils have been focussing on the traditional tale, Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. Everyone had the opportunity to make their own bowls using clay which really helped them retell and write the story. Pupils were able to decide on the bowl they wanted to make a small, medium or large bowl depending on which character

they were making it for. Once the bowls have dried, the pupils will be painting them.

Pupils in 1B have been using their imagination to come up with an exciting adventure for the boy and Martian from the book, 'The Way Back Home,' to send to Oliver Jeffers as he always needs ideas for new stories.

This week Year 1 had a very exciting time visiting the Chelsea Physic Garden. Pupils had an opportunity to hunt for and then explore the plants in the beautiful garden using their observation, identification and recording skills that they have been developing in their science lessons this term. Pupils explored the conditions that different plants need to grow.

We would like to thank you all the volunteers who helped keep us safe on the trip and to Miss Sockalingam for organising this wonderful learning experience.



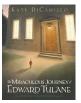


Pupils in Year 2 have been discovering 3D shapes and finding them all around them in the classroom and in the playground. They were able to name them, to explore their properties so they could group them as well as experimenting with different patterns they could make with them.

During science this week, Year 3S explored reflective clothing. Having learnt so much, they wrote a letter to Miss Bevin advising her on how she could be safer cycling on her bike at night.

This week Year 3 engaged in discussion about the topic of food waste in their geography lesson. Pupils came up with innovative ways of reducing the problem and were excited at the prospect of starting composting at school.





Year 4 have had a wonderful time exploring the book, 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane,' in English lessons. Our pupils produced fantastic, persuasive adverts for Edward and loved finding out what happened to him in the long anticipated final chapter of the story. 4B have thoroughly enjoyed their time learning with our resident artists this week. They started off learning about Kandinsky and his artistic process. After learning more about shape, line and colour they used sponges to create a background for their artwork. Once the paint had dried, pupils cut out and arranged shapes in primary colours before finally adding black lines. The final pieces are stunning.





On Wednesday year 5 and 5B visited the British Museum to investigate primary sources in connection with our History topic of Ancient Greece. Pupils learnt more about everyday life in Ancient Greece and identified aspects of life in 500BC that we still have today. The pupils particularly enjoyed the Elgin Marbles from the Parthenon and were fascinated by the intricate detail used. It was

a joy to see the focus with which the pupils gathered, analysed and recorded information from a wide range of artefacts. A superb day was had by all. We would like to thank you all the volunteers who helped keep us safe on the trip and to Miss Stevenson and Mr Gale for organising this wonderful learning experience.

Year 6 have been writing about the Yellow-Spotted Lizard from the book Holes this week. Having studied the book in detail, pupil used this knowledge as well as other non-chronological reports about other venomous reptiles to make their writing exciting for the reader. The language they used makes a fictitious animal sound truly terrifying.



COVID 19

Our COVID 19 numbers continue to rise with more staff than ever contracting the virus. I am sure you will join me in wishing everyone who has the virus a very speedy recovery.

To ensure the educational provision is not affected we continue to review our procedures in school. We ask that parents continue to wear masks in the line as you don't know who you are standing beside in the line who may be vulnerable or live with someone who is or who is infectious as this has happened this week at BWA. All parents invited onto the

school site will be expected to wear a mask.

We ask that all families continue to adhere to the following expectations.

- No-one with symptoms should come onsite. The list of symptoms linked with COVID 19
 has increased to include, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore
 throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these
 symptoms may also have another cause.
- 2. Take a test if you have symptoms. See the guidance here.

If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, schools can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

3. Close contacts should follow the advice set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time.

- 4. 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.
- 5. Wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection.



Excellent Leaners

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

Excellent Learners Ask Questions				
Georges	RB	Whole Class	3B	
Robin	1B	Chari	Y4	
Gaspard	2G	Jovany	Y6	
James	2M	Joe	6B	
Harry	3M			



Holiday dates

• End of Spring term is Friday 1st April. School will close at the following times for pupils in the English stream.

Time	1902 gate	Blue gate
12:40pm	Nursery	
12:50pm	RW	
1:00pm	Year 1	
1:15pm	Year 3	Year 2
1:40pm	Year 4 and Year 5	
1:45pm	Year 6	

At the end of this term Miss Friday will be leaving BWA as she is going to university. We are thrilled she is going to university but very sad she is leaving us. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for the future and the best of luck as she starts her studies.

Wishing you all a peaceful and very happy Mothering Sunday weekend.

Miss Henry

BWA Wish to Read

The PTA have been working closely with the school on creating a Reading Wish List for each year group but we need your support to try and achieve these wish lists for our little ones to further their reading.

Rather than asking parents to purchase these books via Amazon we are trying a more sustainable approach by partnering with Fara and online charity shops for second hand books.

<u>*How you can help....*</u>

1. If you have any of the books in the attached document for your year group or any year group that you are able to donate from home please kindly place your name on the live document under heading *Book 1 or Book 2*. The school requires two copies of each book.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bfObaWwNgosSHdTn-EUNbxg6Gdh2ALJxw3G9HnHol14/edit?usp=sharing

2. Please kindly visit our online book donation shop 🎽

https://bwabookwishlist.bigcartel.com/

You can choose the amount you would like to donate and the PTA will use this towards your chosen year group to purchase second hand books from local and online charity shops.

3. If you would prefer to purchase a book via Amazon and send directly to the school please feel free to followed by placing your name on the above excel spreadsheet so we can ensure no more than two copies are purchased of the same book.

All books donated at the last book sale have been contributed to the school.

Thank you for your support!

The PTA Team x