

6th December 2024



We have had another fantastic week at Belleville Wix Academy, where pupils have been engaged in a wide variety of exciting activities and learning experiences.

Reception pupils have been busy rehearsing for their Nativity play, bringing a joyful festive spirit to the school. Meanwhile, it has been a pleasure to hear the wonderful singing of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 during their weekly music lessons as they prepare for their performances next week.

End of Autumn Term Music Performances

- **Monday 9th December:** Year 3 and Year 4
- **Tuesday 10th December:** Year 5 and Year 6
- **Monday 16th December:** Year 1 and Year 2

Please arrive outside the school office at 2:35 pm. Performances will take place in the middle hall and run from 2:40 pm to 3:10 pm.

Maths Workshops for Parents and Carers

We hope to see many of you at the upcoming maths workshops which will be led by Karen Taylor, Q1E Trust Director of Maths. These sessions will provide valuable insights into how we teach maths at Belleville Wix Academy. You will learn about the structure of our lessons, the key concepts we cover, and how we support your child's learning. Suitable for all parents/carers with pupils in Reception to Year 6.

- **Tuesday 10th December, 2:00–3:00 pm** (in school)
- **Thursday 12th December, 5:30–6:30 pm** (via Zoom)



I would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind all families of the importance of ensuring pupils attend school right up until the end of term. While we understand that some families may have travel plans over the holidays, it is essential for pupils to be in school for the full term to take advantage of the valuable learning experiences we provide.

Missing time in school can affect a pupil's progress and disrupt their routine, so we kindly ask for your cooperation in prioritising attendance until the last day of term.

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



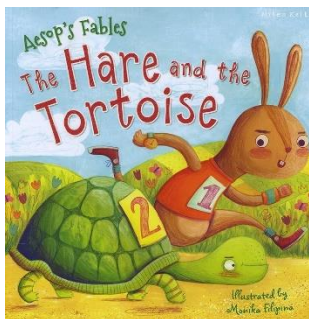
Nursery pupils had a delightful week decorating their classroom for Donald the Bear's 4th birthday. They created paper chains using fine motor skills and practiced counting and comparing the lengths of their creations. The classroom is now party-ready



Pupils in our Reception class explored the number zero in maths this week. They created number stories and made caterpillars from fruit while following a recipe that humorously excluded marshmallows—Fred said there were zero in his recipe.

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Year 1 have been exploring bravery in PSHCE, inspired by the story *Max the Brave*. Pupils reflected on their own acts of courage, illustrating and writing about their experiences. In 1B, pupils have particularly enjoyed their music lesson, showcasing their ever-improving singing skills.



Year 2 began their new English topic on Aesop's Fables, starting with *The Hare and the Tortoise*. They delved into moral lessons and crafted character descriptions. In science, they tested materials to find the best one for making teabags, concluding that cotton was the most porous and durable.

Our Year 3 pupils had an amazing Roman Day, dressing up as Roman warriors and engaging in activities such as tasting Roman foods, learning Roman numerals, crafting shields, and experiencing a Roman battle re-enactment.

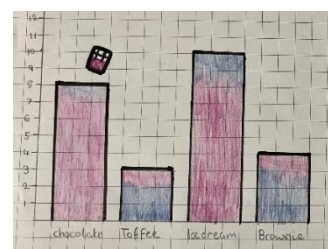


In maths, pupils in 4B focused on times tables and division facts, exploring key vocabulary such as divisors and quotients. In science,



Year 4 investigated the effects of temperature on solids in liquids, predicting and observing how heat transforms solids into liquids—a fun introduction to the science of cooking.

Year 5 have been enjoying their study into data analysis by creating surveys and converting their findings into bar charts. Pupils enjoyed discovering their peers' favourite activities and snacks through creative graph presentations.





Year 6 explored the science of light by building periscopes, which helped them understand how light travels in straight lines. This hands-on activity tested their perseverance and teamwork, with great success when their periscopes worked perfectly. I was very impressed with the periscopes that they made.



6B really enjoyed the amazing Christmas Show put on by my Kidoloisirs on Thursday for us all to enjoy. They have been practicing their own magic tricks ever since...as has many other pupils.

We are so fortunate to have so many specialist teachers. This week marked the conclusion of our football unit in PE for Key Stage 2. The pupils have wrapped up the half term by showcasing all the skills they've been practicing in exciting class games. It's been fantastic to see their progress and how their teamwork has flourished. Well done to everyone for their dedication and enthusiasm this term!



Free intensive swimming for 5-7-year-olds at Wandsworth Leisure Centres and free drop-in sports activities for children eligible for benefit-based Free School Meals during school holidays, click [here](#).

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.



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 pupil requires medication, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your pupil requires time out of school, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your pupil 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 pupil'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 pupil 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 pupils can share in the class celebration.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your pupil 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

- **Last Day of Term – Friday 20th December.**
 - Pupils in the English stream finish at 1:45pm.
 - Pupils in the bilingual stream finish at the normal time.

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry