BWA Newsletter

Quality First Education Trust

Wix's Lane, Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0AJ

13 November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday morning, we welcomed prospective families to our English Stream Open Morning, which was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many visitors walking around our school to see what happens here at BWA every Wednesday. I was particularly proud of the children, who demonstrated such positive attitudes to learning and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. A huge thank you to the parents who generously gave up their time to support the event. Having our families share their experiences of being part of our school community makes such a difference, and we really appreciate your support. Thank you.

Our next Open Morning, focused on our bilingual stream, takes place on Thursday 26th November and we would love to have parents supporting us again. If you are able to spare some time to help, please do let us know. We would also be grateful if you could spread the word to any families who may be interested in joining our school.

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the school filled with bright colours today as pupils and staff dressed up to support Children in Need which is such a worthwhile cause. It was lovely to see everyone getting involved and showing their support, whilst having a little fun along the way. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.

As we prepare for the exciting launch of our new bilingual provision in September 2027, we have an important request for families currently in the bilingual stream. We need all families to confirm their interest in the provision, regardless of which school their child is currently registered with. This information is really important in helping us plan for September 2027. Please do take a moment to read the section below, which explains what we need families to do.

I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates

Wonderdome Experience for Year 5, 5B, Reception and RB - Tuesday 17th November
Reception Nativity Play – Tuesday 15 December, 2:30pm. Further details to follow.
Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Friday 18 December

Full term dates for both streams are available on our website.

Bilingual Stream September 2027 – Expression of Interest

If your child is currently in the bilingual stream and is interested in a place in the BWA bilingual stream from September 2027, **please ensure that you complete this form as soon as possible**. Thank you to those families who have already completed this form. You do not need to take any further action.

The final date for guaranteeing your place in the BWA bilingual stream from September 2027 is **Friday 11 December.** After this point, we will be contacting families who are on our waiting lists for each class.

We will be hosting some drop-in sessions if you have any further questions before expressing your interest. These will take place in school on **Tuesday 17 November** at **2:30pm**, **Tuesday 1 December** at **7pm** and **Tuesday 8 December** at **9am**.

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1




In **Nursery,** our pupils explored Diwali by making their own Playdough Diya lamps. They had lots of fun rolling the playdough and carefully decorating their lamps with tiny gems, all while giving their finger muscles a good workout to build essential fine motor skills.

This week, pupils in our **Reception** class loved reading the story *Mouse Paint* and exploring what happens when they mix primary colours together. Pupils had lots of fun experimenting with different colour combinations and discovering all the new colours they could make. They got creative and used their new colour-mixing skills to paint their very own mice.







In **RB**, pupils learned about Diwali (linking with their Topic of Light and Dark), the Hindu Festival of Light. They explored why Diwali is celebrated and how it symbolises the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. They discussed some of the traditions associated with the festival and how families celebrate. To bring their learning to life, they used clay to make their own Diya lamps. Pupils carefully moulded and shaped the clay using their hands, creating a small dish with a spout. Once dry, they decorated their lamps with bright colours and beautiful patterns, making each one unique. The class learned that Diya lamps are traditionally lit during Diwali to symbolise light, hope and happiness.

In **Year 1**, pupils have been exploring the differences between the things adults and children need in their History lesson. Using a range of interesting objects and two different tote bags, our pupils investigated which items might belong to an adult or a child and discussed their reasons. They developed and extended their historical vocabulary by using the sentence stems, "I predict Bag 1 belongs to a child because…" and "I predict Bag 2 belongs to an adult because…" to explain their thinking and make predictions. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored the objects, shared their ideas and considered how the needs of adults and children can be different.

Year 2 have been learning about rules and why they are important. They played a fun game with no rules to explore what life might be like without them. They then gradually introduced rules and discussed how they helped to make the game fairer, safer and more enjoyable. Pupils shared some thoughtful ideas about why rules are important in our everyday lives and how they help us to live happily together.

Order your Christmas tree through BWA PTA! Choose from four sizes of beautiful, high-quality trees at excellent prices. All purchases support PTA initiatives for our children throughout the year. **Order online by midnight on Thursday 19th November,** and collect your tree on 27th or 28th November at BWA.

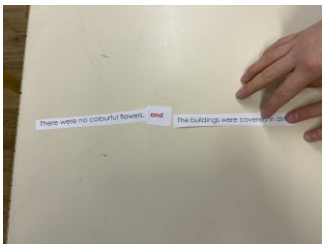
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Our Week – Key Stage 2

Pupils in our **Year 3** class began exploring their micro:bits in their Computing lesson. They were very excited to get started, using their Chromebooks to write and test their own code. We are looking forward to seeing what amazing things they can create.



3B had a fabulous week, delving into their new English text, *The Promise*. The children learnt how to correctly use the coordinating conjunction 'and' to join main clauses. Pupils then enjoyed creating their own sentences including coordinating conjunctions.

Year 4 have been exploring the fascinating world of states of matter. They put their observation skills to the test by investigating three balloons, each containing a different state of matter: a solid, a liquid or a gas. Using careful observation, scientific vocabulary and their explanation skills, our pupils worked together to identify what was inside each balloon. They enjoyed sharing their ideas, discussing their observations and using scientific reasoning to justify their answers. What fantastic little scientists.

4B have started their exciting new topic of the Anglo-Saxons in History. Pupils have been exploring artefacts from the Anglo-Saxon era, looking closely at the objects and thinking about the questions they can help us answer about life during this time. They particularly loved learning about Anglo-Saxon coins and discovering how they can tell us so much about the past, including how far people travelled. They are so excited to continue their learning, uncover more fascinating facts and discover what else the Anglo-Saxons have to teach us.






Year 5 continued their history topic on the legacy of Ancient Greece by exploring the similarities and differences between the Ancient Greek Olympic Games and the modern-day Olympics. Our pupils discovered how the Games have evolved over time, while recognising the traditions and sporting events that have continued to influence the Olympics we know today.



In Science, **Year 6** have been learning all about refraction and how light travels. The children have explored how light changes direction as it passes from one material to another, such as from air into water. Through practical investigations, they observed how objects can appear to change shape or position when viewed through water.

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Sports Leaders take to the pitch!

Our Sports Leaders Club pupils are now putting their skills into practice by taking on the exciting role of referees in our Friday lunchtime football leagues.

During club sessions, pupils have been developing their confidence and learning what it takes to be a great referee. They have focused on fairness, movement around the pitch, knowledge of the rules and clear communication.

Our first two young referees to take charge of league matches were Ryan (Year 6) and Leith (Year 4), who both did a marvellous job. Their efforts were recognised with a well-deserved round of applause from the players. Well done to them both.

There are plenty more opportunities ahead, as all our Sports Leaders will get the chance to experience this responsibility over the coming weeks. We are incredibly proud to see them developing their leadership skills and making such a positive contribution to our lunchtime football leagues.

Please ensure your child has **suitable clothing in school** for all weathers.

Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.

Our communication table should help with any queries you have.

Follow us on social: @bellevillewix

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Oree
RB	Oscar
Y1	Colm
1B	French Week
Y2	Felicity
2B	French Week
Y3	Isobel
3B	Manel
Y4	Matis
4B	Adessa
Y5	Mia
5B	French Week
Y6	Linh
6B	French Week

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Prathna
RB	Chloe
Y1	Arielle
1B	French Week
Y2	Naomi
2B	French Week
Y3	Ilyan
3B	Elyas
Y4	Stanley
4B	Maxime
Y5	Jackson
5B	French Week
Y6	Ryan
6B	French Week

Open Mornings

Thank you to everyone who supported our English Stream focus Open Morning this week.

Our open mornings for families looking for a place in the bilingual stream at will take place on **Thursday 26 November** from 9:15am.

If you know of any families looking for a school place, or if you are considering BWA for your child's sibling and would like a tour, please sign up here.

