BWA Newsletter

Quality First Education Trust

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and managed to enjoy some well-deserved rest and time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week and see them settling straight back into school life at BWA. Over the break, work on our heating distribution system continued, with the project due to be completed at the end of December.

This is always one of my favourite half terms, with so much to look forward to as we approach the festive season. We have our end of term music performances, our Nativity, the PTA Winter Fair and a disco, to name but a few events to enjoy. These events are such a lovely part of school life at BWA and give our children opportunities to perform, celebrate and make special memories together. They also bring our school community together, and I know how much the children, staff and families look forward to them.

We are also looking forward to welcoming prospective families to our upcoming Open Mornings, with our English Stream Open Morning on 11th November and our Bilingual Provision Open Morning on 26th November. If you know any families who are considering schools for their children, please do encourage them to come along. There is nothing quite like seeing a school in action, meeting the staff and pupils, and getting a feel for what makes it special. Your recommendations are incredibly valuable to us, and we would love more families to discover what Belleville Wix Academy has to offer.

With the colder weather arriving, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat and is dressed appropriately for the weather. We want the children to continue enjoying their playtimes and outdoor learning, so it is important that they are warm and comfortable outside.

It promises to be a busy but wonderful few weeks, and I am looking forward to sharing all these special moments with our children and families. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates

PTA EYFS Disco – Friday 13 November
Parent Gym Starts – Tuesday 3 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.

Open Mornings

Our open mornings for families looking for a place at Belleville Wix Academy will take place on **Wednesday 11 November (English Stream Focus) and Thursday 26 November (Bilingual Stream Focus)**, 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.

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1




In **Nursery,** the children have been enjoying plenty of hands-on learning and play. Outdoors in the mud kitchen, they were busy mixing up potions and mud pies. Inside, they got creative by stamping cardboard rolls into bubble paint to make magical witch's cauldrons and practiced their fine motor skills while mark-making and designing their own Halloween cards.

This week, **Reception** were excited to begin their new topic, Light and Dark. Their learning was focused on Bonfire Night and Diwali. Our pupils explored how light is used in different celebrations. They particularly enjoyed getting creative and making their own colourful diva lamps.

On the last day of term, **Year 1** enjoyed a fantastic Art Day with our resident artist. Pupils were taught a range of artistic skills, such as sketching, shading, hatching and cross-hatching, to create their very own teddy bear pictures. They worked hard to practise these techniques and enjoyed experimenting with different ways to add detail and texture to their artwork. Everyone had a wonderful day being creative, developing their artistic skills and taking pride in their fantastic teddy bear creations.









1B have loved hearing their new book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea.* They have been fantastic detectives, using their brilliant observation skills to work out what the tiger had been up to when he came into the classroom. Pupils have also been practising using past tense verbs to describe all the mischief he got up to.

After a very busy week before half term with a Halloween dance to Thriller and a trip to St Paul's Cathedral, this week in **Year 2**, the children have been busy learning and practicing their 2-, 5- and 10-times tables. They have been developing their multiplication skills through fun activities, counting in multiples and exploring patterns within the times tables. They have been working hard to recognise how multiplication links to repeated addition and equal groups. There has been lots of enthusiasm as the children have challenged themselves and tested their knowledge.

What an exciting week it has been in **2B** after the half term break**.** Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the launch of their new English text, *The Proudest Blue*, and have been busy exploring the story and its characters. One of the highlights of the week was the exciting launch of their new History topic, The Great Fire of London, where the children had the opportunity to experience a real fire. Afterwards, the pupils stepped into the role of historians, coming up with some fantastic, thoughtful and creative questions that they will investigate throughout the topic.

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Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to Autumn 2. In English, they have begun reading their new book, *Into the Forest,* immersing themselves in its gloomy atmosphere and meeting some familiar fairy-tale characters along the way. Maths has certainly been challenging, but our pupils have risen to the challenge and embraced learning their 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. Their highlight so far has been Science, where they had lots of fun using toys to investigate the different forces acting upon them.

Year 4 launched into an exciting new Science topic: Solids, Liquids and Gases. To launch their learning, they got hands-on and made their very own ice cream using milk. Our pupils had great fun watching and exploring how a liquid could change into a solid through the process of freezing. It was a delicious way to begin investigating the different states of matter. They can't wait to discover more.

Year 5 have enjoyed getting back into the swing of learning after a well-deserved break. In Religious Education and Worldviews (REW), pupils have begun exploring the concept of stereotypes and how they can influence the way we perceive others. They discussed the importance of challenging assumptions, recognising individual differences and understanding that we should never judge someone based on preconceived ideas. It was a thought-provoking start to the term, encouraging pupils to celebrate individuality and approach others with kindness, respect and an open mind.

5B have had a fabulous first week back. A particular highlight has been their new unit in English, the BFI film 'Brew-Tali-Tea'. For the launch lesson, the class watched a clip from the film and used the expressions from the tea bags to explore the use of metaphors, emotive language and powerful past tense verbs.







Year 6 will be writing a museum caption in English. The pupils enjoyed looking at images from the Blitz and matching the correct caption to the image during their launch lesson.

In Science, **6B** explored reflection and worked out how to read secret messages behind them using the magic of mirrors! In English, they have produced some absolutely incredible examples of personification based on *The Selfish Giant* and have been developing their vocabulary to describe themes of isolation, redemption and transformation. Before half term, 6B went on a trip for geography where they spent the morning doing map skills and orienteering on Hampstead Heath.

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Sport Update

Pupil Journalist Match Report

Last term a few of the Year 5 & 6 girls and I, took part in the Trinity Cup Football tournament in Trinity Fields, Wimbledon.

In the group stages we lost ... but then we won 4 -0 in our next game which was awesome. In the knockouts we beat another school, which meant we got through to the Quarter Finals!

We were doing fantastically but had a close loss 0-1 in the next match. We took a joint 5th place out of 14 schools which we are really proud of, and all came home with a medal. A personal highlight for me was that I got player of the day :) It was a brilliant day all round!

Vivien, Year 6



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.

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Sofia
RB	French Week
Y1	Darcie
1B	Norah
Y2	Jamie
2B	Emile
Y3	Khai
3B	French Week
Y4	Francis
4B	French Week
Y5	Mohamed
5B	Philippa
Y6	Harrison
6B	Kian

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Krue
RB	French Week
Y1	Olympia
1B	Elias
Y2	Florence
2B	Kiara
Y3	Kadijah
3B	French Week
Y4	Samuel
4B	French Week
Y5	Betty
5B	Henri
Y6	Jada
6B	Ora

Wellbeing Webinars

The Education Wellbeing Service offers free parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up for their webinars here: **Early Years**, **Primary.**

Their next sessions are on **understanding and supporting your child's sleep** on Tuesday 10 November at **12.30pm** and **7pm**. Sign up online.

