



BWA Newsletter

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Newsletter for the week ending 2nd February 2024



At Belleville Wix Academy, our aim is to celebrate diversity and promote equality. Accordingly, we provide a curriculum which embraces humankind in all its rich diversity, both across the world and within our local community. As such, pupils learn about, and are inspired by, the successes of people from all backgrounds, cultures, genders, sexualities, religions and ethnicities. Alongside, and complementing our academic curriculum, we use such learning to exemplify our School's CARE values. For example, where individuals have shown perseverance and courage to positively influence and contribute to worldviews. Further, we use such learning to challenge stereotypes and assumptions and broaden our pupils' thinking, understanding, kindness and tolerance.

February is LGBT+ History Month in the UK; an event that has been celebrated nationwide for almost twenty years. We have sent out a letter to all families about how we will be celebrating LGBT+ History Month at BWA this year.

On the 20th of February, Battersea Library will host a local writer, Sarah Hagger-Holt, author of *Nothing Ever Happens Here*, *Proud of Me*, and the *Hideaway Hotel* series. More information about Sarah can be find [here](#).

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RELEVANCE

- recognition of the richness in diversity and inclusion
- tailored to reflect local, national and global perspectives
- clear progression in knowledge, skills, content, language, processes and concepts

Every week pupils at BWA are taught by a range of specialist teachers as well as their class teacher. Bringing in the experts to teach our pupils secures the best provision for them. We have had another enjoyable week learning together.

In Gymnastics PE sessions this week, the children have been trying out some new more challenging balances. Year 3 pupils made excellent progress with their headstands this week.



During their dance lessons, pupils in Year 1 have been learning how to dance in a Locking style. They have been confidently learning different positions and moves, culminating in a funky routine.

Alongside the physical learning, pupils have been talking about the history of the dance and how it was first created in the 70's by Don Campbell on a show called "Soul Train", with a move called "the funky chicken".

This week, Year 6 had a phenomenal time learning with our Resident Artists, focused on the artwork by the wonderful Vincent Van Gogh. Pupils practised using loose brush strokes inspired by his paintings and then created their own versions of 'The Starry Night', using the mediums of ink and acrylic paint.



'Ello 'ello 'ello, what's happening here? Nursery's Phonics bear, Tom has gone missing! Luckily, this week, pupils in Nursery have been learning about the important work that a Police Officer does and they were ready to investigate Tom's disappearance. Pupils have been studying the evidence and coming up with theories; their best one yet is that Burglar Bill and Burglar Betty might have something to do with it. The investigation continues....!

Pupils in RB have been designing houses to save the pigs from the big bad wolf. Their designs included a bucket of slime, CCTV and rope ladder. In the afternoon, a team of pupils worked together to build a house, with all the resources they could find. Pupils used the wolf glove puppet to huff and puff, but it did not fall down – it was a very strong structure which kept the pigs safe.



In RW, pupils are continuing to dig deep in to their Dinosaur topic. This week they have been learning about fossils. Pupils have loved being archaeologists and discovered fossils in the dinosaur area, using paintbrushes to clean the sand off the rock very carefully.

Pupils have also been pressing a mix of materials onto clay to make their own fossils. They enjoyed discovering the different results and fossil-like patterns that these explorations could make – as you can tell from this lovely photograph.

In Year 1 this week, pupils have started looking at numbers to 40 and exploring the most effective ways of counting to numbers. Pupils worked together to find multiple strategies for counting before deciding which was the most effective. They practiced counting by making tens and began to explore the concept of place value in terms of tens and ones.



Year 2 were super scientists last week as they explored how germs spread and what we can do to stop them! Using a model of how a virus would spread on our hands and fingers (with ground coffee and water), pupils observed how liquid soap on their finger helped repel the 'virus'. We then discussed the importance of good hand hygiene and how to wash them properly.

Year 3 have been writing and researching instructions to make a mummy this week. In order to make sure their instructions were clear to the reader, pupils included imperative verbs and commands.



Year 4's highlight of the week was during their Humanities lesson when they investigated the causes of climate change and researched how we can clean up our world. Using photos, fact files, news reports and online research, each group worked tirelessly to create fantastic posters to highlight the changes we should make.



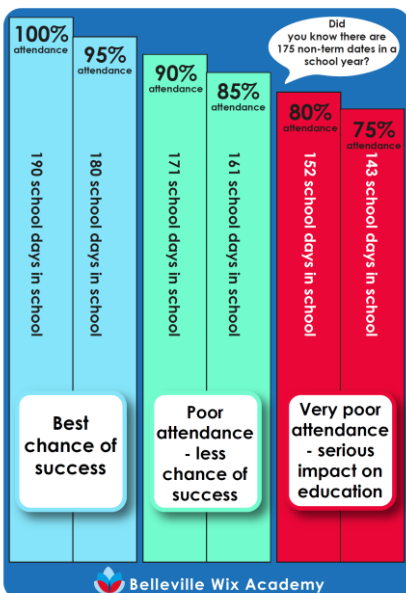
During their Geography lessons this week, pupils in Year 5, pupils have been learning about biomes. They have been using Chromebooks to research information and interesting facts about one of the six main biome. They will be sharing their findings with their peers next week.

Pupils in 6B have been stretching their mathematical muscles this week, multiplying and dividing decimals. They used the expanded and contracted column and long division methods and calculating answers to the nearest 1, 2 and 3 decimal places. Pupils enjoyed challenging themselves with consolidation and deepening tasks, being sure to layout the method clearly.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Ask Questions			
Miranda	RW	Basil	3B
Charles	RB	Anna	Y4
Samuel	Y1	Huda	5LT
Cornelius	Y2	Mila	5S
Antonin	2B	Adam	Y6
Ryan	Y3	Oscar E.	6B



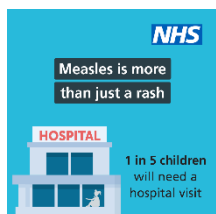
Attendance

Attending school every day is very important. Pupils should be in school every day. If a pupils has attendance of 90% and below they are a Persistent Absentee.

Our attendance is affected by families taking extended holidays in term time. Holidays should be taken out of term time only. Medical appointments should also be made out of school hours.

We know that pupils get sick and will need to rest to recuperate. 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.

Information on Measles / MMR vaccination – message from the NHS



Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR](#)

[Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.



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.



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site. There are pupils onsite with allergies and we must all do our best to keep these pupils safe at all times when onsite.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child 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.



Is your child a budding Banksy?

At Belleville Wix, we are so proud of the beautiful art produced during our resident artist visits. We would like to showcase our talented pupils even more and have found an exciting opportunity!

You may be aware that each year the Royal Academy of Art holds a Summer Exhibition and alongside they also hold a Young Artists Summer Show. <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> Submissions are currently open and we invite you to send in submissions of art that your child has produced.

Registration and submission is open until March 27th 2024. Good luck!



Dates to Remember

Spring Half Term – Monday 12th February

English Stream Parent Teacher Meetings – week beginning 5th February

Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop – Tuesday 27th February 6.30pm or Thursday 29th February 12.30pm

Anti-Bullying Session for Parents and Carers – Wednesday 21st February 9am at BWA or 1.30pm online

End of Spring Term

- **English Stream** - Thursday 28th March at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** - Thursday 28th March at 3:15pm

Please see the PTA events coming up on the next page.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry



Upcoming PTA Events

Thu, 8 Feb 2024	Valentine's Day bake sale	At pick-up (from 3.15 to 4pm)	Let's share the love!! Bakers can drop off their masterpieces at the PTA stand at drop-off in the morning (between 8.15 and 9 am) and all the lovely cakes and treats will be available for sale at pick up time
Fri, 1 Mar 2024	Y5/Y6/CM1/CM2 Disco	5pm-6.15pm	Fourth and final disco! Tickets will be available to purchase in February
W/c 4 March 2024	Mother's Day special sale	tbc	Special sale to celebrate all the amazing mums! Exact date that week and further details tbc shortly
Fri, 15 Mar 2024	Comic Relief's Red Nose Day	At drop-off	Children are invited to wear red coloured clothes on the day, in exchange for a donation to support the charity's fantastic work. Donations will be collected at drop off and all funds will be donated to Comic Relief
Mon, 25 Mar 2024	Easter bake sale	At pick-up (from 3.15 to 4pm)	Let's celebrate the last week of Spring term with festive treats! Bakers can drop off their creations at the PTA stand in the morning (between 8.15 and 9 am) and these tasty treats will be available for sale at pick up time



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellevillewix/>

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