

## [Newsletter for the week ending 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024](#)



### Parent Power – Thank you

Last Saturday, we were incredibly fortunate to have so many parents volunteer to help improve our outdoor learning environment. You will have seen the many outside walls refreshed with green and white paint, the quiet area wood freshly stained, and the play sheds varnished.

Many of the new planters beside our stages in the big playground have been filled with soil and stunning plants, kindly donated by Rob Van Helden and Simon Crane.



We are keen to hold another event soon, so if you missed the opportunity and would love to get involved, please do contact our awesome PTA.

Sincere thanks again to all the parents for so generously giving their time on a Saturday morning, to Emma and Jamie who fed us very well, and to Myles and Simon who meticulously planned the tasks for everyone.

Thank you all for your incredible support!  
Have a look at the event on our website here:

<https://bwapta.co.uk/june-2024-pta-playground-diy/> and on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/C8I-b4jsHq1/>

If you haven't had a look already, I would encourage you to visit our new PTA section on our school website. <https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/our-school/pta-home>.



### Art exhibition

Last night, we held our annual Art Exhibition. And what a magnificent event this was on a wonderful balmy evening. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for framing the stunning artwork every pupil produced with the expert support of Miss Hatcher, class teachers and Lavender Leonardo's. If you missed the opportunity to buy your child's art, more details will be coming out on how to do this. These events raise funds for us to provide additional resources that enhance the pupils' learning, like Now Press Play.

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## ENGAGEMENT

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

Here are some of the highlights of our great week together.



During Clean Air Day last week, Nursery learned that dirty air can make us ill and that trees help to clean it. This week, pupils designed some clean air super heroes who can either clean the air themselves using a whole range of powers, from capturing smoke in their Rapunzel-like hair to propeller arms that blow it away. Lots of the heroes also use their powers to look after the trees too. Such great ideas from our real life, little super heroes in Nursery.

This week, pupils in RW have been busy making posters to encourage everyone to save our planet. They have been sharing creative ways to be eco superheroes. Here, you can see how pupils used mixed media to create their own versions of Planet Earth.



In addition to their eco-friendly projects, our RW pupils are gearing up for their first Sports Day. They have been learning about the Olympics and discussing what they are most excited about participating in during Sports Day. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and creativity

Year 1 have been building upon their understanding of traditional tales this week by learning about princesses, dragons and mice who challenge stereotypes of fairy tale characters. Their story language has been fantastic and the creativity they have used to plan some innovative takes on the stories we have read is amazing.

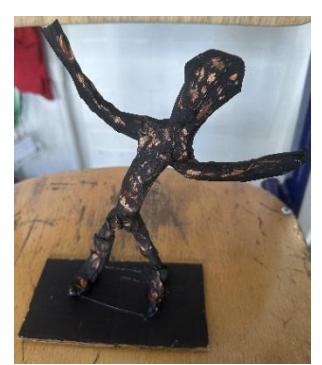


This week, pupils in 1B have worked really hard on planning and writing their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have thought carefully about ambitious vocabulary they can use to make their writing interesting and are looking forward to publishing their very exciting stories.

This week, Year 2 pupils delved deeper into their Science topic by comparing the life cycles of different amphibians. They researched and identified similarities and differences between the stages of life of frogs, toads, and newts.



Our pupils are now experts and can articulate how these fascinating creatures evolve through their unique life cycles.



Year 3 had the most wonderful time learning with our Residential Artists this week. Pupils learnt about the famous Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti and researched some of his pieces of work. After learning more about him, pupils also found out some facts about Switzerland too. Maybe a school trip in the making?

After completing their research, they were ready to create their very own Giacometti inspired pieces of art. They loved every minute of it and created some fantastic pieces, as I am sure you agree from these photos.

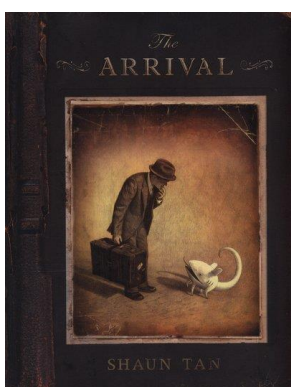


4B have been learning all about Sir Ernest Shackleton and his epic journey to become the first to cross the continent of Antarctica. Shackleton raised funds, purchased the Endurance for a great deal and hired a crew of 27 men, including: able seamen, scientists, photographers, geologists as well as 69 dogs. This week, we have been reflecting on what it might have been like to be selected to be part of this dangerous expedition in the hope of achieving something no-one had before.

Pupils in our Year 4 class explored how much change there was to England during King Henry's reign. After watching videos and discussing the reformation, they created a timeline of all the major events during the monarch's time on the throne. At the end, pupils added post it notes to the events which they felt had the biggest effect on the country.



Our year 5 pupils have loved learning more about 'volume' this week in Maths. They created structures with cubes to problem solve and help them through their work. Pupils are now starting to think of real life problems they could solve with their new knowledge.



Whilst in 5B, pupils have used their fantastic knowledge of measuring in centimetres and meters to further extend their measuring and conversion skills using metric and imperial units. The class have considered when they see each measuring system being used, what is beneficial about each system and how this will help them in their real life.

Year 6 pupils have continued reading Shaun Tan's book, 'The Arrival', in their English lessons. Pupils have inferred information from the illustrations and have pieced together the first three chapters, writing their own narratives from one of the flashbacks. The class are excited to read on and discover the fates of the protagonists of the story.

### Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Can learn by themselves			
Edward	RW	Sebastian V	4B
Aida	Y1	David	5LT
Faustine	1B	Leanora	5M
Alice	Y2	Thais	5B
Jada	Y3	Ibrahima	Y6
Georgia	Y4		

### 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 and sunscreen. Getting outside is very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



### **Dates to Remember**

#### **End of Summer term**

- **English Stream** – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 3:15pm

#### **Sports Days – more details to follow**

- **Reception & Year 1** – 3<sup>rd</sup> July am
- **Year 2 & Year 3** – 3<sup>rd</sup> July pm
- **Year 4, 5 & 6** – 2<sup>nd</sup> July am

### **English Stream Parent Teacher Consultations**

More information on how to book will be sent out soon.

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

**Miss Henry**