



BWA Newsletter

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

30th September 2022



Sincere thanks again for your support and generosity last Friday of our foodbank drive. When our wonderful PTA delivered the food collected in the morning at school, the total weight donated by our school community was 551.4kg. This will really make a difference to so many local families. Thank you.

These week we held two Parent Workshops focused on Phonics, which were a great success. Sincere thanks to all the parents who attended the workshops and we do hope that you feel more knowledge about how we teach Phonics and how you can help your child at home. Remember we are here to work in partnership so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask for help or clarity. The Maths Workshops had to be cancelled at the very last minuet due to staff absence – COVID19 is on rise! We are very sorry about this and thank you for your understanding. As soon as a new date has been agreed, we will share this with you all.



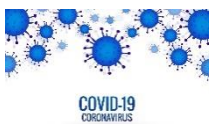
This week our peripatetic music lessons started up again, which is fantastic. These lessons have once again been extraordinarily popular. I am very passionate about pupils having the opportunity to learn to play a variety of instruments so they can decide if it is something they want to pursue as they get older.

During this term we invite parents and carers to meet with their child's class teacher so they can talk through how well their child has settled, the aspirations for the year ahead and how we can work together effectively to support the pupil flourish. For parents and carers with children in the English stream, these will be held in person on the dates set out below, in the evening. We do hope you can save the date to attend. Information about how to book an appointment will be sent out in the next few weeks. Dates and arrangements for the Bilingual Stream will be released shortly.



After these meetings we will seek feedback on your experience so that we can make an informed decision about having these meetings in person or virtually in the future.

- **Tuesday 18th October** - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
- **Thursday 20th October** - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – 6



COVID19

The number of virus's circulation is increasing. Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to minimise the risk of COVID19 spreading within our school community. Please referer to our BWA Family Guide setting out the procedures in place at BWA to ensure our school community keeps well and our education provision is disrupted as little as possible.



Developing a love of PE and being active is an important life skill. We are very fortunate to have specialist teachers for Games, Dance and Gymnastics at BWA. Our Nursery pupils were very busy in their P.E. lesson this week job practising their balancing skills. Here you can see an example of how well they.

Our pupils in RW have been exploring what it means to be a good friend. They listened to lots of stories based around friendship before making their friends certificates and friendship bracelets. Everyone has shown little acts of kindness throughout the day.

This week the pupils in RB have been making portraits by looking closely at their features. They have enjoyed building up their pictures from initial sketches and layering the paint and mixing colours. I know these portraits will be very special to their families.

Pupils in Year 1 have been learning all about our local area. To bring their learning to life they went for a walk and started to learn how to identify human and physical features. They were great at spotting geographical features made by humans.

In English this week, our Year 2 pupils got into the spirit of September 1666 as part of our learning on The Great Fire of London. They read extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary and created 'freeze frames' to sequence the events in the order they happened, before writing fantastic diary entries. Here you can see a very worried Samuel Pepys looking out onto the burning city.



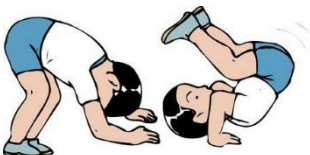
Pupils in 3B have been super scientists, learning about the rock cycle. They have learnt about the three different types of rocks and even had a chance to simulate the rock cycle using chewy sweets. Using heat and pressure from their hands, they were able to create sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks.



Year 3 pupils had a great day with our resident artists, learning about botanical illustration through the work of artist Maria Sibylla Merian. In keeping with an autumnal theme, pupils explored the form of horse chestnuts and crunchy leaves and drew them from different viewpoints. They finished off their pieces by creating a frame that mimicked the shapes they had discovered when exploring the plants. It was amazing to see their creativity shine through and they were rightly very proud of their final creations.



This week in Science, Year 4 created a model to represent the role of the stomach in digestion. Pupils used orange juice, digestive biscuits and plastic bags to illustrate the chemical reaction that takes place inside the body to break food down.

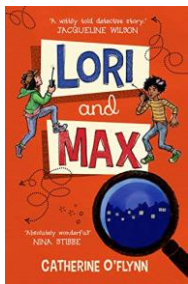
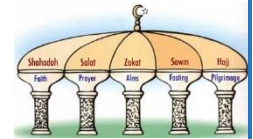


Pupils in 4A really enjoyed another fantastic Gymnastics lesson, working on a number of different skills such as rolling and landing. It is a joy to see the smiles on our pupil's faces as they master a new technique.

Pupils in 4B have been exploring expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases. They are now incorporating this detailed descriptive writing style into their recounts for Leon and the Place Between.

Year 5 have been learning about 'The Five Pillars of Islam'. Pupils discussed the meaning and values behind 'The Five Pillars', spending time reflecting on how they guide Muslims to live their daily lives.

The Five Pillars of Islam



At BWA we love reading and hope that pupils will develop a love of reading during their time here. Pupils in our Year 6 class have been writing to Mr Wilson (the headteacher in Lori and Max) to persuade him to reconsider Max's suspension. They have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the theories of who stole the charity fund and when we found out, the classroom was filled with gasps and shouts of shock. Everyone has been captured by the story being told.

6B have also continued to be engrossed by Lori and Max in English and made an evidence wall to try and help them solve the mystery in the book.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to our Excellent Learners that were celebrated at our assemblies this week.

| Excellent Learners Like a challenge | | | |
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| Thomas | RW | Charlotte | 3S |
| Eliott | RB | Benjamin | 4A |
| Willow | Y1 | Riccardo | 4W |
| Lucia | Y2 | Louis | 4B |
| Elanora | 3B | Ibrahima | Y5 |
| Eliott | 3M | Eva | Y6 |
| | | Hugo | 6B |



This week we launched our Instagram account. We hope to showcase more of the amazing learning experiences pupils at BWA have every day. We would love you to follow us.

[Belleville Wix Academy \(@bellevillewix\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)



School Streets – we need your help!

Our School Street status has resulted in everyone enjoying a peaceful start and end of the school day because the traffic is reduced outside our school. We do rely on your support to reduce the traffic and kindly ask that everyone helps by volunteering once or twice this term. You can sign up through this link for one or two 20 minute volunteering sessions this term. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w8pijP6BTuyqxL-djxbZ_Ab60WI_9xWUyTX9NIQZD4c/edit

If you are interested in planning a more active school run, please find some [info here](#).

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of September already. Didn't the summer go quickly!

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry