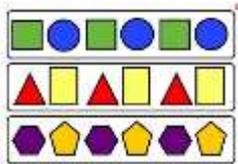


Belleville Wix Academy

11th March Newsletter

Another fabulous week of learning together at BWA comes to an end. Here are some of the many highlights of our week together.



Pupils in our Nursery have been thinking about repeating patterns this week. Everyone loved making their own repeating pattern caterpillars.

RW have been exploring and creating patterns as well - colour patterns, shape patterns, size patterns and orientation patterns, using lots of different objects such as twigs, leaves, cubes and counting bears. Everyone made potato prints to create our own shape patterns by carving out the shape, dipping them in paint before printing them onto the paper.



This week Year 1 pupils have been exploring plants as part of their science topic. They observed all the parts of a plant, naming and labelling roots, the stem, leaves and flowers. Each pair of children had a primrose to explore and are going to look after their plant for the rest of the half term. Year 1 were careful to handle their primroses gently and thought about what their plants would need to thrive.

Pupils in 1B also enjoyed making careful observations in their science lessons about 'Plants'. They looked closely at the different parts of a plant, watched time lapse videos of how a plant grows and discussed what essential elements are needed by a plant to grow. In the following weeks, they will be observing and recording how the seed they planted grows into a plant.

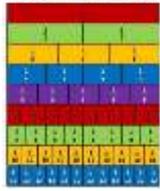


This week pupils in Year 2 started exploring haikus in English. They really enjoyed the challenge set to create a haiku about Spring, following the 5-7-5 syllables structure. Pupils were given the opportunity to recite their haiku to the rest of their peers in the class.

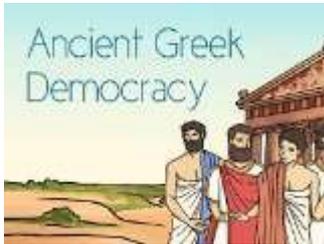
As part of their science topic about light, Year 3 discussed how and why the sun damages our eyes. They explored which materials would be best for sunglasses and then enjoyed designing their own pair.



Fraction Wall



Pupils in 4B have been using a Fraction Wall to find equivalent fractions. Always a tricky concept and one that needs concentration.



This week in History, Year 5 have been learning about democracy during the Ancient Greek period and how this compares to our government today. Pupils enjoyed staging their own debate in the style of an Ancient Greek government. They were particularly amazed that the Ancient Greeks would vote to banish someone from the city.

This week, pupils in 5B have been writing an extra chapter that could feature in our class text, "The Adventures of Odysseus", based on Homer's "The Odyssey". Not only was the sophistication of the language that the pupils generated highly impressive, the passion and skill with which they wrote this week was also very good.



Year 6 have been working hard on their new English unit, Holes. They have been focussing on the character of Stanley Yelnats by thinking about what impression the description Louis Sachar wrote tells us about him. This will help pupil's magpie ideas to improve their own writing.



Year 3 & 4 Rugby Mega Fest

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 recently took part in a rugby festival hosted by Wandsworth School Games and London Broncos Rugby League Team at Rosslyn Park Rugby Club. Fantastic players and coaches from London Broncos led fun rugby activities to help the pupils develop new skills as well as their understanding of the rules and tactics related to the sport. They also had the chance to learn the importance of

the core values associated with rugby, including teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. All our pupils took on this opportunity with a fantastic attitude and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was a great chance for them to develop their recent rugby-based learning in PE and we hope that it will inspire them and others to take up the sport in the future.





Year 5 & 6 Mixed Netball Tournaments

The newly formed BWA netball teams competed in the Year 5 and 6 Wandsworth Mixed Netball Tournaments at Burntwood Academy alongside many other local schools.

Many of our players only took up netball this year at the increasingly popular school netball club. Our pupils were eager to impress against a field of strong competition and the teams were faced with a high standard of

competition throughout the morning group stages. Although the morning results did not go our way, the pupils persevered throughout the day to come away with a draw and a win in the afternoon matches.



Everyone played with a great attitude and gave every game their best effort. As such, we were nominated by other schools on both days of the tournament for showing great values of teamwork, resilience and respect. In addition, they all demonstrated great potential in playing netball in the future and we hope this event has inspired them to take up the sport further.



Child Illness

I thought this link may be helpful if you haven't seen it already. I hope it helps you make informed decisions about when your child can/should attend school if they are ill.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



COVID 19

We have four staff and 10 pupils with COVID 19 at BWA. Numbers are rising and I ask that we all work together to continue to reduce the risks we can to prevent the virus spreading further within our community.

We ask that all families continue to adhere to the following expectations.

1. No-one with symptoms should come onsite. The list of symptoms linked with COVID 19 has increased to include, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause.
2. Take a test if you have symptoms. See the guidance [here](#).
If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, schools can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.
3. Close contacts should follow the advice set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time.
4. Pupils who test positive for COVID return after two days of negative lateral flow tests as set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time.

5. Wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to our Excellent Learners that were celebrated at our assembly on Monday.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Don't give up			
Alam	RW	Alfie	2G
Cesar	RB	Ollie-Ray	3S
Reggie	Y1	Ylva	3M
Elise	1B	Maeson	Y4
Sebastien	2B	Arianne	Y5
Azael	2M	Alexandra	Y6
Soline	6B		



Holiday dates

- End of Spring term is Friday 1st April. School will close at the following times for pupils in the English stream.

Time	1902 gate	Blue gate
12:40pm	Nursery	
12:50pm	RW	
1:00pm	Year 1	
1:15pm	Year 3	Year 2
1:40pm	Year 4 and Year 5	
1:45pm	Year 6	

Wishing you all a relaxing and very happy weekend.

Miss Henry



BWA Wish to Read

The PTA have been working closely with the school on creating a Reading Wish List for each year group but we need your support to try and achieve these wish lists for our little ones to further their reading.

Rather than asking parents to purchase these books via Amazon we are trying a more sustainable approach by partnering with Fara and online charity shops for second hand books.

How you can help....

1. If you have any of the books in the attached document for your year group or any year group that you are able to donate from home please kindly place your name on the live document under heading *Book 1 or Book 2*. The school requires two copies of each book.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bfObaWwNgosSHdTn-EUNbxq6Gdh2ALJxw3G9HnHol14/edit?usp=sharing>

2. Please kindly visit our online book donation shop 📖

<https://bwabookwishlist.bigcartel.com/>

You can choose the amount you would like to donate and the PTA will use this towards your chosen year group to purchase second hand books from local and online charity shops.

3. If you would prefer to purchase a book via Amazon and send directly to the school please feel free to followed by placing your name on the above excel spreadsheet so we can ensure no more than two copies are purchased of the same book.

All books donated at the last book sale have been contributed to the school.

Thank you for your support!

The PTA Team x