



# Belleville Wix Academy

## 14<sup>th</sup> January Newsletter



The first five day week back at school in 2022 has been super. We have shown a number of prospective parents around the school as the deadline for Reception entry in 2022 is tomorrow. Thank you again for speaking so highly about BWA to your friends. If current parents would like to see the school in action, we would love to show you around. Please do contact me through the admin email so we can arrange a morning tour.



On their return to school pupils in Nursery have really enjoyed their role play area being medical professionals and patients. If anyone hasn't had a booster and would like one then nursery is where you need to go!



This week RW have been designing and creating junk model dinosaurs and had great fun doing this. They drew a picture of their model to help them make a list of materials needed to create the dinosaur. Having constructed the junk model dinosaurs the next step is to paint them next week before putting them into the dinosaur den.

Pupils in RB this week, have been learning about the traditional tale of the Gingerbread Man. After wondering if he could have swum across the river to save himself they did an experiment to see if a Gingerbread man could swim. Unfortunately, he sank and then crumbled to bits but it was a great learning experience. Next, they decided to help him by making a boat and have been busy choosing materials they think would make a good boat. One of the big treats is decorating a gingerbread cookie and taking it home to enjoy over the weekend. I wonder if he will be saved?



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Pupils in Year 1 had the fantastic opportunity of visiting Holy Trinity Church on Monday as part of their new topic of 'Christianity' in RE. After a short walk to the church, pupils had a look around to identify the features of a Christian place of worship such as the pews, font and altar. There was a presentation all about the church, its history and everyone learnt new vocabulary that they can use in their work back at school. Thank you to the parents who made this trip possible by joining



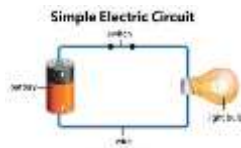
This week in English, Year 2 have started to read The Twits. They wrote some very entertaining character descriptions about the gruesome pair and are creating their own tricks that the characters will perform. So far, these have included putting slime into shampoo bottles and making a burger out of dog food...sounds like year 2 have a very good understanding of the characters they are reading about.

2B have had a fantastic week of learning with Miss Bevin. They started a new topic in History - Significant People. This week they have really enjoyed learning about Joseph Bazalegette and Mae Jemison. Pupils wrote a fantastic information text all about Mae and her extraordinary life.



In science this week, year 3 have been exploring what different rocks look like. Using the visualizer they observed different types of rocks and classified them according to their physical properties. They also made predictions about where in the world you might find them. I was certainly impressed by their knowledge.

This week pupils in 3B have been excited to start their new science topic about plants. They have planted some basil and made predictions about how tall it will grow to. Now I know where to go if I need some basil.



Year 4 have had fun investigating and making their own electrical circuits. They built circuits using a bulb, motor and buzzer which helped the pupils understanding how electrical items work.

Year 5 took part in an exciting geography workshop to launch their new unit on Biomes. Pupils learnt all about lines of longitude and latitude, climates and time zones. They enjoyed a range of fun games and finished off by presenting their learning to the rest of the class.

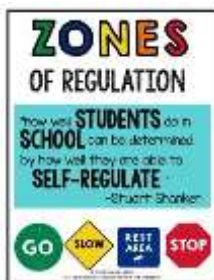


6B have been studying the opening scene of Macbeth in their English lessons this week. Pupils are writing their own descriptions of the witches on the heath and we are looking forward to reading their final pieces.



### **Maths Workshops**

On Tuesday we were thrilled that nearly 100 families attended the maths workshops this week. We plan to hold further workshops to go through the four main operations in more detail and more specific to the year group your child is in. We will share dates and times later in the term. As I said at the workshops, please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any help with supporting your child at home with maths. A 10 minute meeting to share how we teach a concept or to model what you could do at home would have a significant impact on your child's progress.



### **Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

"WE ALL ENCOUNTER TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT TEST OUR LIMITS FROM TIME TO TIME. IF WE ARE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE WHEN WE ARE BECOMING LESS REGULATED, WE ARE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT TO MANAGE OUR FEELINGS AND GET OURSELVES TO A HEALTHY PLACE. THIS IS THE GOAL OF THE ZONES OF REGULATION."  
- LEAH KUYPERS, CREATOR OF THE ZONES OF REGULATION

To support pupils recognise, name and manage their feelings as well as the accompanying behaviours, we introduced a technique called, '[Zones of Regulation](#).' As we all work together to support pupils, we believe you may find it both interesting and helpful to hear more about Zones of Regulation. A letter has been sent out inviting you to this parent workshop on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 1pm or 7pm**. We hope you can join us for this very interesting session.



### **Parent Teacher Meetings for English Stream - week beg 24th Jan**

This term we will hold our English stream parent teacher meetings earlier so we can share the progress and attainment your child made by the end of the autumn term, discuss the school and home support that we feel would make a difference to your child and share their attitudes to learning that we see in school.

Bilingual stream families will receive a written report at the end of this half term. However, if you ever want to speak with a teacher about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to do all we can to help and work in partnership with you.



### **After School Clubs**

We were delighted that our so many more after school clubs started this week. There are some spaces in a number of clubs if you missed the first opportunity and would like to sign your child up to attend. A letter was sent out to you this week with the details but please do contact the school office team if you would like any help with this.



### **COVID 19**

We have had 15 pupils test positive for COVID19 this week and identified transmission in year 5 who have been put into the 'amber' category. I sent a letter out to you all explaining this during the week. We also have a member of staff who has tested positive.

As we continue our best efforts to reduce the risk of the virus spreading in our school, and local community, so that we minimise the disruption to learning for all pupils, please may I ask you to adhere to the following expectations.

1. Families continue to do regular lateral flow tests at home to pick up asymptomatic cases.
2. Close contacts should do daily lateral flow tests as set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time.
3. 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.
4. Wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection.
5. No-one with symptoms should come onsite.



### **Excellent Learners**

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

<b><u>Excellent Learners</u></b>			
<b>Don't give up</b>			
Freddie	RW	Leanora	3M
Lorraine	Y1	Nina	3S
Romeo	1B	Chari	4
Alice	2G	Camille	4B
Charlotte	2M	Selena	Y5
Maximilian	2B	Naja	5B
		Roy	Y6



### **Holiday dates**

- Half term starts on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- End of Spring term is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**Miss Henry**