



Belleville Wix Academy

15th October Newsletter



What a super morning at BWA today. Thank you so much for your generosity again this morning towards our support of the local foodbanks. I would also like to acknowledge the time and effort our PTA has put into organising the event.



BWA Poetry Slam

Last week, pupils in Year 1 - 6 celebrated National Poetry Day by having a cross Key Stage Poetry Slam. All classes zoomed into their fellow classes within their key stage to take part in a performance of the class poems they have learnt. To see the enthusiasm and synchronicity of the performances was an absolute joy. Well done to every pupil for putting in so much effort that resulted in a fantastic performance to celebrate our love of poetry at BWA.

It has been another amazing week learning together at BWA especially on trips around the local area and learning about London. Here are some of our highlights.



Nursery have been very busy this week recognising their names and practising to write them. They have also been practising their cutting skills to make Autumn crowns.



RW we went on a fantastic trip around our local area to look at the houses. We stopped occasionally and drew the different houses we could see on our clipboards and used these to create our own junk model houses at school.



This week Year 1 have been continuing to look at the local area, and came up with some wonderful ways to improve Clapham Common such as adding more trees and a larger play area for them to have fun. They also wanted to add benches so that they could relax after playing too.

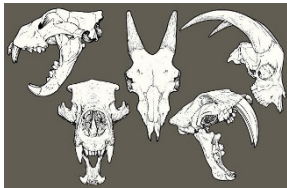


Year 2B were introduced to their new history topic for Autumn 2 through a magnificent display of the Great Fire of London right here in the BWA playground. See the amazing photographs below. 2B can't wait to find out more about the Great Fire next term!



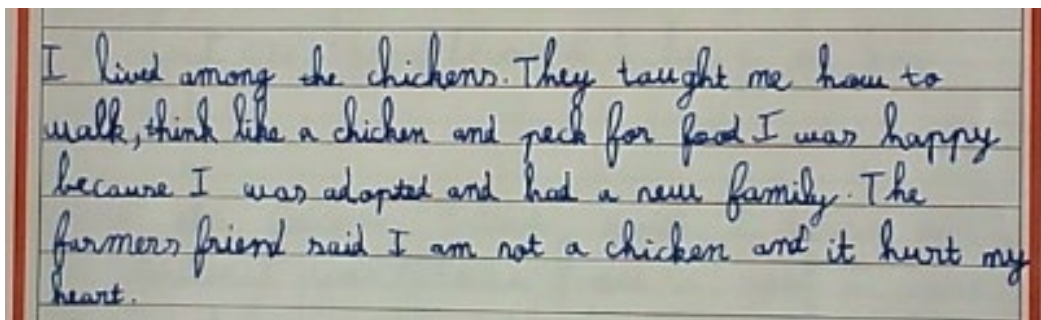


This week, Year 2 recreated the Great Fire of London. Look at the amazing model they made of Pudding Lane and the surrounding streets which was safely set alight in the playground to show how the fire started, and spread, back in 1666. It was a very exciting learning opportunity.

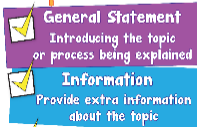


On Wednesday, Year 3 had their science topic brought to life with a virtual workshop led by the Horniman Museum. Pupils had the opportunity to observe a range of animal skulls and explored how different animal skeletons and teeth have evolved to adapt to different diets, lifestyles and ways of moving. Fascinating!

Our 3B pupils have been writing a narrative recount about the events that happened to the eagle in the wonderful book, Fly Eagle! Fly!



Writing An Explanation Text



Year 4 had a wonderful lesson learning about the key features of an explanation text. The whole class created colour coded keys of what must be included in an explanation, before writing their own.



This week in Geography, Year 5 have been thinking about how we can reduce the use of fossil fuels in our homes and school. Pupils had to think creatively about the ways we use fossil fuels and the impact this is having on our natural resources in the UK.



6B enjoyed a virtual visit from the Metropolitan Police this week focused on personal safety. This is part of a series of talks and workshops which 6B will participate in throughout the year in their PSHCE topic where they find out how to be a good citizen.



Year 6 went on a walk this week around our local area to visit two sites that were bombed on the first night of the Blitz as part of our learning about what life would have been like during this time in World War Two. They visited a house in our local area that had a high explosive bomb dropped on it during the first night of the Blitz. The house had different brick structure to all the other houses on the street. After that they went to see the mass bomb shelter by Clapham South Station. They discussed how it would have felt for up to 10,000 people to have to go underground in a 16ft by 168ft tunnel every night for their safety. It was truly eye opening.

WANDSWORTH October is Black History Month at BWA



This week to celebrate Black History pupils studied the Music of Ella Fitzgerald. They analysed swing by walking on the beat with a 'skip-ty' rhythm along to the Ella Fitzgerald classic 'A Tisket A Tasket' we discussed Ella's musical relationship with Louis Armstrong. Our pupils in KS2 composed and performed on drums Ostinatos inspired by Ghana.



Parent Governor Elections

We hope that you considering putting yourself forward for this opportunity. The deadline for expressions of interest is this coming Monday, the 18th of October.



We are looking forward to our meetings with parents and carers in the English stream next week. If you haven't booked a meeting please do contact us. Families in the bilingual stream will be invited to meetings after half term.



PTA Coffee morning

Thank you for taking the time to come to the coffee morning this morning.

Wishing you all a very peaceful and happy weekend.

Miss Henry