



Belleville Wix Academy

1st April Newsletter

Today marks the end of our spring term. It really has been a wonderful term and gone by so very fast. It has been a joy and a privilege to learn with your children every day. Staff have gone the extra mile to ensure every pupil feels safe and is happy at school so they are ready for learning every day. If you would like to come and see the school in action, please don't hesitate to get in contact as we would welcome the opportunity to show you around.



Working in partnership with you is very important for us at BWA. Next term we have a number of opportunities for you to get involved with.

1. On Wednesday 20th April we are delivering a **maths workshop** focused on learning times tables facts so pupils have a quick recall of the necessary facts. The workshop is aimed at parents of pupils in KS2 (Year 3 – 6) and is designed to help parents with strategies to support children learning their times tables at home. This will be a virtual workshop at either 1:30pm or 6:00pm.
2. **Parent Gym** is a fantastic 6 week parenting programme that we have secured for families to benefit from. Parenting is a difficult job and I think you are all brilliant. Attending a parenting programme doesn't mean you are not a good parent, quite the opposite. It is an opportunity to reflect and learn more because you want your children to be truly happy and what you can do to give your children the best start in life. From previous groups of parents that have taken part in the programme at BWA prior to the pandemic, they report that attending the programme did make their life as a parent a bit easier too. I know many of you have paid to participate in parent programmes before. This programme is free to attend but is worth £1000 per parent. Read more about it [here](#).



This term we have been very fortunate to have enjoyed a range of activities organised by our awesome PTA. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank them for all they do to arrange the events for us. We now have our [Book Wish List](#) set up, throughout the term we enjoyed a number of bake sales and yesterday everyone had a lovely opportunity to wear their Easter bonnets to school.



Last Sunday, Mothering Sunday, our PTA worked with [Rob Van Helden](#) to offer the fantastic opportunity to purchase specially created bouquets of flowers from one of London's top florists. A sincere thank you must go out to Rob and his team who worked late into the night on Friday to ensure the bouquets the BWA community had ordered were ready for collection on Saturday and Sunday. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity Rob. Thank you.

Of course, without your support these events would not be the success they are so thank you for your continued commitment to the BWA PTA. We are looking forward to purchasing playground equipment for all the pupils to use with the money raised.



COVID 19

This term we have had a significant number of staff absent due to COVID19. The majority of our staff have not been well during their time in isolation. We work tirelessly to reduce the impact their absence has on the running of the school but it has been very challenging. The virus is still in circulation and rates of infection remain high. Our staff will still wear masks and all adults are encouraged to wear them in the line for drop off and collection. Dr Jenny Harries, one of the country's leading medical advisers, recommends that we should carry on wearing masks because of the high rate of COVID infections.

Yesterday, we received the following information from the DfE.

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

We ask all families to adhere to the guidance set out below

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. The list of symptoms linked with COVID 19 includes 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.
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

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.



Here are some of the highlights of our learning this week that we wanted to share with you.

Pupils in Nursery have been very creative this week and have used their cutting skills to create their own Spring crowns. They have also been busy making and decorating their own Easter Bonnets by thinking carefully about which resources they would like to use and how they can make them secure so they don't fall off.

As part of the Traditional Tales topic in RW this half term, our pupils went on a Little Red Riding Hood picnic at Clapham Common. They walked sensibly in pairs and set up their picnic when they arrived. After the delicious lunch, the pupils listened to the story of Little Red Riding Hood, played What's the Time Mr Wolf? and blew bubbles.



RB also went on a picnic to Clapham Common. They were very sensible when crossing the road and had lots of fun eating their lunch in a different setting as well as chasing bubbles, despite the chilly weather. Everyone thoroughly deserved this treat as they have been doing such brilliant learning about the lifecycles of different animals and they even wrote information books. Brilliant work RB.



This week Year 1 have had a very exciting time creating pop-up books in DT. Over the course of two days, pupils had an opportunity to explore different mechanisms such as sliders, levers and hinges. They then used these mechanisms to create a pop-up book based on the book, 'Here Come the Alien's, by Colin McNaughton. Everyone did a fantastic job, well done.

Year 2 have had a fabulous time working on a DT project as well, which was linked to their Geography topic this half term. Pupils planned and made digital books on iPads, producing some really creative designs that are informative and exciting to read.

The fun didn't stop there – they loved their lessons on fractions lessons this week very much. Perhaps because they cut up pizzas to find halves and quarters.

Pupils in 3B were very eager to create their double page spread about Forces and Magnets. Pupils showed how much they have learnt about the topics as they were able to explain what friction is and how magnets work. They added some lovely designs to help explain their understanding.



Year 3 explored the structures of various greenhouses in order to design and build their own. These photographs show the focus they had in the lessons. I can reliably inform you that the finished products are incredibly impressive. Everyone is really looking forward to both their plants topic next half term and their upcoming trip to Kew Gardens. Fantastic effort year 3 – well done.



Pupils in our Year 4 class have worked extremely hard in DT this week. They have designed their own mini tote bags using recycled fabric and have had great success in using 'back stitch' to sew the seams. Well done everyone.

This week, Year 5 have been exploring how to make structures stronger using different shapes. They then used this knowledge in their DT lessons to create truss bridges which can hold triple the amount of weight compared to a beam bridge. Pupils listened well to instructions and were able to work in their groups effectively to be successful in this project.



Year 6 have been completing their DT project as well this week, with links to their science learning about Electricity. Mr Attenborough tasked the pupils with creating a working touch the wire game. Pupils have 4 areas which they will be judged on: the aesthetic of their game; the structural integrity; the complexity and knowledge of their electronic system and how much he enjoys their game. They spent the day exploring, designing and creating a prototype of their electronic system on Wednesday, then building and testing

their games on Thursday. I personally was very impressed by the final products they made so Mr Attenborough will have a very difficult decision to make. Every pupil has had to be creative and not give up when they came across problems whilst creating their game.



Pupils in 6B learned how to be safe online. They shared how to be responsible on the internet by using avatar, how to keep their identity private, how to create a secure username and what to do if we don't feel safe online. Such valuable learning.

Online Safety

Throughout the week every class has had a lesson on online safety, just like 6B. Information, communication and digital technology shapes the whole world in which we live. At BWA, pupils are taught about the importance of staying safe online by thinking

SMART:

- Share responsibility
- Manage privacy
- Ask for help
- Respect others
- Trust your instincts

Every half term, we want every pupil, in each year group, to be able to answer a key question during their online safety lesson through a range of activities. Here are our key question for spring 2.

Year 1 - How can people make themselves look different online?

Year 2 - What should you do if someone is mean to you online?

Year 3 - How does what I post affect my identity?

Year 4 - How can you keep online friendships safe?

Year 5 - How can I stay safe while being me online?

Year 6 - What are the benefits and drawbacks of presenting yourself in different ways online?



Excellent Learners

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

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Ask For Help</u>			
Chloe J	RW	Stefan	3S
Anya	Y1	Estelle	3M
Edouard	1B	Shiheim	Y4
Jacob	2M	Victor	4B
Noah	2G	Saffron	Y5
		Roy	Y6



Holiday dates

- Pupils in the Bilingual Stream start back on Tuesday 19th April
- Pupils in the English Stream return on Wednesday 20th April



Miss Henry

parentgym

Available here

Six weeks of free
parenting workshops



Have happier
and more
confident child

Get your
children to open
up and talk
more

Feel calmer
and have more
fun time with
your family

"It's always nice to realise
you're not the only one(s)
trying to overcome issues.
It has felt like a lovely way
to share/receive ideas,
connect with people, and
help our family life."

To sign up speak to:

admin@wix.wandsworth.sch.uk

to secure your place free of
charge, worth £1000 per parent.

Parent Gym is coming to Belleville Wix Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We know from talking with parents and carers that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too). This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. Come along to meet other parents, hear their stories and pick up new ideas. Everyone is welcome!

Through our relationship with Parent Gym the programme, normally worth £1000 per parent, is free of charge. All parents are welcome to apply but places are limited so sign up now to secure your place.

Each weekly session lasts two hours.

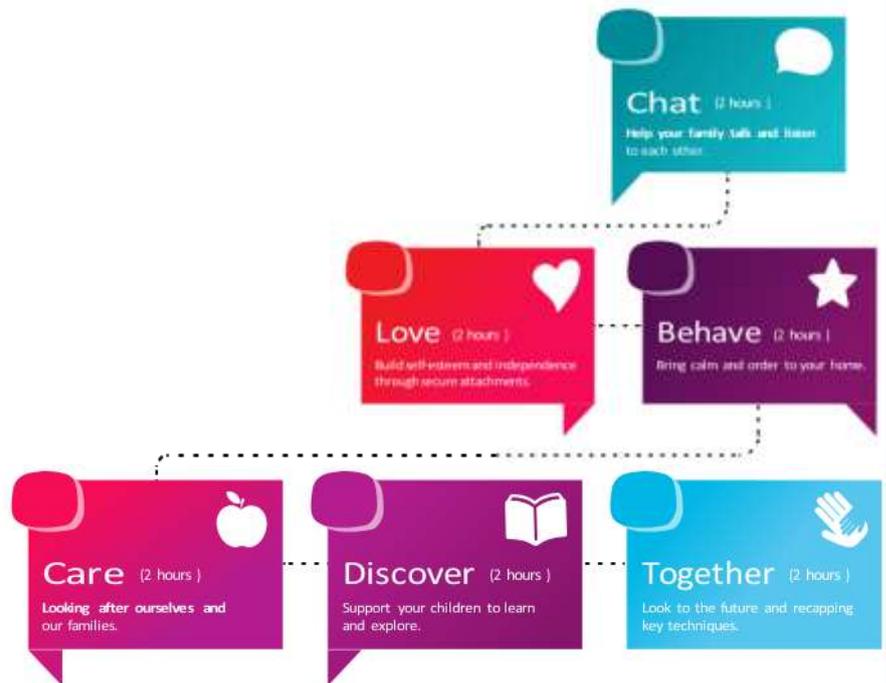
Here are the programme details:

When

Wednesdays, 9.15-11.15am

Dates

Taster (45 mins): 27th April
Week 1: Chat – 4th May
Week 2: Love – 11th May
Week 3: Behave – 18th May
Week 4: Care – 25th May
Half term – 30/5 to 3/6
Week 5: Discover – 8th June
Week 6: Together – 15th June



To confirm your place, please email the office on admin@wix.wandsworth.sch.uk
We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Bevin