

Belleville Wix Academy Weekly



**'The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.' H. Jackson Brown Jr.
13/12/2019**

Christmas Fair

Last Friday, we all enjoyed a fabulous BWA Christmas Fair. Thank you for giving your time to attend the event and joining in the activities with such enthusiasm. Everyone had a wonderful time and I am sure you will agree that Santa's Grotto and the twinkling lights made the event feel very festive. Our wonderful PTA spent many, many hours of their own time planning the activities, making the games, sourcing prizes for the raffle, designing posters, liaising with others and setting it all up! I am sure you will join me in giving them a very big BWA cheer as a way for thanking them for all they do for us. Of course, all this would be in vain if we didn't have the support of parents, pupils and staff attending the event.

Christmas Shows

What a fabulous week of performances we have enjoyed at BWA this week. I have no doubt that everyone who came to one of the many performances had a wonderful time...and may even have shed a tear of pride.

Nursery

It has been a very busy week in nursery. On Wednesday, the children performed in a Christmas show for parents and carers. It was the first time all three groups had performed on a big stage together and we are extremely proud of them. They were amazing!

KS1

Year's 1 and 2 started our season of performance off with a bang on Tuesday! The children in KS1 did a fantastic job singing contemporary and traditional Christmas songs and reciting their poems confidently. We all left 'rockin', hoppin and boppin' to the tunes planted in our heads.

Year 3 & 4

A very big well done to all of the children in Lower Key Stage 2 for pulling off an amazing Christmas show this week. Both year groups performed festive songs accompanied by our wonderful music teacher. Years 3, 4 and 4B performed lovely Christmas poems and 3B then put on a smile on everyone's faces with their rendition of *Rockin' Robin*, before everyone joined in for *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

Times Table Challenge

During Factual Fluency in maths this half term, Year 4 have been focusing on developing their times table knowledge and recall. This week, we had the wonderful opportunity to test the work we had been doing in a competition against another school within our trust. We 'Zoomed' in live via webcam to Sycamore class, from Churchfields, and the children tested each other on their times table knowledge, congratulating each other on their correct answers. It was a fantastic experience and the children absolutely loved it.

Y3 Pizza Week

The event Year 3 had been waiting for finally arrived this week - Pizza Week! The children sampled different pizzas and decided who the target audience of their pizzas would be. They then planned what toppings to use and the design of their boxes. Finally, on Thursday, the children made their own dough before adding their delicious carefully selected toppings. A big thank you to all of the parents and carers who came in to help.

Nursery Trip

On Thursday, Nursery visited Wimbledon Library to watch 'Santa and the Night before Christmas'. The children enjoyed the show and joined in singing the songs and throwing snowballs at Santa.

"I liked the silly elves"- Sienna-Sky. "It was funny when Santa got stuck up the chimney"- Gabriel We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to the parents who gave up their time to accompany them on the trip.

1AB Trip

The children in 1AB visited the Omnibus theatre to watch an adaptation of 'The Little Prince'. They loved meeting the characters, joining in with the cheeky fox's dance, and really impressed Miss Baker with their exemplary behaviour.

Admissions for BWA - Consultation

Today, you will have received an email about our admissions consultation. It is also at the end of this newsletter. Please do have a read through the documentation that is on our website. We would be happy to hear from you.

End of Term Dates and Times

Please remember that the pupils in the

- English stream finish for the holidays next Thursday, the 19th December at 1:45pm.
- Bilingual stream finish for the holidays next Friday the 20th December at normal time.

Start of Spring Term Dates

Please remember that the pupils in the

- English stream return on 7th January
- Bilingual stream return on 6th January - French day

On behalf of the whole staff team, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday during this festive season. Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. It has certainly been an eventful half term but a very, very successful one. I feel very fortunate to work with such a lovely school community with fabulous parent support and a dedicated team. Everyone has worked very hard and I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff for all they do to keep our children safe and happy every day at BWA as well as the PTA for the relentless work they do behind the scenes.

Séana Henry



Excellent Learners - Listen Well

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



- Y1AB ★ **Fynn**
- Y1BC ★ **Amelia**
- Y2 ★ **Charlotte**
- 2B ★ **Alphonse**
- Y3 ★ **Khayyiel**
- Y3B ★ **Rose**
- Y4 ★ **Harry**
- Y5 ★ **Michael**
- 5B ★ **Gregoire**
- Y6 ★ **Kallum**
- 6B ★ **Gregory**

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Autumn Term

- 16th Dec** → RO Christmas Show @ 2.30pm
- 17th Dec** → Y5, 5B, Y6 & 6B Christmas Concert @ 2.30pm
- 19th Dec** → Last Day for English Stream @ 1.45pm
- 20th Dec** → Last Day for Bilingual Stream normal time

Spring Term

- 6th Jan 2020** → Bilingual stream return to school
- 7th Jan 2020** → English stream return to school.
- 17th Feb – 21st Feb** → Half Term
- 6th April – 17th April** → Easter Holiday
- 3rd April** → Last Day for English Stream @ 1.45pm
- 3rd April** → Last Day for Bilingual Stream normal time

Weekly Attendance 95% Target

N1:	100%	★	N2:	100%	★	N3:	97.0%	★
RO:	95.0%	★	RM:	97.0%	★	RBi:	95.0%	★
Y1AB:	92.3%	○	Y1BC:	91.4%	○	1Bi:	91.4%	○
Y2:	92.9%	○	2Bi:	100%	★	Y3:	92.2%	○
3Bi:	98.6%	★	Y4:	95.2%	★	4Bi:	98.3%	★
Y5:	93.8%	○	5Bi:	100%	★	Y6:	87.0%	○
6Bi:	97.7%	★						



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13th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Proposed change to Belleville Wix Academy's admissions policy

I am writing to advise you that we are consulting on proposals to make a change to the school's admissions arrangements with effect from the 2021/22 year of entry (children starting reception in September 2021).

The consultation relates to enabling the children of school staff to join Belleville Wix. It is important to us that we recognise the commitment of the school staff and support them with their work-life balance. A school place could help us to keep experienced staff who may otherwise leave us when they start a family. It may also help us to attract the best new staff to work here.

There are many schools which already include children of staff in their prioritisation criteria (including Belleville Primary School) and in fact Wandsworth Council consulted on the same change last year for all their community schools. The change is likely to impact a very small number of school places. It will have no impact on the children who are currently at Belleville Wix, or their siblings.

We are consulting with parents, carers and other community members from **5th December 2019 to 30th January 2020**. If you have any comments, please do let us know. Full details of the proposal and how to have your say can be found at on our website at bellevillewix.org.uk/our-school/admissions.

Yours

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Headteacher

Kate Amis
Chair of Local Governing Body