

**Belleville Wix Academy, Wix's Lane, Clapham Common North Side, London , SW4 0AJ**

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| Monday was a wash out and most of Thursday. Thank you for ensuring the pupils were suitably dressed for school. Next week’s forecast is for rainy days and sunny ones so please do check the children have their coats.  During the month of June we are listening to Big Band and Swing music. We learnt that a Big Band is a type of [musical ensemble](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Musical_ensemble) that usually consists of ten or more musicians with four sections: [saxophones](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saxophone), [trumpets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trumpet), [trombones](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trombone), and a [rhythm section](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhythm_section). Listening to Sing, Sing, Sing by Benny Goodman was terrific fun. If you have any favourites that you recommend we share with the children, please do share these with us in person or via the admin email.  Congratulations to Saffron in Yr 2 who did a sponsored run to raise money for Alzheimers. He raised £135.00.  **Spelling** At BWA, we are always looking at ways to improve and for our children to reach their full potential. With this in mind, some research has been done into how we can improve children's spelling across the school. One strategy, with proven results, has been for children to watch the TV with subtitles enabled and the sound still on. This allows for children to read words whilst listening to the sounds and syllables as they do so. So, next time you get together to watch a family movie, why not have the subtitles on so that it is both a pleasurable and learning experience.    **Reception** Pupils in reception have been transported to the continent of Africa. We have learnt the importance of protecting endangered animals from extinction – we got creative and made posters and masks to scare away poachers. We also learnt lots of new facts: ‘The river Nile is the longest river in Africa and it runs through Egypt.’ - Teddy RM.    **Art on display** Mr Jefford has been very busy putting up the stunning art work the pupils created last term. We hope you will enjoy seeing them in school when you are in for parent teacher meetings in a few weeks’ time.  **Visitors this week** This week, we had a successful review of the school by four visiting headteachers and school leaders. For two days they observed lessons, spoke to pupils and teachers and thoroughly looked at our systems and structures. The children were praised for the their love of learning and enthusiasm and the teachers for their consistency in teaching  good to outstanding lessons that help the children make good progress over time. It was fantastic to hear confirmed, what we believe, that BWA has moved on tremendously and the school is in a healthy place. Thanks to all the members of the teaching and non-teaching staff who continue to work hard to provide an excellent provision for your children. We look forward to continuing this journey of improvement with your never-ending support.    **Science** – Yr 5  On Wednesday, Year 5 investigated the effects of air resistance. They discussed their knowledge of forces and air resistance, planned and conducted an experiment and used the results to draw conclusions. As usual in Year 5, the children worked brilliantly well together and showed a genuine interest and passion for their new learning. They even used their Mathematical knowledge of area to further deepen their understanding. It was another amazing day of learning for our Year 5 superstars!  **Yr 4 Trip** On Wednesday year 4 went on a class trip to visit the Western Riverside Waste Authority in Wandsworth. This was to supplement the work we had been doing in science during the previous half term on climate change and to inform our science topic this half term on understanding the impact humans are having on the environment. We got to learn all about the 3Rs- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and what we can do to stop so much waste being unnecessarily thrown away. It was shocking to watch the amount of rubbish collected each day!    **5B Trip** On Wednesday 5B attended their French sports day where they competed with many other schools. A fantastic day was had by all. Thank you to everyone involved in making it such a success.    **EYFS Father’s Day**  The Early Years Team were delighted to see so many fathers and father figures attending the special father’s day event today. A big thank you to daddies for taking time out of your day to join the children for a ‘stay and play’ session. It was a pleasure to see so many of you enjoying your special breakfast, talking with each other and spending time in the classrooms. The children were delighted to share their world with you and I am sure it will remain a day to remember!  Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Séana Henry |

**Key Dates**

17th June – KS1 & KS2 D.E.A.R. Dad

26th June - 2nd July – Book Fair

9th July – RB, 3B and 6B Parent/Teacher meetings

10th July - Sports Day

11th July – English stream, 1B, 2B, 4B & 5B Parent/Teacher meetings

17th July – Nursery Graduation

**End of School Year 2018/2019**

18th July – Bilingual Stream finish

23rd July – English Stream finish

**Start of School Year 2019/2020**

Wed 4th Sept – English Stream

Thurs 5th September – Bilingual Stream

**Weekly Attendance**

95% Target

Nursery – 94.9% 

RB - 95.7% 

RF – 97% 

RM – 92.2% 

1B – 97.1% 

Y1 – 90.6% 

2B – 98.0% 

Y2 – 95.0% 

3B – 100% 

Y3 – 93.2% 

4B – 100% 

Y4 – 96.7% 

5B – 99.0% 

Y5 – 91.4% 

6B – 100% 

Y6 – 93.7% 

**Excellent Learners-Listen Well**

Congratulations to:

1B – Electra

Y1 – Minnie

2B – Solene

Y2 – Saffron

3B – Victor

Y3 – Anya

4B – Ariel

Y4 – Katelyn

5B – Agathe

Y5 – Mateusz

6B – Bethia

Y6 – Cherry

**‘When you can’t find the sunshine, be the sunshine’ 14th June 2019**