



BWA Newsletter

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

25th November 2022



Today was the first of our four fabulous festive Fridays at BWA in the lead up to the Christmas period – although one is a Tinsel Thursday. There are a lot of great activities planned by our PTA to get involved in which I know you will join me in thanking them for organising for us. A huge thanks to everyone who supported our drive today for the Ace of Clubs charity. We know they are in great need of donations so it has been wonderful to have your support today – thank you again.

15th of January is the deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2023. If you know of any friends or family looking at schools, please do share the opportunity to visit BWA and see the phenomenal provision we offer every day here.



Our School Council have held their first meeting to explore what the role of a School Councillor is. They also discussed the different ways in which School Council could help the school community. After receiving their school council badges in a special assembly last week, it has been lovely to see our Councillors wearing their badges proudly around the school. I am looking forward to working with them to continue to improve BWA.

After being elected by their peers, our Eco Councillors are also proudly wearing their badges after receiving them in a special assembly. They held their first meeting this week. It was wonderful to have a room filled with pupils from across all year groups to share some imaginative and creative ideas about how we can make BWA an even greener school. In our next meeting, our Councillors will share the ideas their class have to help us achieve our aim.



This week in our whole school assembly, we learnt about the World Cup. We explored the nations playing this year, the history of the tournament and discussed England's chances of bringing it home.



Pupils in our Nursery have been thinking about 'Birthdays'. They have enjoyed making playdough cakes and party crowns, as you can see from this photograph. We were very impressed with how well pupils could use their maths skills to match numeral and quantity by adding the matching number of candles to each cake.

In Reception class, pupils have been studying 'Light and Dark.' This week they have been exploring shadows. Everyone had the opportunity to make their own shadow puppets before using torches to make large and small shadows with them. Pupils drew around their friends shadows and different animal shadows outside and soon discovered they needed sunlight to do so. This photograph shows how diligent they were in creating and recording the shadows they formed.





Year 1 designed their own experiment to find out which type of paper is the best for clearing up spillages. You can see in this photograph that pupils added droplets of water onto the paper until it came through and fell into the glass below. They repeated this for each of the different paper types and compared them all to find the answer to the question. Pupils collected some interesting results which did not match their prediction.

Looking at this photograph of our 1B classroom you can see it that something came in and caused a mess overnight. Pupils soon discovered that a tiger had been in their classroom the night before and left a trail of destruction. Pupils were keen to write about what the tiger did in their classroom. Using words ending in '-ed', everyone produced very interesting couplets to recount the mess that the tiger made.



Year 2 also had lots of fun in their Science lessons this week as they carried a comparative test to decide which material would be most suitable for a teabag. They experimented with a range of materials (plastic, felt, tin foil, cotton and muslin fabric) and concluded that muslin would be the best choice of material as it is absorbent, porous and durable. They even tested it out by making a cup of tea and had a little taste of their brew. Looks like they enjoyed their tea.

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 participated in a workshop to improve their road safety skills. They actively participated in discussions about how walking or cycling to school in a safe and healthy environment is beneficial for their health as well as for the environment and air quality. The workshop was very interactive and pupils enjoyed taking on the roles of pedestrians, good and bad car drivers as well as emergency vehicles. Everyone walked away knowing a very important catchphrase - STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK - that they will endeavour to use this to help them cross roads safely.



Year 3 had a fabulous time visiting the Science Museum, where they took part in a dynamic show all about forces and magnets. Pupils got to be expert scientists and were lucky enough to take part in a range of experiments exploring Newton's Law and how and why rockets are able to launch. What a brilliant day. Thank you to the teachers and parents who helped make this happen.

Pupils in 4W have been investigating whether or not it is possible to change a solid's state of matter. Pupils tested how fast ice, chocolate and butter melted and even got a piece of delicious chocolate for their hard work and articulate predictions during their experiment.

In 4A, pupils have enjoyed exploring the mystery discovery of Sutton Hoo, a grave of an Anglo-Saxon king with a priceless hoard of Anglo Saxon artefacts.

Pupils in Year 5 have continued their scientific enquiry on The Solar System. Using a variety of sources, they researched various facts and collected information on each of the eight planets. They were then presented with a series of fruit and vegetables and tasked with creating their own scientific food models of The Solar System. They worked amazingly well in groups to rank the size of the planets and consider their distance away from the Sun.

Malala Yousafzai is truly inspirational. Our pupils in 5B have thoroughly enjoyed writing a biography about her. They learned about why she is an inspirational figure, what struggles she had to go through to get to where she is today and discovered how many incredible things she has achieved. Everyone collected information that they could use in their own biographies about her life.



Pupils in our Year 6 have been delving into the story of The Longest Night of Charlie Noon and have loved exploring the mystery and suspense Christopher Edge, the author, has created through carefully crafted language. Everyone has been inspired to start writing their own retelling, with added drama, of Little Red Riding Hood. We are very impressed with their work so far because they have shown an excellent awareness of the reader as well as manipulating known vocabulary and structures to create excellent opening.

Learning with our resident artists – Year 2B

Pupils in our 2B class had a fantastic time creating aboriginal dot art paintings of turtles. They learnt about primary colours and secondary colours. Pupils explored how turtles move and created a secret code using symbols to represent their movements. Finally, the class affixed their oil pastel and water colour turtles onto the sand. The results are fabulous.

Excellent Learners

It was a privilege to congratulate our Excellent Learners in celebration assemblies this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Listen Well</u>			
Mia	RW	Ruben	3S
Zara	1B	Freya	4A
Octavia	Y1	James	4W
Ryan	Y2	Grace	5B
Joseph	2B	Layla	Y5
Leo	3M	Hellora	Y6



Free parent webinar – highly recommended

You know I think the parent sessions Role Models so generously offer are brilliant.

Following the incredible success of their last webinar, “Managing big emotions” that saw well over 1,500 registrations, Role Models would like to invite you to their next parent webinar on Tuesday 29th November at 7.30pm.

For this webinar we will be looking at “How to build a resilient family”.

Register [here](#) .



Help for Households

The Government has launched the '[Help for Households](#)' scheme. The homepage brings together over 40 support schemes that the public can access, depending on eligibility,

including help with:

Household costs

- Energy Bills
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Transport costs

Additionally, a range of online tools will help citizens quickly and efficiently check the support they might be eligible for and how to access it.



Dates to Remember

- **PTA Christmas Ball** - Thursday 1st of December, 7pm – 10pm
- **PTA Christmas Fair** – Sunday 27th November

Last day of term – Friday 16th December

- **English Stream finish** at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual stream finish** at 3:15pm

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Belleville Wix Academy
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WIX CHRISTMAS BALL

Thursday 1st December 2022, 7-10pm,
at Belleville Wix Academy

Dress code: "Black Tie or Dress to Impress" !

Tickets now available on
bwapta.bigcartel.com

More info: @bwa.pta | bwa.pta@gmail.com

Wishing you all great weekend – and I do hope to see you all at the Winter Fair on Sunday. Details below – just in case you haven't seen them yet.

Miss Henry

ICE SKATING RINK ★ SANTA'S GROTTTO ★ BOUNCY CASTLE ★ FACE PAINTING

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Wix Winter Fair

Sunday 27th November
10:30am – 4:00pm
Free Entry

HOT CHOCOLATE ★ MULLED WINE ★ CANDY FLOSS

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CAKES & CREPES ★ POP CORN ★ CRAFTS & GAMES

CHRISTMAS MARKET ★ RAFFLE ★ HOT DOGS ★ FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY

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Program

PTA

Ice Skating Rink	10:30am – 4pm
Christmas Market	10:30am – 4pm
Santa's Grotto	12:30pm – 3:30pm
Games & Crafts	12:30pm – 3:30pm
Photography studio	TBC
Coffee & Pastries	10:30am – 12pm
Food & Drinks Stalls	from 12pm