



Belleville Wix Academy

28th January Newsletter

I can't quite believe that we are coming to the end of week four of this half term. Just two more weeks before half term! I have had so many standout moments this week and was very lucky to join Yr2 for their visit by Florence Nightingale today. We have had a super week learning together at BWA, here are some of the highlights.



Pupils in our nursery have been thinking about how the Police help us and been very lucky to have three Police Officers come to talk to them this week. Another highlight was an unexpected visit from a very handsome kitten called Lemon who wanted to join our lessons as he saw how much fun we have learning at BWA.

Pupils in RB have been reading the story of the Three Little Pigs and working together to find a way to save the pigs from the big bad wolf. They designed an incredible home that is wolf-proof. We were very impressed with how well they could describe their designs. Some of the design features included a moat with sharks; a cannon and cannon balls; secret cameras to spot the wolf's underground tunnels and houses in the ocean. I can't wait to see the models of these amazing homes.



have patience

During circle times this week, pupils in RW have been learning all about 'patience'. They discussed what it means to be patient as well as things they can do to ensure they are patient with their friends. Pupils also read stories which had characters who were being impatient. To help pupils embed their patient skills, they played turn-taking games and gave their partners compliments when they showed patience.

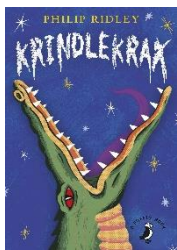
This week Year 1 have been looking at the importance of our oceans in their Geography lesson. They explored the different ways our oceans help humans and used this new knowledge to create an informative poster, highlighting the importance of our oceans.



This week Year 2 had a real taste of Roald Dahl's *Revolting Recipes* as they created and wrote their own disgusting treats. They learnt how to write a clear set of instructions and how to use command sentences. Pupils also had fun mixing atrocious ingredients together such as slimy worms (spaghetti) , dragon's blood (squash), crispy ants (sprinkles) and toe nails (rice crispies)!

2B started reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl this week with Miss Bevin. They have started looking at the nasty Mr. and Mrs. Twit who like to play tricks on each other. They are really enjoying this book and wrote some fantastic descriptions all about Mr. Twit, including the things that you would find in his beard.

Year 3 were thrilled to find out their science experiment this week involved sweets. The pupils manipulated Starbursts in different ways - applying varying amounts of pressure and adding heat, to model how sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks are formed.

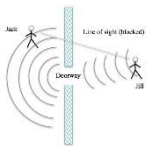


This week, 3B have been exploring the book "Krindlekrax", by Philip Ridley, during their writing lessons. Beginning the week by analysing how the writer uses language to build a picture of the story's main character and the setting of the story itself, the wonderful writers of 3B have drawn on their knowledge of conjunctions, prepositions and expanded noun phrases to help them craft a detailed description based on the novel. It was great to see the enthusiasm the pupils had and the skill with which they composed their writing.

Year 4 have had a great time in science investigating electrical circuits this week; the pupils explored a variety of different types of switches and independently created their own circuits with a selection of different types of switches too.

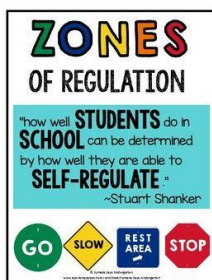


This week in Science, Year 5 have been deciding how to carry out their own experiment to investigate how much sugar can be dissolved in water. They have had to consider the equipment they will need and how to complete the experiment including considering the variables they must control to ensure it is a fair test. The pupils have been excellent at working with their shoulder partners to design their experiment.



Pupils in Year 6 investigated the way we can see things around corners. Using the knowledge that light travels in a straight line, pupils investigated how they could use a number of mirrors to see a note on someone's back without turning their head. They had to carefully calculate the position of each mirror so that the straight line of light hit the correct place of the mirror to reflect into the next and finally into the eyes of the person who had the note on their back. It was great to see their faces when they could read the messages.

6B have been truly excellent learners in Maths this week by using their knowledge of fractions to help them multiply and divide decimals. They have enjoyed a challenge and we are super impressed!



Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop - Thursday 27th January

It was great to see so many parents attend these workshops this week. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to talk any of it through with us. Remember, we are here to help and work in partnership with you. I am sure you will join me in thanking Miss Williams for presenting the workshop.



Parent Teacher Meetings for English Stream - week beg 24th Jan

We have enjoyed meeting with parents and carers of pupils in our English stream this week. If there is anything you forgot to ask the teacher or would like to speak with them again, please don't hesitate to contact us, teachers are available after the class have been dismissed at the gate every afternoon or you could contact the office.

Bilingual stream families will receive a written report at the end of this half term. Teachers are very busy collating the information to be sent out to you. Please remember that if you ever want to speak with a teacher about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. We are here to do all we can to help and work in partnership with you.



COVID 19

Primary schools are struggling across the country to sustain face to face teaching due to the rise in the number of pupils testing positive and staff. It is an absolute struggle to secure cover for staff who are absent at the minute. I am so grateful to the whole school team for all they are doing to ensure pupils are safe and keep face to face learning going.

We ask that all families adhere to the following expectations.

1. Families continue to do regular lateral flow tests at home to pick up asymptomatic cases.
2. Close contacts should do daily lateral flow tests as set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time.
3. Pupils who test positive for COVID return after two days of negative lateral flow tests as set out by the NHS guidance relevant at the time. Results should be reported to the NHS as set out in the lateral flow test kit instructions.
4. Wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection.
5. No-one with symptoms should come onsite.



Excellent Learners

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

<u>Excellent Learners</u>			
ASK FOR HELP			
Chloe	RW	Aya	3S
Theo	Y1	Dominic	4
Asmus	1B	Victor	4B
Dylan	2G	Charlie	Y5
Andrew	2M	Sophie	5B
Lyla	3M	Nevaeh L'ei	Y6

Change of Absence Reporting

From Monday 31st Jan 2022 if your child is going to be absent from school please report this by 9am each day on: absence@wix.wandsworth.sch.uk or 0207 228 3055 option 1.



Holiday dates

- Half term starts on Monday 14th February
- End of Spring term is Friday 1st April

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry