



# Belleville Wix Academy

## 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Newsletter

This week we have loved having more of you back in school for Parent Gym, Harrison's Food Tasting, as well as the framing of art work. Those parents who were able to attend the food tasting session on Wednesday really valued this opportunity and were very happy with the quality of the food. If you were unable to join us but are interested in us organising another event, please let us know by emailing us or speaking with me at the gate. I know Harrison's are very happy to organise another event for us.



### **Parent Gym**

It was wonderful to hear the fantastic feedback about the Parent Gym taster session on Wednesday morning. If word has got out about how good it was and you would like to attend, please let us know so we can add you to the list. The themes for each week are set out below. You do need to sign up for the whole programme.

- Week 1: **Chat** – 4<sup>th</sup> May 8.45 – 10.45am
  - Week 2: **Love** – 11<sup>th</sup> May 8.45 – 10.45am
  - Week 3: **Behave** – 18<sup>th</sup> May 8.45 – 10.45am
  - Week 4: **Care** – 25<sup>th</sup> May 8.45 – 10.45am
- Half term – 30/5 to 3/6*
- Week 5: **Discover** – 8<sup>th</sup> June 8.45 – 10.45am
  - Week 6: **Together** – 15<sup>th</sup> June 8.45 – 10.45am



### **BWA Art Exhibition**

Tickets for our first Art Exhibition on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, from 7pm – 9pm, are selling well. Sincere thanks for your support with this community fundraiser. We truly appreciate it and of course it will be lovely to have you in school for the event.

Our phenomenal PTA have been very busy framing the pupil's artwork in school this week, in preparation for the exhibition.

. <https://artexhibitionpta.bigcartel.com/>

### **BWA PTA Jubilee Platinum Party – request for your help**

Our Jubilee Platinum Party will be taking place on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and will be an evening full of fun, great food, dancing and more. It's a busy time for our PTA as they work tirelessly behind the scenes to create this event for us to enjoy. They do need our help in the meantime...can you help please with the request below?

We are very excited to partner with Knight Frank estate agent who has offered to sponsor the event by putting boards up - each board raises £25 to the school and our target is to get to 75 addresses so we can use these funds (a whopping £1875) towards enhancing the school outdoor play equipment. If you live in SW11, SW12 and SW4 postcodes, it would be fantastic if you could give us permission to put a board up. Please complete the google form on the link below providing your name and full address by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyx3SAAPAjCDFtjP6hp61O-7-9S6WjmhpZ4gSnuJ9VsfxFig/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

This is our first full week of the summer term and we have all worked extremely hard to master as well as learn new knowledge and skills.

Pupils in our Nursery have enjoyed starting their new topic about Space. They have been very busy counting the number of eyes on the aliens and matching them to the corresponding numeral as well as exploring how different materials can be used to recreate the craters on the surface of the Moon.



As part of their Sea Adventures topic, our pupils in RW have been creating crab paintings using their handprints. They added extra details using cotton buds and their fingers. The paintings have been used for a display board which has brightened the corridors. I am sure you will agree it looks fabulous.

This week in RB, the pupils have been making beautiful art in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. They have been reading stories about the sea, including; The Snail and the Whale and Fidgety Fish to inspire their own version of Fidgety Fish.

This week Year 1 have had a fantastic week learning about life in the Victorian era. The pupils had an opportunity to explore different artefacts that belonged to a family in 1863 and even had a chance to see a Victorian carpet beater in action!



This week Year 2 had a fabulous time at the Horniman Museum where they took part in a 'Plants and Seeds' workshop. They learnt a lot about where plants come from, what can be made from plants and seeds as well as what seed dispersal is. They also had a chance to complete a trail around the Music Gallery and used their observational drawing skills in the Natural History Room. They enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine afterwards and all had a fantastic day out. Sincere



thanks to Miss Mieville and Miss Gordon for organising this super trip and to the parents who generously gave their time to help on the day.



This week, pupils in 2B began their new Geography topic based on comparing urban and rural areas. To launch this unit they went for a walk around our local area, collecting information about what they could see and hear. They saw lots of people, traffic, bus stops, cafes and shops. When they stopped to listen to what they could hear, it was very noisy! Everyone understands that we live in an urban area.

To launch their new RE topic based around caring for our world, Year 3 made the most of the glorious sunshine and went outside to discuss and sketch what they considered to be 'wonders of nature'. Pupils were very excited when a couple of butterflies made an appearance and it was great to see our garden start to flourish.

In 3B this week, pupils have been exploring the essential things needed for good instructions to make something. They experimented miming poor instructions given to them by their partner and then discussed in teams how to improve the instructions. Good instructions always include ingredients/materials, bullet points, sub-headings, and instructions that are sequenced in order with a number. Pupils have used this knowledge to write instructions on how to mummify a body, linked to their Ancient Egyptians topic.



'El Deafo' is the story of how one girl turned her disability into a superpower. Year 4 are reading the book and had a wonderful time using their drama skills to act out scenes from the book. Everyone used fabulous expression and projection when they spoke. Pupils have shown real engagement with their new text as well as great sensitivity around the topic of having a hearing impediment.

This week in Geography, Year 5 launched their new topic on the Amazon Rainforest and discussed the essential items they may need to survive in the rainforest. Pupils did a great job of arguing their case for why individual items should be included in their pack. They decided that the most important item for survival was a First Aid kit. Well done Year 5 for being so creative and respectful in your explanations.



In Science, Year 6 have made a brilliant start to their new topic on Biodiversity, a unit in our provision that goes beyond the national curriculum expectations. To launch the topic pupils watched David Attenborough's film, A Life on Our Planet. The enthusiasm in the classroom to create a change in our school community was fantastic to see.



### **Technology Workshops**

As shared last week, we are thrilled to be offering a series of four workshops for parents on Wednesday mornings, starting after the six week Parent Gym programme - more details on how to sign up for these will be sent out soon.

The workshops will last approximately 60 - 90 minutes and the tutor will stay behind after each session to offer additional support anyone would like or find helpful. The titles for the workshops being offered are:

1. Using technology to help your child with reading
2. Using technology to help your child with maths
3. Using technology to inspire your child to write
4. Using technology to keep your child active and healthy

Dates for you to pencil into your diary are:

- 15/06/2022
- 22/06/2022
- 29/06/2022
- 06/07/2022

### **Royal Academy of Dance – Open day**

The Royal Academy of Dance has a new home on York Road and will be celebrating their opening with a day of free activities, workshops, performances, scavenger hunts, films screenings and more! Put on your dancing shoes on Sunday 8th May from 10am - 4pm and head down to see what they have to offer – it is on our doorstep. Visit their website for more details: <https://www.royalacademyofdance.org/event/our-housewarming/>



### **Healthy Snacks**

Pupils really benefit from having a snack between their breakfast and lunch. Pupils in the EYFS and Year 1 get a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day for their morning snack. If your child is in Y2 – 6, please do provide them with a healthy snack to enjoy during the morning break.

<b><u>Excellent Learners</u></b>			
<b><u>Ask For Help</u></b>			
Vogue	RW	Cashun	3M
Lucie	Y1	Dexter	3S
Jackson	1B	Armani	Y4
Emilie	2G	Alphonse	4B
Anatole	2M	Selena	Y5
Leandro	2B	Laura	5B
		Ayaan	Y6

Thank you for your continued support. If there is anything we can do to help you or improve what we offer, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me through the admin email. Our invitation to show you around the school is an open one – we would love to show you the school in action.

Wishing you a very peaceful and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend – always a treat.

Miss Henry

Headteacher