



Belleville Wix Academy

3rd December Newsletter

We have two more weeks left of this academic term – can you believe it? I have been super impressed with the excellent learning behaviours of our pupils and staff this week. Here are some of our highlights of this week.

Nursery have been thinking all about Birthday's this week. They have been busy using their fine motor skills to practice wrapping their own presents.



RB have been learning about Mark Rothko this week and using their paint mixing skills to make art in the same style. They have also learnt about planets (their favourite was Mars) and painted some of the planets with colours to match. This was a good way to work as a team on a project as well. Through all this exploration of colours, they are learning how to mix primary colours to make new ones. The pupils especially enjoyed mixing everything together.

RW have really enjoyed their role play area as it was transformed by elves into a Santa's Grotto. They have been writing Christmas cards, wrapping presents, making decorations as well as getting ready for the very special show - Whoops-A-Daisy Angel!



Year 1 have been exploring what materials are best for Tom's umbrella. They identified that the best material for an umbrella has to be lightweight, flexible and waterproof and even got to explore how waterproof some materials are.



In English this week, pupils in year 2 learnt how to make a persuasive argument. In small groups, they looked at the pros and cons of living in a rural or an urban environment, linked to their Geography topic, and presented their case to the class. They made some very persuasive cases and presented their arguments very articulately. Some future public speakers in the midst for sure!

Year 2 also continued their scientific experiments this week by carrying out a comparative test to discover which material would be most suitable for a teabag. They tested out different materials such as foil, cling film, felt, tissue paper and muslin and learned that, in order to make the best cup of tea, a tea bag must be made of a material that has the following properties: porous, absorbent and durable.



2B have had a busy term learning all about animals in science. This week they wrote non-chronological reports about different animals in English. Pupils were able to describe where they live, what they look like and what they eat. They had so much knowledge to share.

Year 3's highlight of the week was of course their Roman Day. The children had a wonderful time making their own shields, solving maths problems involving roman numerals and making artwork with mosaics. The effort that was put into their costumes was so impressive - a huge thanks to our dedicated parents who put in so much effort into these costumes. It set the day off to a great start and the pupils were in character all day.



Year 4 have been writing persuasive letters to the Mayor of the village where the 'Iron Man' has been captured underground. Pupils have been practising their persuasive techniques to convince the Mayor to set him free.

Year 5 have had a fantastic time during their computing lessons. Pupils used their knowledge from their space unit to put together an information video about the solar system. They used a variety of images, slideshow and a voiceover to inform their viewer about their planet of choice.



Year 6 have started a piece of writing in the style of the author Christopher Edge, who they have been studying this half term. Their main characters are experiencing an air raid. It has been brilliant to see the pupils use all their learning from their history unit, about how people lived and were affected by WWII, in their creative writing. They included some real experiences, description and facts in a piece of narrative making it a very enjoyable read for the reader.

6B have been excellent Mathematicians this week, learning how to add and subtract fractions. Pupils used their knowledge to solve word problems and consider how and why we use fractions in everyday life.



Christmas Decorations

I would like to say a very special thank you on behalf of the BWA school community to Rob and Sebastien Van Helden who delivered multiple boxes filled to the brim with the most phenomenal baubles (in school colours of course), glistening reindeers as well as the most spectacular wreath for us to use. We (Jonathan!) are busy decorating the school this week as we prepare for our Christmas productions and festivities over the next two weeks of school.



COVID 19

This week we have been informed of nine pupils who tested positive for COVID19. The majority of these cases are family linked and I am so grateful to the thoughtfulness of families who have not sent their children into school when there has been a positive case in the family, either for the full 10 days of isolation or before getting results from a PCR result for all household members. This isn't the guidance but I know it will have made a significant difference to stopping the transmission of the virus on our site meaning the education of pupils hasn't been affected too much. I am sure many of you will also be very thankful to these thoughtful families.

As we continue our best efforts to reduce the risk of the virus spreading in our school, and local community, so that we minimise the disruption to learning for all pupils, please may I ask you to adhere to the following expectations.

1. Families continue to do regular lateral flow tests at home to pick up asymptomatic cases
2. Wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection
3. No-one with symptoms should come onsite. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

With the need to self-isolate should anyone be a close contact of a positive case of the new variant, we are preparing for classes needing to isolate. Please can you check you have the details to log in for the resources we use? Please also inform us if your circumstances have changed and you may need access to a device. Those families who have informed us already do not need to confirm this as we have a device set aside for you should it be needed.



School Tours

It has been great to show prospective families around our school this week. If you know of anyone who is looking at schools for their child to start Nursery or Reception in September 2022, please do let them know tours have resumed for now and can be booked on our school website.



Excellent Learners

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

Excellent Learners **LIKE A CHALLENGE**

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| Alice | RW | Stefan | 3S |
| Joshua | Y1 | Ibrahima | Y4 |
| Matilda | 1B | Pauline | 4B |
| Yassine | 2G | Arianne | Y5 |
| Jimmy | 2M | Raphael | 5B |
| Gabriel | 2B | Alexandra | Y6 |
| Fynn | 3M | | |



Healthy Break Time Snacks

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack to eat for morning break. Our school morning can be very long for many pupils and they do need a little snack to help them stay focused on their learning.



Next Friday we have our PTA Bake Sale. In return for making contribution of cakes, pupils may wear a festive jumper. More details to follow.

Huge thanks to everyone for their support today for the Hope with Gaspard donations. I know that your kindness will make a difference to the children.

Winter Events

NOVEMBER 2021

- FRI 05 | 11 Christmas trees can be purchased online
- MON 08 | 11 Christmas cards can be purchased online
- WED 10 | 11 Festive Shop & Drinks, at RVH
- WED 17 | 11 Christmas cards - last day for online purchase
- FRI 27 | 11 Christmas trees - last day for online purchase

DECEMBER 2021

- FRI 03 | 12 Festive Friday - BWA x Hope with Gaspard
- FRI 10 | 12 Festive Friday - Bake Sale & Christmas Carols

More information coming soon,
depending on government guidelines
at the time of the events.



Please also take a look at our fundraisers planned for this term. We can't wait to see you there!

End of term finish times for the English Stream only

| Time | 1902 gate | Blue gate |
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| 12:40pm | Nursery | |
| 12:50pm | RW | |
| 1:00pm | Year 1 | |
| 1:15pm | Year 3 | Year 2 |
| 1:40pm | Year 4 and Year 5 | |
| 1:45pm | Year 6 | |

Bilingual classes finish at 3:15pm

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry