

[Newsletter for the week ending 9th February 2024](#)



Today we reflect on the wonderful half term we have had. This point in the year also marks that we are half way through the school year already.

Thank you for your continued support and challenge as we all work together to ensure every child has the best opportunities to learn every day at BWA. Here is an example of how fortunate we are to learn together – one of our parents joined Year 2 on their trip to the Army Museum to share their real life experiences of driving a tank like the one in the photo. This really brings learning to life – thank you.

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RELEVANCE

- recognition of the richness in diversity and inclusion
- tailored to reflect local, national and global perspectives
- clear progression in knowledge, skills, content, language, processes and concepts

Every week pupils at BWA are taught by a range of specialist teachers as well as their class teacher. Bringing in the experts to teach our pupils secures the best provision for them. We have had another enjoyable week learning together.



We have had another week of highly engaging PE lessons. Our Key Stage 2 pupils wrapped up their unit on invasion games and basketball with flair, demonstrating impressive skill and competitive spirit in mini matches. Their enthusiasm and dedication was noticeable, showcasing the valuable skills they've honed throughout the term. Looking ahead, we're excited to shift our focus to net & wall games, with tennis taking centre stage in the next half term.

Key Stage 1 pupils concluded their focus on attacking and defending with great success. Applying the techniques they've mastered over the term, they engaged in spirited games of capture the flag, illustrating their growth and teamwork. We're eager to transition to net games, laying the foundational blocks for tennis, in the upcoming term.

Our Early Years pupils continued to impress with their progress in awareness and spatial skills through various tag and invasion games. Their joy and engagement in these activities emphasise the fundamental skills being nurtured at this critical stage of their development.



There was a special delivery in Nursery this week: their very own post office. What a wonderful way to wrap up their People Who Help Us topic and put all their speaking, number and writing skills to practice: writing and reading letters, weighing parcels, checking prices, counting money and, most importantly, keeping the queue down and our customers happy.

RW have enjoyed exploring Lunar New Year this week. They loved watching videos of the Lunar New Year dragon and lion dances. Pupils drew illustrations of what they'd seen. They cut out and decorated their own lanterns to celebrate.



This week Year 1 and 1B were fortunate to visit Holy Trinity, Clapham where they deepened their understanding of Christianity. They learned lots from Emma, the Family Pastor, all about what Christians believe and how they might practice their faith. Pupils asked lots of interesting questions and used their observational skills to find lots of different parts of the church. They also enjoyed joining in with some singing and dancing.



Year 2 pupils had a lovely day out at the National Army Museum, where they attended an engaging, hands-on workshop on Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale as part of their History topic on 'Life changers'. Pupils showed their CARE values and Excellent learner traits during the visit, prompting museum staff to comment on the good behaviour of the children. We were very fortunate to have one of our parents, who served in the army for many years, come along and explain how he drove a tank just like the one outside the museum. Pupils were fascinated to hear about how many people can live in a tank (four!) and what each soldier's job is. Special thanks to Mr Purnell for coming along and thank you to all our brilliant parent volunteers.



Pupils in Year 3 created two fantastic Double Page Spreads on the curriculum topics they have learnt about this half term. Pupils were able to collect and record information from their books to answer key questions on rocks and ancient Egypt.

Year 4 have been reviewing their learning by investigating the question - What would happen if all electricity ceased to exist? Pupils displayed their research through incredible posters posing questions such as: What appliances could we no longer use? What would a day without electricity look like? How would we find new sources of power?

Pupils in 4B conducted an experiment about how the stomach works. They used simple materials to simulate the stomach, stomach acid and food. Pupils enjoyed predicting how the acid (orange juice) would affect the food (biscuits) in the stomach (plastic bag). They realised that the chemical and mechanical reactions work together to digest food by using their hands to squash the food, like their stomach muscles. They had lots of fun being scientists.

This week in Science, 5B have investigated ways to separate materials. They used tweezers, sieves, their fingers, magnets and filter paper to separate a mixture of solids and a mixture of soil and water. 5B were able to find which methods were most effective for each mixture.



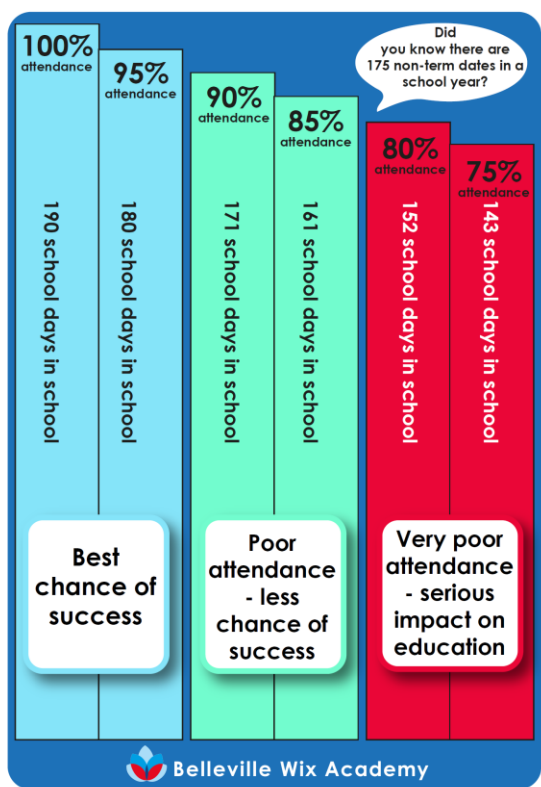
5LT's highlight this week was in Geography. Across the last couple of lessons, pupils have been researching a biome of their choice to present back on to the class. Pupils were challenged to perform their presentations in news-report fashion. They spent time creating their 'autocues' or scripts and rehearsed their reporter mannerisms before delivering impressive 'Newsround' reports touching on topics such as issues in their biome, threats and solutions, as well as general climate and wildlife that can be found there.

Year 6 have continued their learning of British migration in history lessons this week, investigating secondary sources throughout history to identify reasons people have moved to the UK throughout history. From Mesolithic stone-age nomads to Jewish refugees from German-occupied Europe in World War 2, the class decided whether their migration was forced or a choice, as well as offering push and pull factors.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Don't give up			
Beatrice	RW	Sebastien L.	4B
Aida	Y1	Harry	5LT
Eliã	1B	Maia	5S
Alex A.	Y2	Clea	5B
Vivien	Y3	Alexia	Y6
Vivienne	Y4		



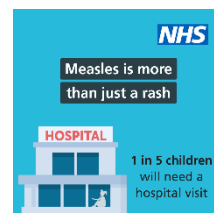
Attendance

Attending school every day is very important. Pupils should be in school every day. If a pupils has attendance of 90% and below they are a Persistent Absentee.

Our attendance is affected by families taking extended holidays in term time. Holidays should be taken out of term time only. Medical appointments should also be made out of school hours.

We know that pupils get sick and will need to rest to recuperate. Please do use this [NHS guidance](#) to help you make decisions when your child is ill about whether they should attend school or stay at home.

Information on Measles / MMR vaccination – message from the NHS



Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.



Communication

Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have, no matter how small or trivial you think they may be.



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site. There are pupils onsite with allergies and we must all do our best to keep these pupils safe at all times when onsite.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school. Getting outside remains very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



Is your child a budding Banksy?

At Belleville Wix, we are so proud of the beautiful art produced during our resident artist visits. We would like to showcase our talented pupils even more and have found an exciting opportunity!

You may be aware that each year the Royal Academy of Art holds a Summer Exhibition and

alongside they also hold a Young Artists Summer Show. <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> Submissions are currently open and we invite you to send in submissions of art that your child has produced.

Registration and submission is open until March 27th 2024. Good luck!



Dates to Remember

Spring Half Term – Monday 12th February

Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop – Tuesday 27th February 6.30pm or Thursday 29th February 12.30pm

Anti-Bullying Session for Parents and Carers – Wednesday 21st February 9am at BWA or 1.30pm online

End of Spring Term

- **English Stream** - Thursday 28th March at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** - Thursday 28th March at 3:15pm

Please see the PTA below.

Wishing you all a wonderful very peaceful and happy half term break.

Miss Henry



Upcoming PTA Events

Fri, 1 Mar 2024	Y5/Y6/CM1/CM2 Disco	5pm-6.15pm	Fourth and final disco! Tickets will be available to purchase just after half term
W/c 4 March 2024	Mother's Day special sale	tbc	Special sale to celebrate all the amazing mums! Exact date that week and further details tbc shortly
Fri, 15 Mar 2024	Comic Relief's Red Nose Day	At drop-off	Children are invited to wear red coloured clothes on the day, in exchange for a donation to support the charity's fantastic work. Donations will be collected at drop off and all funds will be donated to Comic Relief
Mon, 25 Mar 2024	Easter bake sale	At pick-up (from 3.15 to 4pm)	Let's celebrate the last week of Spring term with festive treats! Bakers can drop off their creations at the PTA stand in the morning (between 8.15 and 9 am) and these tasty treats will be available for sale at pick up time



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