

## [Newsletter for the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024](#)



It is lovely to see everyone back at school this week after the half term break. We love hearing about the different experiences the pupils have had during their time away from school. This is a six week half term packed already with so many exciting learning opportunities for pupils. We value your feedback on what you think is going well and what we can do to improve so please continue to share these with us.

Reception application numbers for September have been sent to us and we are delighted to have had an increase in applications to join BWA of 11.7%. The number of applications across the borough have dropped however our applications have increased. We know that you have a significant impact on spreading the word about our provision at BWA – thank you.

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## NURTURE

- of personal development fostering a sense of responsibility to self and others
- a sense of citizenship, community, empathy and service

## WHAT IS BULLYING?

We were very lucky to have Mark Holliday the LA Deputy Head of Education Inclusion & Participation run two Anti Bullying Parent Information sessions for us this week. He shared information with parents about what bullying is, how to know if a child is being bullied or bullying others and how best to approach school. Our Anti-Bullying policy alongside other relevant policies, can all be found on our school website or click [here](#).

During the sessions Mark shared some useful websites, linked below, which give more information on bullying and online safety.

- Internet Matters - <https://www.internetmatters.org/> - Information about keeping children safe online
- The Anti-Bullying Alliance - <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>
- Kidscape - <https://www.kidscape.org.uk/> - help with bullying for parents

Here are some of our highlights from the first week of Spring2.



A new term, a new topic and one that might just end up being their favourite: Food! Each week, pupils in our Nursery will be exploring the topic through a different story, talking about, making and, importantly, eating the food they make. Pupils took to the stage to act out their first story: Little Red Riding Hood. Our actors did a wonderful job and earned themselves a standing ovation. Pupils decided that homemade jam tarts would make a lovely treat for Grandma and their first thing to make together as a class. Yum!

In RB, as part of their learning about journeys, pupils have been finding out more about the amazing buildings in their city and have been looking carefully at the shapes and features of them, as they make their own drawings. Pupils have been

using rulers to add details and have talked animatedly about the ones they have seen before. One of the pupils even requested pictures of his favourite building, the Burj Khalifa, so he could follow his own line of enquiry. They wondered what your favourite building? Is it old or new?

Pupils in RW have dived straight in to their Traditional Tales topic, starting with the story of The Gingerbread Man. They have enjoyed playing in the new Gingerbread Cafe and decorating their own Gingerbread people. Pupils have also enjoyed a science experiment where they investigated how the Gingerbread Man could survive in different liquids.



This week, pupils in Year 1 began their new science topic about plants. They showed impressive knowledge of the plants they already know and built on this by learning the names and functions of different parts of a plant. To embed this knowledge further, the pupils became 'green-fingered' by observing and feeling some plants up close. They will now look after these plants throughout the term, considering what the plants need to grow healthily.

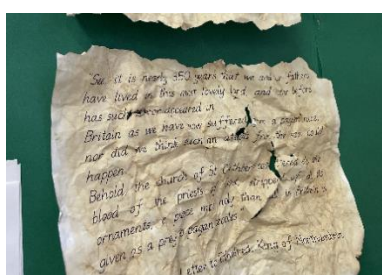
In Maths this week, Year 2 launched their Money topic by looking at the value of different bank notes and coins. They then thought about strategies to count money using pounds and pence, explored how to compare amounts and successfully added amounts of money together.



Pupils in 2B have been learning all about money in Maths. They have enjoyed finding total amounts of money using coins and notes and working together to solve problems about money. This is such a great life skill and can be tricky to start.

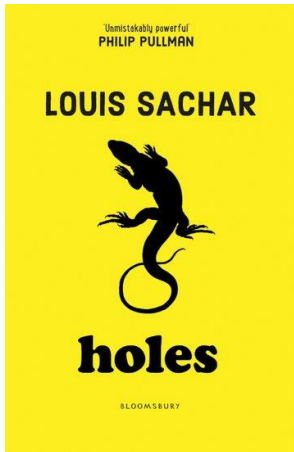
Based on what they learnt in Year 2, pupils in Year 3 have been exploring different ways to represent specified amounts of money in coins and notes.

Pupils 3B have been learning about Ancient Egypt and were excited to be archaeologists, examining objects found in King Tutankhamen's tomb to discover more about the boy king.



This week, pupils in year 4 started their new Humanities topic investigating some parchment that had been discovered by a local museum. As they read the extracts, studying the vocabulary carefully, they realised the dreaded invaders and raiders were the Vikings.

Pupils in Year 5 were given a variety of spices and items that relate to their new history topic and had to predict which civilisation they would be studying this half term. There were lots of different guesses and great discussion when they were introduced to their new Early Islamic Civilisation topic.



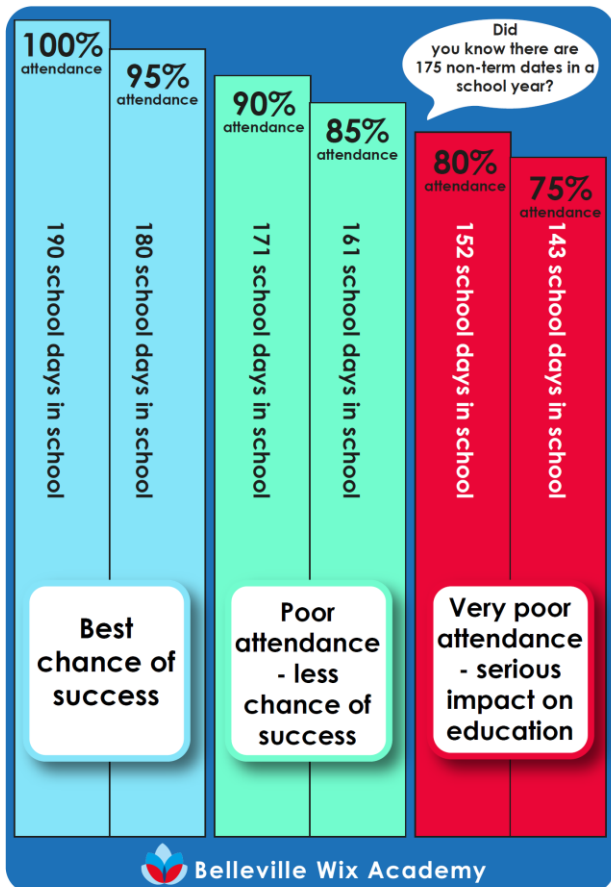
Pupils in Year 6 have begun their half term by starting their new class text: 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. They have been entertained by the nicknames of Stanley's (the protagonist) campmates and have made inferences of the characters, justifying their ideas with evidence from the text. Year 6 are looking forward to continuing the text and meeting The Warden, who the class predict will be selfish and antagonistic.

6B are diving straight into Spring 2 with a new unit of maths. Pupils are using their knowledge and understanding of fractions, decimals, multiplication and division in order to calculate percentage. 6B have considered how this is a skill that can be easily applied to our daily lives in real context such as shopping and cooking – another essential life skill.

**Excellent Learners**

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Want to learn more			
Nellia	RW	Oliver	3B
Annabelle	RB	Alfie	Y4
Elliot	Y1	Alexander	5LT
Freya	Y2	Karson	5S
Vincent	2B	Anwen	Y6
Skylar	Y3		6B

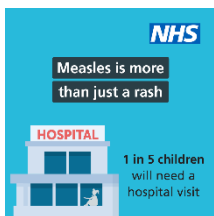


**Attendance**

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 out of term time. Holidays should not be taken in term time. 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.



## Birthday Treats

When it is a child's birthday during the school term, parents and carers can choose to celebrate this special occasion by bringing in food to share with the class if they wish. This food is given out at the end of the school day so that parents and carers can decide if their child consumes it. If you do choose to bring in food for the class, we would really appreciate it if, in addition to nut-free, consideration could be given to other allergies, religious and dietary preferences, so that all children can share in the class celebration.



## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 2024. Good luck!



**Dates to Remember**

**Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop**

**End of Spring Term**

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

Please see the PTA events coming up on the next page.

Belleville Wix Academy PTA & Ecole de Wix APL

# DISCO

Year 5 / CM1  
and  
Year 6 / CM2

Friday  
01/03/2024  
5pm - 6.15pm

School  
Reception  
(Main Hall)

Tickets at [bwadiscos.bigcartel.com](https://bwadiscos.bigcartel.com)

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.  
Please reach out to your class rep if you can volunteer.



**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



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellevillewix/>

We're excited to share a hassle-free way for you to support BWA every time you shop online.

Simply visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellevillewix/> and sign up. By doing so, a portion of your online purchases from thousands of retailers will be donated to our school at no extra cost to you. Think of it as a small contribution that makes a big difference every time you shop!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**Miss Henry**