

## Newsletter for the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Thank you to all the Mothers and Others that joined us today for our event. It was such a pleasure to see you with the children in classrooms and we hope you wear your rosette with pride.

We look forward to doing it again next Friday for our remaining bilingual classes.

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## ENGAGEMENT

- exciting first hand experiences and enquiry approaches
- varied, structured learning opportunities that are purposeful and appropriate

### World Book Day

What a fantastic World Book Day we had at BWA! After a successful book fair at the start of the week, we were blown away by all the wonderful costumes on display across the classes. Pupils had some reading time in class as well as fun activities linked to reading. Meanwhile, pupils from Nursery to Year 1 had special visitors as Year 5 and Year 6 pupils came to read to them today.



We also shared our World Book Day texts:  
In EYFS, pupils read 'The little thing' by Nick Cave.

In Y1-Y6, pupils explored 'Brilliant Black British History' by Atinuke and Kingsley Nebechi.



We are very much looking forward to our lessons inspired by the books next week!

The day concluded with an Assembly for the whole school where we all got the chance to parade and show off our brilliant outfits. It was a real joy to see all of the classes together on this special day - thank you to our French bilingual colleagues and classes for joining us.





Pupils in our Nursery had a busy week getting ready for Mother's and Other's Day with a multi-stage process to our card making. First, they painted the outside of the card and then put their literacy skills to good use to carefully write inside. They loved taking their time at each stage and trying their very best. We have no doubt that everyone who receives one will love their card as much as the pupils enjoyed making them.

This week in RB, pupils were fascinated by the features of emergency vehicles and how they had changed over time. They sorted and described the vehicles, asking lots of questions and making careful observations. Pupils were particularly interested when they looked at pictures of our local area from the past. Surprised comments included, "There were no street lights!" and "They used horses to pull the carts!" It was incredible to hear the pupils' sense of wonder at how the world has changed, by looking closely at historical sources.



This week, our reception pupils have been learning about the Three Little Pigs. They have had great fun outside building the houses from the story and acting the tale out. Pupils displayed excellent ability to demonstrate the emotions of the characters. Pictured are some of RW acting out the story.

In Year 1, pupils have been building on their knowledge of the world by learning the names of the 7 continents and 5 oceans. They put their knowledge to the test by putting back together a map of the world with their learning partner. Ask your children to sing the songs to help them remember the names of the continents and oceans, I am sure they will impress you.



In English this week, Year 2 enjoyed reading the brilliant book 'Mae Among the Stars' by Roda Ahmed, linked to their Space topic in Science. They discussed why it would have been challenging for Mae to follow her dreams of becoming an astronaut, and thought about how she achieved this great career by dreaming it, believing in it and working hard for it, with the support of her family. Pupils had a great time taking part a 'hot seat' activity, pretending to be little Mae talking about the future.

In 2B, pupils had a lot of fun exploring the 'Animal problems' series by Jory John. Pupils enjoyed planning and writing a blurb for a 'new' book in the series, where they got to choose their animal and imagine what they might complain about.



In History, 3B have had a wonderful time learning more about the Ancient Egyptians and how they made mummies. In English they are preparing to write a set of instructions to make a mummy.

As part of their science topic 'light', Year 3 pupils discussed the dangers of the sun and the different ways we can protect ourselves. They then looked at the materials used to make sunglasses and designed their own pair ready for summer.

This week in Year 4, pupils used a number of artefacts to give them an insight into how the Vikings lived in their daily lives. As they pulled out each artefact from the discovery tray, they discussed what it told them about their society and their livelihood. The artefacts included toys, cups, coins and some Viking games.





I have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the singing during music lessons this week. All our Year 5 pupils have been working incredibly hard to practice and rehearse their collection of songs for the upcoming end of term performance. We are all impressed by how well they are starting to learn their words and work on their expression and diction. They cannot wait to entertain family and friends in a couple of weeks' time.

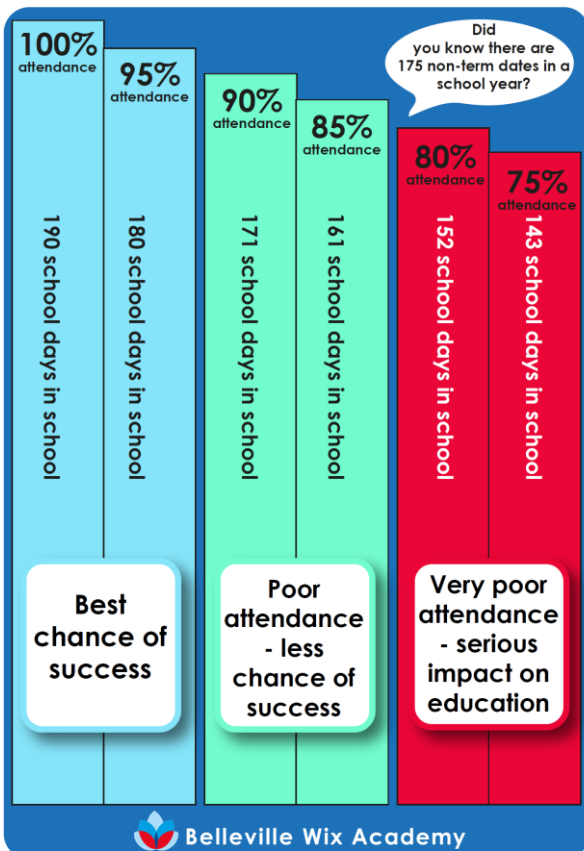
This week, Year 6 began writing non-chronological reports about yellow-spotted lizards: a fictional, fatally venomous reptile from the novel 'Holes'. They read back through extracts from the book, retrieving information about the creature's habitat, appearance and hunting style. Everyone used expert language and impressed with their ambitious vocabulary.

6B also enjoyed their English lessons this week where they took on the role of a restaurant critic to help develop their persuasive writing skills. We are very excited to read their final pieces.

### Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Like a challenge</u>			
Delphi	RW	Louis S	3B
Will	RB	Veronica	Y4
Emma	Y1	Isabella E	5LT
Freddie	Y2	Jaydon	5S
Olivia	2B	Maeson	Y6
Tomasso	Y3	Eloise	6B



### Attendance – we need your help!

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

Our attendance is affected by families taking extended holidays during 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**

**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 below.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**Miss Henry**



**Upcoming PTA Events**

Fri, 8 Mar 2024	<b>Mother's Day special sale</b>	At pick-up (from 3.15 to 4pm)	Special flowers' sale to celebrate all the amazing mums, mother figures and female carers!
Fri, 15 Mar 2024	<b>Comic Relief's Red Nose Day</b>	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
Fri, 22 Mar 2024	<b>Second hand uniform sale</b>	At drop-off & pick-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please <u>look at the lost &amp; found property boxes before Friday 15th March</u>. Any items left after that date will be sold or disposed of.</li> <li>- We welcome <u>donations of washed and folded second hand uniforms on 18th and 19th of March</u> at drop off.</li> <li>- Actual sale will take place on 22nd March at drop off (from 8 to 9am) and at pick up (from 3 to 3.45pm)</li> </ul>



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