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School closures won't stop Q1E

learning

By Harrison – Churchfields

Despite mostly empty classrooms and playgrounds, children across the country and within our trust schools are finding ways to continue with their education.

Despite the current closure of schools to most children, the students of the Quality First Education Trust are still working, learning and developing their skills in different ways.

Most children are accessing the home learning opportunities from the Q1E website which offers activities for maths, English and the wider curriculum. Lilly from Churchfields commented, "Home schooling is going well. I am very busy with lots to do."

Some children have sent in messages saying that they are adding to the suggestions using celebrity tutorials like the Joe Wicks PE lessons while others reported that



Normally busy playgrounds lie empty in spring sunshine

they were helping with the cooking, gardening and supporting younger siblings.

For those children whose parents are key workers, there are many opportunities to develop in school thanks to the input of Young Stars. Activities have included sports, games and computing sessions.

Wherever they are, whatever they are doing, the children will carry on learning, staying bright, fit and healthy.

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What secrets does this old book contain? *Find out on page 3*



Who were these exotic visitors to Belleville? *Find out on page 5*



Explore the Home Learning Gallery on pages 4-5



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All of us at Q1E would like to say a huge thank you to all the key workers within and beyond our trust. #Heroes

2. Nifty news

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Schools Attend Online

By Thomas

Online learning is a hive of activity, with over 7000 people visiting the online learning website, within and beyond the Q1E Trust. Activities for English, maths & curriculum have been provided for all children in the trust to ensure that children can follow the curriculum that would normally be followed at school. Teachers have also taken to recording video messages for their pupils. www.q1e.co.uk

4 Transport Trip

By Chloe & Louise

In January, Belleville Reception children visited the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden to link with their spring term topic 'Journeys'. The children were sent back to the 19th century to learn about transport at the time. They then followed the changes for vehicles and technologies to the present day, learning lots about how much transport in London has changed.

6 Christmas Concerts

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By Natalya

Children in Key Stages 1 and 2 at Belleville Wix Academy perform songs and poems for parents at the Christmas concerts. The halls at BWA were filled with overjoyed parents and photo flashes shone around the room in honour of these hard-working children. Over one hundred parents and carers came to the performance where they listened to their favourite Christmas classics.

2 Heads watch out

By Frank & Sam

Churchfields hold election for a new pupil Headteacher. Year 6 wrote a speech explaining how they would improve the school. The four best were then performed in front of Key Stage 2 where the children voted for the best ideas. The election was won by Frank with Akosua as deputy. During their time in charge, they patrolled the playground, ran an assembly and wrote the school newsletter.

Nifty News

The lowdown on what is going on in Quality First Education Trust



Quality First VE-Day Museum Find out more on Page 8

3 Luxurious Library

By Markas

The Alton's wonderful bookpacked library receives more gripping books to add to its collection. It is important that the children at The Alton have more books to read because it will broaden their knowledge and widen their imagination. Moreover, it is hoped that children in Key Stage 1 and 2 will want to read more as a result. The Alton is very grateful to Puffin Books for its donation.

5 Wartime Stories

By Rosie & Hannah

Churchfields students take part in an oral history afternoon as a way of discovering first-hand information on World War II. In this annual event, senior citizens who lived through WW2, were invited to share their experiences of life whilst enjoying tea and cakes. It was designed to help in researching the history topic through interviewing witnesses.

Multiplication Matters

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By Daniel

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Students in all Year 4 classes in Q1E take part in an inter-school times tables tournament. The four different schools competed via webcam against each other. The children in all schools in the trust had worked hard during lessons to refine their knowledge of multiplication facts in preparation for this inaugural competition. Pupils now hope this will be a regular part of maths lessons.

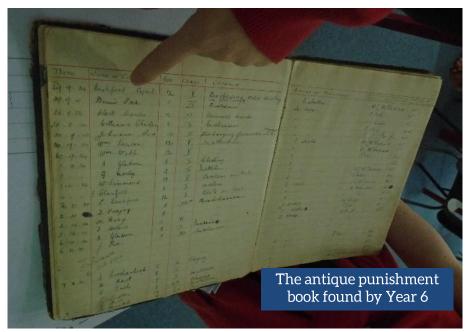
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3. Trust news

'Beatings' are a thing of the past in punishment book

by Caleb, Alex & Dexter - Churchfields



Whilst searching the archives at order from a teacher. He was Churchfields Primary School, a punishment book from the last Some pages record the same child century was discovered by Year 6. repeatedly punished for differ-

The book was used for recording disobedience and consequences for the children. The first recording was from 29th September children in history had it a lot 1914. The offence committed by worse than us. Cyril Bashford was disobeying an

given two strikes as a result. ent crimes. The last entry in the book was 26th February 1958.

This book is a reminder that

Children challenged at **Climate Change Commission**

by Haya - The Alton

in the Climate Change Commis- which is helpful for their future. sion in Tooting.

were very grateful to have this part in other future events. opportunity. They are all very

On Friday 14th February, five proud of their achievements and ambitious children from The how they have succeeded in the Alton were selected to take part chance to learn and do politics,

"I'm excited to share my point of This once-in-a-lifetime experi-view on how we should change ence was given to them after sub- our world!" exclaimed Alishba, a mitting pieces of writing about Year 6 student. Many of the other the environment. The lucky chil- children that took part shared simdren who took part in this event ilar sentiments and hope to take

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

by Constant - BWA

Year 5 at Belleville Wix visit the local recycling centre.

Huge piles of cardboard and paper were stacked into groups, making the place dark. Staff explained that the bins were separated into two parts: the recycling and the general waste. The recycling is used to make new items. Activities included crushing bottle caps and creating their own recycled paper.

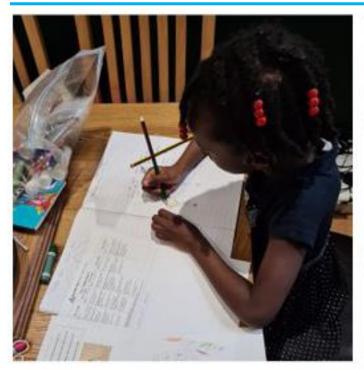
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If so - speak to the editors in your school and ask them how to submit an article. Anyone in any year group is welcome to submit!

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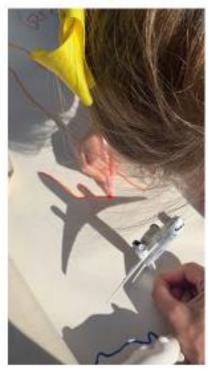






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6. Trust news

A wild time on School Journey

by Taliyah & Rosie - Churchfields



Year 6 students from Churchfields visit the Hertfordshire forest for Bushcraft Camp for School Journey.

During their trip, Year 6 took part in lots of fun activities such as archery, fire making and axe-throwing. Children slept in tepee tents, sharing with around 8-10 classmates

Canadian Year 5 teacher, Miss Perry, joined the children on the trip. She explained, "I thoroughly enjoyed the trip however I rate it 4/5 due to the UK weather. It was a completely brand-new experience for me."

Life in Bushcraft was challenging at times for some children. New experiences included having to brush our teeth and spit it into a hole in the ground. It's a trip that Year 6 will never forget.

Children in Year 5 are very much looking forward to their Year 6 Journey in 2020.

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A corn snake that visited Belleville Y1

Animal Invasion of Year 1 by Luna - Belleville

Zoolab petting zoo visit Year 1 classes across Belleville Webb's and Belleville Meteor.

Zoolab is a petting zoo company which specialises in animals and sharing their different, unique behaviours. They brought along various exotic animals including corn snakes, tarantulas, stick insects, guinea pigs, immensely long millipedes and a colossal African land snail, all of which the children handled.

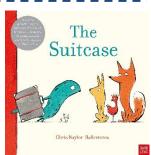
In addition, the children learnt many useful, interesting facts such as *all stick insects are classified as female*. Mrs Coles, 1C's class teacher said, "The children were very brave - even more so than the teachers!"

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day 2020

by Sonia - The Alton

This year, many schools around the country celebrated World Book Day in March. This was a day where children came to school wearing costumes resembling characters from any book. They also brought a book to read during an appropriate time on that school day. This was an amazing opportunity for children to develop their imagination whilst reading a new and exciting book. In Q1E, children looked at *The Suitcase* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros and letters from *The Velocity of Being* compiled by Maria Popova and Claudia Bedrick.



World Book Day in 2021 will be

Thursday 4 March 2021

7. South London news

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Wandsworth Borough Council is leading efforts to approve and build new homes that Londoners desperately need. The Council is taking steps to improve the quantity and quality of housing in South West London. Between April and June 2020, the Council has granted planning consent for 190 major and minor construction sites. by Alishba The Migration Museum recently opened up in Lewisham Shopping Centre. Churchfields Year 6 has visited the exhibitions which tell the stories of people from around the world who came to Britain. It was fascinating to hear about the different experiences of the migrants, many of whom arrived in the country as children. by Hannah Battersea Power Station lights up. Battersea Power Station held a spectacular light festival in January. We saw a wall full of one thousand lights and if you pressed a light, a variety of different colours lit up the wall. There were many other luminescent displays. by Saffron

Kung Hei Fat Choi! The Chinese New Year spirit was in the air earlier this year and everyone was very excited. The Chinatown parade near Trafalgar Square was full of colour and excitement, and it was free! At Belleville Wix, a special Chinese New Year assembly was held where the zodiac animals were explained. by Sofia

This year, South London has experienced very extreme weather during Storm Brendan and its aftermath. The force of 90 mph winds in parts of the city left hundreds of people without power. Widespread travel disruption, large downpours and huge waves up to 50-feet-tall were just some of the problems. As we move into spring it is hoped that the weather will provide us with more sun. by Emma

Selhurst Park has opened its doors to the homeless over winter as temperatures fall below freezing. It will allow up to ten people a temporary stay each night. "We are very grateful to all of the volunteers who give their time to make this happen and to Sainsbury's, Crystal Palace for donating food..." commented Crystal Palace Football Club Chief Executive Phil Alexander. Actions like this are chaning everyday lives of people who are less fortunate than us. by George and Alex

Concern about the air quality in London has been expressed by King's College. Because of exhaust fumes and other pollution, local residents breathe in poor quality air. We can all help by walking instead of driving. by Charlie

> Bromley Council is planning to close the nearest library to Churchfields School. The decision regarding the plan to change Beckenham Library into flats is being discussed in the upcoming weeks. Opponents to the redevelopment have claimed it will split up, "much needed community facilities." by Aaron & Kai

Do you know of any local news that you think should be reported? Get in touch. @QFNewsLondon

8. Trust news

Your Museum Needs You!

by Mrs Ford - Curriculum Director

VE day or 'Victory in Europe' day happened 75 years ago on Tuesday 8th May 1945. It was declared as a public holiday to recognise the end of the fighting in Europe towards the end of World War II.

It was an emotional day that millions of people had been waiting for. Many people were extremely happy that the fighting had stopped and there were big celebrations and street parties. But VE day was also a moment of great sadness and reflection, as millions of people had lost their lives or loved ones in the conflict.

Please help us celebrate the history of VE day and of 75 years ago. The **Virtual Museum** on our website will share all the memories and stories from your families from the end of the war.

You can share **anything** about 75 years ago. It could be:

- a family story
- a photo

- something about what life was like Please send by email to: museum@q1e.org.uk



Editors learn from the pros

by Amelie - Belleville

Students working on Quality First News were invited along to The Guardian headquarters to learn just what goes into creating a newspaper.

The group wrote their own articles, created a front page and then edited it, adding images. The editorial team enjoyed every moment of their visit.



Fundraising Fun

by Malaika - BWA

Children at Belleville Wix Academy spent a day raising money for Children in Need to help children with disabilities and illness.

The School Council came together and created posters to raise awareness for the event. As a result, lots of children took part by doing activities such as yoga, dance, skipping, fitness and stretch endurance. Teachers took part by running the sessions. During the sessions the children truly enjoyed themselves. This was a massive success and they raised £250 for the charity.

Synagogue visit

by Zara - Belleville

As children in Year 6 at Belleville School have been learning about Judaism, this term they visited a local synagogue in Wimbledon. The synagogue – a meeting place for Jewish people – was not what they were expecting from their previous work. They were informed that synagogues can be very different from one another.

Year 6 enjoyed the experience of going inside and learning about the Jewish faith and culture. Notable moments included them having the privilege of trying challah (a holy bread) and looking at the Torah (a scroll). The Torah was written in Hebrew and is read from right to left. This educational experience added greatly to their knowledge of the Jewish faith.

Photo fame for Year 3

by Sami & Euan - Churchfields

Last year, Steve McQueen launched an exhibition by Tate Britain, where Year 3 classes in Britain had a picture taken of their class.

A number of Year 3 classes across the trust were chosen by the artist to have their photo taken and displayed in Tate Britain. Naomi, Year 4, said, "The Tate project was truly beautiful." This project was planned to continue until 4th May 2020.

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9. Culture

500 Words: Pupil Choice Award by Zachary - Belleville

Q1E Pupils' Choice Winner 2020

Revenge of the Pencils!

By Shane Medina-Cameron

Green used to be picked for everything. He used to be chosen to colour every picture. My friends and I didn't like it. One day, we wanted revenge.

I'm Red. I used to be the happiest pencil ever. Every day, I used to be chosen to colour most things. Buses, flowers, roofs of houses. Until Green came. HE was Laszlo's favourite colour. Laszlo would use him to colour natural things. I became despondent and Orange, Blue, Yellow and I were put in a cupboard. Now all we do is cry. Our happy days have become sad days. Blue declared revenge.

So, we pencils started our incredulous plan. We all painted ourselves green until we looked just like Green. We left the tip the same colour though.

"Now how are we going to get out of here?" Orange questioned, his one pencil leg quivering.

"I know, one of us can use Yellow's tip to pick the lock. Yellow has the sharpest tip out of all of us," I replied.

"Good idea," Yellow said sarcastically.

"Ok, I'll hold Yellow," I said. I walked to the front of the cupboard and put Yellow's tip in the lock. I twisted it as hard as I could until the door opened.

"We could have done this the whole time," replied Yellow.

"Anyway," I said. "Let's jump to the desk."

"I want revenge," Blue shouted one morning (or night, I can't tell the difference when I'm locked up in a cupboard).

"What is your plan?" replied Orange, his arm crossed and his cheeks red after crying.

"Well, Laszlo's probably forgotten us by now as its been a long time since he's used us. The last time he used us was when he was a baby. A baby! So, I'm thinking maybe we could escape, then one by one, we can colour each other green."

"But surely Green won't allow us to colour ourselves green," I replied.

"Oh, but here's the thing: there is some paint in the corner of this cupboard. We could use that to colour ourselves green."

"You're a total genius," replied Yellow.

We all jumped to the desk and laid very still.

"Laszlo'll be here anytime soon. Everybody quiet." Immediately, everyone obeyed me. In a flash, we heard footsteps. Laszlo came in with his colouring book under his armpit.

"Now where did I put my colouring pencil?" he asked. Suddenly, he saw us all and walked to us. "Hang on a minute!"

He put the colouring book on the desk and took me up. Then he used me to colour a bus. It felt like paradise for me. The soft scratch on the paper made me thrilled once again. Suddenly, Laszlo smiled.

"I love this colour," he said, then he took Blue. And one by one, he used all the colours. He found Green and put him aside.

Every day after that, he would use us to colour everything.

Well all except one - Green!

You can check out all the 500 Words entries online on your school websites. Don't forget to explore the BBC Website : 500 Words 2020



Year 5 students have been busy writing stories for an annual competition called 500 Words.

The competition, organised by the BBC, is a national competition where pupils can enter their own stories which have to be no more than 500 words.

This year, our Q1E schools did their own Pupil Choice competition by voting on whose story they liked best. Each class voted for a winner. which was then read by every child in the trust. A final wholetrust winner was chosen by every Year 5 child in O1E. One of the class winners was a 10-year-old who wrote a funny story called "Fruit Election." She told Quality First News: "I feel amazing to have won a medal."

Each of the class winners was presented with a medal and the Pupil Choice 2020 winner, Shane Medina-Cameron, was presented with a trophy.

Children also have the option of entering their stories in the BBC competition. The finalists go to Buckingham Palace where famous authors will read their stories. The Gold Winners get the equivalent of the BBC's Chris Evans height in books!

10. Reviews

Exhibition Review:



by Zachary - Belleville

Olafur Eliasson, a Danish-Ice- 1.5 meters in front of you, but it landic artist. was back at the Tate felt shorter than that. Modern to show the world his latest work.

Without a doubt, this was one but some people still see pink. of the best exhibitions at the Tate Modern that I have ever seen. The artwork that really stood out for me was the fog room because you For example, in 2003, two milfelt slightly blind with dashes of lion -- yes, million! - people came colour surrounding you. In fact, he to see his work at Tate Modern. I called this room "Your blind passenger." You could only see

Incredibly, there is no pink colouring used in the fog room, This is because your eyes tire of the yellow coloured fog. Eliasson, the artist, remains very popular. highly recommend.

Book Review: Redwall by Brian Jacques

This is an amazing, powerful and Year 6 student, Matthew, exinspirational novel, written in the plains: "Jacques' use of words inworld of animals.

mice and other loved (and hated) creatures, such as hedgehogs, foxes Freddie, added, "Redwall is one of and bank voles, this novel will render you speechless. Matthias, the is full of adventure." main character, attempts to find a missing object in a fantasy king- books in the series so you can dom. The first in an amazing series, carry on exploring the world. this book can capture your imagination for days on end.

spire me with my own stories Set in the wondrous land of rats. and help me to learn words that I have never heard." 10 year old, the best books I have ever read. It

There are plenty of further

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver

by Markas - The Alton

Wolf Brother is a fictional book. which is based around a curious and adventurous boy named Torak whose father was brutally murdered by a demon bear. Now it is up to Torak to save the forest, with a little help from his good friend, Wolf. Anyone who has a taste for adventure and likes a suspenseful atmosphere should definitely read this awe-inspiring book.

Movie Review: Cats

by Ruby - BWA

The 'Cats' movie, released in December 2019, received disappointing reviews. It's true, the digitally created cats' fur looks a little strange, but there is more to the film than just fur. There are positive role models, like the kitten that encourages the old cat to believe in herself. The singing and dancing are also spectacular. It's definitely worth a look.

Movie Review: The Christmas **Chronicles**

by Saim (Y2) - The Alton

In The Christmas Chronicles, a girl called Kate says Santa is real, but her big brother says he isn't. They decide to set up a trap for Santa. Suddenly, they hear bells and see footprints. They see Santa jumping into people's chimneys! Then they go to the alley, where they see Santa's sleigh and they jump inside! When Father Christmas comes back, he begins to ride the sleigh.

11. Advice

Keeping Safe!

If you are feeling unsafe, you can always talk to any adult who works in schools. But did you know that in each of our Q1E schools, we have people whose job it is to keep you safe. They are called the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

The Alton:

Mrs Hudson

Belleville School:

Miss Atherton

Belleville Wix:

Mr Redman

Churchfields:

Ms Norledge



"Don't worry about end of year assessments"



by Mia & Lily - Churchfields

They may not be happening this year, but throughout Year 6, the children go through a series of assessments. But why? It's practice for SATs. Teachers give these papers to students to identify the areas that children need to work on. Teacher Miss Burnett said, "SAT's doesn't define you, it's not life or death". Mr Matthews added: "Recover your learning; it will lock into your head." Here are some tips to help you:

- ✓ Don't worry it won't help you.
- ✓ Be confident.
- ✓ Do practise the basics: e.g. times tables.
- ✓ Don't stress; these assessments are a chance to show what you can do, but people who know you already have a good understanding of how brilliant you are!

Should schools keep pets?

by Emma - Belleville

Many visually impaired people have guide dogs for the blind, but did you know that pets help people with autism or other learning difficulties?

Research shows that pets are good for children's mental health. Because of this, many schools are re-introducing pets to the classroom. Some schools have reading dogs, which give children a friend to share a book with. However, the RSPCA advises against keeping pets in schools as they can be noisy, frightening places for them. Also, it is said that it is hard to look after any animal's needs in a small classroom. Add to that issues around allergies and what happens during the holidays and you can see why schools avoid having pets. Do you think your school should get a pet?

If you feel unsafe, you can talk to any adult in school. Don't Keep Quiet!

12. Sport

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A Different Kind of Hockey

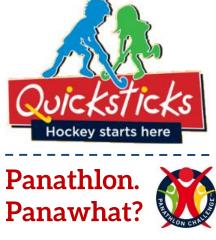
by Iris - Belleville

Quicksticks hockey is a sport you may never have heard of.

Only a handful of schools have ever played this incredible sport before. Quicksticks is a game that is very similar to regular hockey; the only difference is that there are no goalkeepers and there are only four players on the field at a time. The game is played at a quicker pace on a pitch the size of a netball court.

As well as being played in schools, Quicksticks also features at the London Youth Games.

If you would like to play Quicksticks hockey, speak to your PE teacher!



by Bernardo & Ramari - BWA

In October, some of Belleville Wix Key Stage 2 were invited to a Panathlon with Mr Bartlett.

The event included many different activities including bean bag throwing, table hockey and, one of the favourites, parachute games.

Bernardo and Ramari summed up the day: "We are so grateful to Mr Bartlett and hope we can do this again in the future."

Gymnastic Fantastic

by Lilly, Matilda & Annabel – Churchfields

This term, Churchfields pupils have been perfecting their skills in gymnastics.

All the different areas are being covered in PE lessons. Recently pupils at Churchfields have been jumping off different size platforms. The children who are more advanced in gymnastics have been executing front rolls as they land. To warm up pupils have been stretching various muscles in their arms and legs.

PE teacher Mr Sweeney said, "Gymnastics is key for building core strength and flexibility."

PE Teachers across the trust are working hard to bring your PE online! Make sure you check it out at www.q1e.co.uk

Would you like to write about sport? Write us an article! @QFNewsLondon

Bromley Girls Cup Second Round

by Sophia & Rosette - Churchfields

On Thursday 23rd January, a team was selected from Year 5 and 6 classes from Churchfields Primary School to play in the second round of the Bromley Girls Cup.

Hopes were high as they were playing a team that they had beaten previously. Unfortunately for Churchfields, the opposition were up 5-nil at half-time; however. Churchfields made a comeback in the second half, ending the match at 3-6. Unfortunately, the Churchfields team were eliminated from the Bromley Girls Cup. Defender, Sophia, said, "It was disappointing but at least we enjoyed being part of the team." It was important that a lot of CARE values and good sportsmanship were displayed by all competitors.

INTERVIEW: ¹ played by all competitors. Why do children love sports so much?

by Ethan - Belleville

I interviewed two Q1E pupils about their favourite sports to find out why they love sport so much.

Benjamin, Year 5, plays RFL tag rugby. "Being in the rugby team is inspiring and helps me become a better player," he says. Ben wanted to thank his coaches at Battersea Ironsides for helping him develop. "The support from my friends and especially my teammates helped me along the way." Axel enjoys athletics. "Everyone is friendly and supportive," he says. "The teachers are also encouraging in everything that we do. We win loads of games thanks to the support we receive.

Axel follows up with, "We are all there for each other when we don't win. We are like phoenixes because we rise from the ashes when we lose. We all respect each other. All in all we are a giant family that lives for sport."

13. Sport

Kurling Kompetition

by Sophia & Finn - Churchfields

Willow Class from Churchfields Primary School went to Coopers Secondary School to take part in a New Age Kurling competition against 15 other Bromley schools on Wednesday 29th January.

New Age Kurling is a sport where a stone is thrown down a court towards a target with different colours, each worth different points. Overall, Willow Class played against five different schools from Bromley, scoring points in every round. Churchfields won four out of six matches and finished in second place. Finn, who was the top scorer, commented, "I had so much fun, and I am very proud."



New Age Kurling in Bromley

Tag Rugby Tournament

by Sebastian & Aaron - BWA

January saw a team from Belleville Wix take part in a Tag Rugby tournament.

In the second game they played their local trust rivals, Belleville, in a match that ended in a draw. Eventually they made it to the quarter finals where they were beaten despite playing well.

Q1E Pupils raise over £7000 for Sports Relief



by James - Belleville

Children across the Q1E Trust have gone to great lengths to raise money for the national sporting charity, Sports Relief.

Across the trust, children in all schools went to great lengths to demonstrate their commitment to raising money. In Churchfields, children ran a mile and BWA held a 'Do Anythingathon' throughout the day.

Q1E was delighted to raise over £7000, which will help Sports Relief further its work helping vulnerable people.

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