

12th May 2023

The King's
CORONATION

MAY 6, 2023



I hope you all had a memorable weekend celebrating the historic moment of the coronation of King Charles III. It is wonderful to hear what our families did to mark the occasion and how children were role playing their own coronations. Pupils have been wearing their special badges that we presented them with to have as a keepsake of this special event.



Last Friday, Year 3 visited Kew Gardens as part of their Science topic about plants. Through careful observation of flowers under microscopes and a hands-on experience with different types of seeds, pupils investigated the journey and life cycle of a plant. They were very excited to hold the largest seed in the world - the coco de mer. As well as taking in all the wonderful sights that Kew has to offer, our Year 3s also had an adventure in the expansive children's garden. Thank you to Miss Stevens and Miss Mirfakhraie for organising this great experience and parents who generously gave us their time to help on the trip.



Our very first BWA Book Club for staff, parents and carers has been rescheduled for Thursday 25th May 2023, from 5-6pm. Our book is *The Appeal* by Janice Hallett. Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome to do so. We do recommend making use of local bookshops and local libraries to source the book. If anyone is finding it difficult to locate a copy, we will also have some spare copies to lend out. Please email the office by Wednesday 24th May to confirm attendance. Childcare can be provided in the form of a volunteered creche in school for parents who require it, so please indicate if you might need it.

A sincere thanks to Miss Mieville and Miss Gordon for organising this wonderful opportunity.

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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

Despite another four day week, we have worked hard together to be the best we can be. Year 6 sat their KS2 SATs and we are very proud of their resilience and determination to show what they know in these unseen exams. Here are some of our other highlights.



We offer a phenomenal range of clubs for our pupil to participate in. On Tuesday morning, pupils in our Y1-3 basketball club came for their normal 8am start. To begin the session they did a couple of their favourite dribbling games. As Mr Butler looked around he couldn't help but reflect back to their first session in which balls were rolling this way and that. This week, Mr Butler saw how well pupils could keep a dribble alive whilst picking up a bean bag, taking that bean bag to their area, dropping it off and then chest passing to a teammate. He is very, very proud of the pupils in this club.

This week, pupils in our Nursery have been using their fine motor skills to create lovely constellations by carefully sticking down their sequin stars, one at a time. Look at the concentration in this photograph – just brilliant learning behaviours!



Pupils in RW have been learning about the life of a pirate. They decided they wanted to make their own map so they stained paper using tea and coffee. When these had dried they drew their own treasure map and even labelled the different places along the way. Doesn't this map look great – it even has a compass on it to help with directions.

In RB, pupils had a fabulous time dressing up for Pirate Day on Tuesday. During the day, pupils designed and made pirate hats, climbed the rigging on the school pirate ship and participated in a role play of finding buried treasure, as well as talking like a pirate and singing sea shanties. As part of their understanding the world and literacy topic, Sea Adventures, pupils learnt what life was like for pirates. They were particularly surprised that the crew went to sleep with the animals on the ship.



Pupils in Year 1 were so fortunate to learn with our resident artists this week. They demonstrated how well they had listened and watched the artists model the techniques when they did their own collage, painting and drawing to construct their Van Gogh-inspired sunflower pieces. Our pupils learned quickly and added their own creative flair to their artwork through the collage styles, sunflower petals and the seeds in the middle. Excellent outcomes.

Year 2 had some excellent discussions in History this week about whether the Suffragette campaign had been won easily or with difficulty, as part of our 'Making History' topic on significant activists. One pupil astutely remarked that if the ruler was Queen Victoria at the time, 'Why was she not helping women to get the right to vote, as she was a woman herself?' Pupils reflected on the 'safe' and 'dangerous' decisions that activists sometimes have to make, while looking at two significant suffragettes, Emmeline Pankhurst and Princess Sophia Duleep Singh.



Pupils in 3B have been using their research skills to explore facts about Ancient Egyptian monuments including the Great Sphinx of Giza, the Luxor Temple and important pyramids.

In 3S, pupils explored the different ways historians know what life was really like in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. They had the chance to examine a range of excavated artefacts and discussed what the items could be and what they might have been used for. They enjoyed finding out that they were a variety of bowls, weapons and different types of stone tools that archaeologists had dug up from pre-historic sites.



Pupils in our 4B class have been looking at different coastal features along the UK and could identify an arch, a stack, a sand beach, a shingle beach and cliffs. They also explored how wind and waves cause erosion (cliff falls) and then transport the land particles to deposit them along the coast.

This week, 4A have also been investigating the different ways in which our coastline changes over time. Pupils learnt what the terms erosion and deposition mean before creating their own 'changing coastline' using sand and water. After, they created a quiz to test their classmate's knowledge on the

new terms. Mr Abraham was very happy with how well they remembered the meanings.

Year 5 have loved being the proud new carers of 5 healthy butterflies. Pupils now need to ensure that the butterflies are well fed and can fully strengthen their wings after emerging from their pupas. Once they have gathered their strength, the butterflies will then be released into the BWA garden.



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Can learn by themselves			
Olivia	RW	Alexander	4A
Sixtine	RB	Fynn	4W
Mohamed	Y1	Charlotte	4B
Lucas	Y2	Annie	Y5
Gaspard	3M	The Whole Class!	Y6
Jimmy	3S	The Whole Class!	6B
Lea	3B		



Dates to Remember

- Half term – week beginning Monday 29th May
- INSET Day – Monday 5th June – English Stream only

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Henry

Help for Households

The Money and Pensions Service (MaPS) which is an arm's-length body sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions offers free and impartial guidance to help people to make the best with their money and pensions. Please use this link to access the information. [Help with the cost of living | MoneyHelper](#)

MoneyHelper have just included a Benefits calculator to help people know the list of the benefits they could qualify for and how they can claim them. <https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/benefits/benefits-calculator>.



LA Support Offer

You can access a broader range of information related to cost of living concerns via their website www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub/



The Government has launched the '[Help for Households](#)' scheme. The homepage brings together over 40 support schemes that the public can access, depending on eligibility, including help with:

Household costs

- Energy Bills
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Transport costs

Additionally, a range of online tools will help citizens quickly and efficiently check the support they might be eligible for and how to access it.