



# BWA Newsletter

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**13<sup>th</sup> January 2023**



It is great to be back onsite to see everyone after the Christmas break. I know a number of households had the sickness bug over the holidays so it is important to highlight the advice that was published last week when we returned to school. Attendance at school is important so I would ask for your help to ensure we do all we can to stop the spread of any viruses that may be around by following the advice below.



## **UKHSA - Back to school advice**

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

Flu and Covid 19 are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

UKHSA has issued a press notice [here](#). **The advice is aimed at parents to remind them that if their child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.**



## **Parent Governor**

I do hope that you will consider putting yourself forward for this opportunity. Information went out last week, if you didn't get this, please do contact us so we can send this to you again. The deadline for nominations is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 4:00pm

## **Maths Workshop**

This week we invited parents from Year 3 and 4 to a timetables workshop. We shared strategies to use to help children learn the timetables facts as well as information about the statutory tests pupils will sit in Year 4. Sincere thanks to the parents who attended and our Director of maths for providing this informative workshop. If you missed this and would like some support with helping your child learn the timetables facts, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.



## **Free Parent Workshops**

I am delighted to share two great opportunities with you. Two excellent local companies are offering free parent workshops that I highly recommend you attend – if you can.

**Wednesday 18th January 8pm - EVERY MISTAKE IS A TEACHABLE OPPORTUNITY**

**In this free webinar you'll learn:**

- how we can teach our children to take responsibility for their actions;
- to forgive themselves and to learn something from the experience that will make it less likely that it will happen again;
- to not be afraid of making mistakes; and
- to accept that with every mistake can always come a repair.

You'll learn one of the most powerful Parent Practice techniques called '**The Mistakes Process**' which is a way of dealing with things when they go wrong without making a drama out of it, not because it isn't serious, but because we have to teach our children about moral issues in way that is effective.

Instead of reacting with blame and criticism **'The Mistakes Process'** gives you a method which allows you to be a bit less emotional and a lot more effective.

Please register [here](#).

### **Role Models – Free Parent Workshop**

Topic: **'How to develop confidence in children'**

When: **28th February, 2023 07:30 PM** [London]

A 45 minute online talk, followed by Q&A, exploring how to develop a child's confidence, nurture their curiosity and encourage a healthy responses to challenges. Throughout their childhood, children are building their internal picture of how they view themselves; their self-esteem, self-efficacy and mindset are being shaped. What can we do to positively impact these important life skills?

What you'll learn:

- why confidence is such an important skill to develop in childhood;
- what it means to be confident; and
- 10 practical strategies for developing confidence in children.

**Register using this**

**link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2116734542976/WN\\_sh5PwupeSeChzFQb01eF5g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2116734542976/WN_sh5PwupeSeChzFQb01eF5g)

Walking around the school this week, I saw amazing learning. Here are some of our highlights.



Pupils in our Nursery have been learning about Dentists as part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic. They have had fantastic discussions about how to look after teeth and why it's important to look after our teeth.

As part of RW's 'Dinosaur' topic this half term, pupils have designed their own junk model dinosaurs. They drew a picture of what they wanted it to look like before writing a list of all the materials they would need. Looking closely at their plan, pupils then made their junk model dinosaur. Next week they will paint them and add extra details to look just like a real dinosaur.



Year 1 have started to look at how our local area has changed over time. Pupils developed their historical enquiry skills by examining a range of sources. They made some incredibly insightful and thoughtful observations by drawing conclusions from the photographs, drawings and newspaper articles.

Year 2 had an enjoyable start back and delved straight into their new Science topic 'How to survive and thrive'. They looked at how our bodies change as we get older and had a lot of fun trying to guess who was who in their baby photos! Pupils also explored how exercise affects their heartbeat and breathing, after sitting/walking/jumping and running for one minute.





Pupils in Year 3 had their classrooms transformed into an Ancient Egyptian tomb. They searched for Tutankhamun's hidden artefacts and explored what each object revealed to us about life back then.

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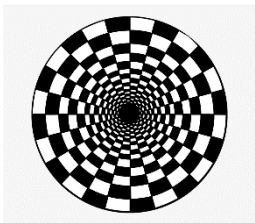
In 3B pupils have had a brilliant week exploring different Creation stories of a variety of religions. This week they had an opportunity to make up their own creation story after exploring the Jewish and Christian beliefs on



4B had a fantastic time consolidating their learning about Hinduism when they had the chance to visit to Shree Ghanapathy Temple, in Wimbledon. They explored the temple, had an informative discussion with an expert volunteer and tried on some traditional clothing. We have been given some beautiful gifts that can be used for teaching all the pupils about Hinduism. Thank you to the parents who came with us and to Miss Malinowski for organising this super experience.

Year 4 have been exploring Viking history and creating a sculpture inspired by their mythology. First, they designed their sculptures using techniques such as shading before using clay to create their final pieces. They were also very fortunate to work with our resident artists this week – we will share more next week.

Pupils in Year 5 watched and explored the short, environmental film, 'Hewn', in their comprehension lesson. The clip contains no dialogue, so pupils had to apply their inference and deduction skills to interpret the message of the visual text. They concluded that our resources on the planet are finite and that alternative energy supplies need to be explored. A great discussion followed.



Year 6 enjoyed the launch of their new science topic - Light and Sight. They explored optical illusions, learning that not all is as it seems with how we see with our eyes and how our brain understands the information. Pupils learnt how eyes work - that the light enters our eye and this is translated into a message sent to our brain that is then recognised. They did a mini experiment closing our eyes for 20 seconds and then opening them, observing how our pupils change when reacting to light.

In 6B, pupils enjoyed learning about the Balham Bombing in October 1940. They learned that the details were kept from the press to avoid lowering public morale. I was very impressed with the newspaper reports they wrote, explaining what happened. Pupils came up with some very creative headlines.

### Excellent Learners

It was a privilege to congratulate our Excellent Learners in celebration assemblies this week.

<b>Excellent Learners Likes a challenge</b>			
Oscar	RW	Elie	3S
Quinn	1B	Evie	4A
Bodhi	Y1	Harry	4W
Hector	Y2	Eloise	5B
Daphne	2B	Dominic	Y5
Alfie	3M	Emir	Y6

<u>Excellent Learners Are Creative</u>			
Filippo	RW	Veronica	3S
Moa	RB	Jaydon	4A
Phoenix	Y1	David	4W
Harrison	Y2	Thais	4B
Maximillian	3B	Milo	Y5
Raffy	3M	Sienna	Y6
		Violette	6B



### **LA Support Offer**

During the cost of living crisis Wandsworth Council are committed to supporting the children and families in the borough through one of the harshest winters we may ever experience, by offering a Warmer Welcome – an enhanced children’s centre offer from six of our children’s centres. The LA Warmer Welcome sites are local places around the borough, where families and their children can come for free. These children’s centres offer a warm, safe, welcoming place where hot drinks and food are being served alongside a range of activities to support

families.

Please see the three attached leaflets highlighting the locations of the ‘Warmer Welcome’ sites and their core opening hours and the wider cost of living support. 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/](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub/)



### **Help for Households**

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.



### **Dates to Remember**

**Last day of half term** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**English Stream Parent Teacher Meetings** – week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February

**Bilingual Stream Reports** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

**Miss Henry**