

17th November 2023 Newsletter



On Monday we started our Anti-Bullying week with an Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day helps children to recognise that every person is unique and different, and that our differences are something to be celebrated. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year is “Make a Noise About Bullying”. We focused on this theme in our weekly assembly and throughout the week pupils had opportunities to take part in a variety of activities to promote awareness about bullying.

We do not tolerate bullying at BWA. If you ever have any concerns about bullying, please do not hesitate to share these with us. It may be helpful to know that our policy can be found on our website and [here](#).



BWA Book Fair - 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th November

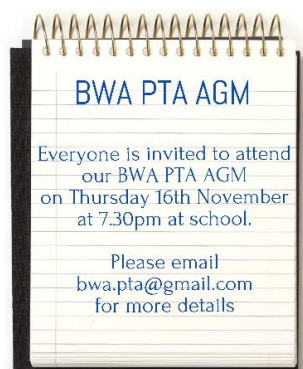
This week we continued to hold our Scholastic Book Fair events. Thank you for your support as it has raised over £500 for the school to buy books. We do hope your children love reading the special books you so generously bought for them.



Times Tables Workshop for Year 3 & 4 families - *Understanding the year 4 'Multiplication Tables Check' and supporting your children in learning their 'times tables'*

Having quick recall of times tables facts gives children a solid foundation in mathematics that will help them work out a variety of calculations easily and quickly. Knowing times tables facts provides the building blocks for understanding higher learning, such as long multiplication, long division, fractions and fraction of numbers, algebra and solving word problems.

To help parents with strategies to support children learning their times tables and in understanding the Year 4, MTC we are offered a virtual ‘workshop’ on Tuesday. Sincere thanks to everyone who joined one of the sessions.



Our PTA

On Thursday evening the PTA held their AGM. It was great to see so many parents come to support this event. Our PTA are instrumental in our school community and we are very fortunate to have a thriving PTA. We had an opportunity to celebrate the dedication of our wonderful Chairs – Julie and Emma and say thank you for all they have done to plan phenomenal events for us all to enjoy and raise funds for the school to enhance the learning experiences for all our pupils.

Upcoming events are at the bottom of this newsletter. We are looking forward to the Year 1 & 2 disco later this evening.



Just Shelter

A big thank you from School Councillors for all the donations of warm items of clothing and shoes, in aid of local refugees and asylum-seekers living locally. These are much-needed as the weather gets colder and will make a big difference to many families.



AMBITION

- the highest expectations of what all children can achieve
- expanding horizons through research and sharing of best practice

On Thursday we held an Open Morning for prospective families and we loved showcasing the wonderful provision at BWA. Here are some of our highlights from learning together this week.



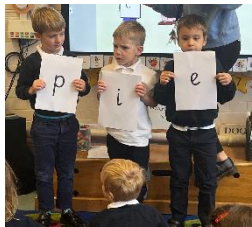
Year 5 loved their learning with our Resident Artists this week. They explored the traditional theme of still life, drawing inspiration from the modernist work of Paul Cezanne. Pupils were immersed in their learning about the impressionist movement. Drawing inspiration from this, they created their own still life creations based on fruit and classroom objects. Starting in their sketch books, pupils used oil pastels to draw real-life fruit, taking a closer look at Cezanne's technique, colour scheme, and positioning. Their final paintings even had an added three-dimensional effect as the objects were suspended on the canvas using string. The outcomes were incredible.



For Anti-Bullying Week, Nursery have been learning about how a superhero's true power is kindness. We are very good at being kind in Nursery so we celebrated by making our very own superhero masks and capes that we painted our first name initials onto. Kindness really is a super power!



This week in RW we have been learning about Nocturnal Animals. Pupils have enjoyed using mixed media to create collages of owls, hedgehogs, badgers, bats and cats. These lovely photographs show our pupils really concentrating on getting the technique and detail right as they use paint and paper to create their collage hedgehogs.



Pupils in Year 1 have been looking at vowel digraphs. They have shown fantastic sounding and blending skills and are even beginning to articulate the rule: when two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking. A great effort to learn some new graphemes, well done Year 1.

In 1B we were learning about fact families in Maths. The students really impressed Mrs Brouwer by showing their understanding of the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction. They consolidated this by writing a range of equations. Well done 1B!



Year 2 have had a lot of fun during the launch of their English unit on Michael Rosen. They have loved listening to and performing 'Chocolate Cake', which inspired their writing as they wrote fabulous recounts this week, using conjunctions and exciting adjectives.

In Year 3, pupils have been exploring their new book "George Speaks". They were asked to create predictions about what might happen next in the story and used dialogue to create a conversation between George and the doctor. They then performed their dialogues with their partners to the rest of the class with so much confidence.



During their English week, pupils in 4B have been eagerly creating and describing a creature using expanded noun phrases, with prepositional phrases, for their FOUND posters. This writing was inspired by the many lost creatures from The Lost Thing story by Shaun Tan.

In our English stream, pupils in Year 4 have been working hard to practice their multiplication skills, looking at the 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12s. Every day they challenge ourselves to complete them in a better time. We are very proud that pupils are able to answer a question in less than 3 seconds.

5B have enjoyed their learning during their R.E.W unit - 'Why do you judge me?' and have created posters celebrating difference and diversity. This week they have discussed the terms prejudice and discrimination and their link to stereotyping. Pupils have also considered how it feels to be on the receiving end of discrimination and developed their empathy surrounding the treatment of others.

During their English lessons this week, pupils in Year 6 have continued reading, 'The Longest Night of Charlie Noon' by Christopher Edge, investigating how the author creates tension and atmosphere throughout the narrative. They used their investigation skills to decode a hidden message within the book. They can't wait to read on to discover what the message (the way forward is the way back) really means.

This week nine boys from Year 5 and 6 went to Southfields Academy to compete in the EFL Cup which is a knockout tournament with group stages. The top 2 teams from each group then advance to the knockout round. The winners of the day would then have a chance to play at Wembley Stadium if they won the next tournament.

Our boys finished 2nd in their group with 2 wins and 1 loss, which meant we moved on to the knockout stage. Unfortunately we lost that match to but ended up finishing 5th out of 19 teams. It was an incredible effort by our BWA pupils, especially as the rain tumbled down. We are so proud and cannot wait for another chance to play together. Lastly, thank you to our parent helper Gianfranco. He was a fantastic second in command and really helped coach and support the boys.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

Excellent Learners Can Learn By Themselves			
Hamish	RW	Ruben	4B
Kye	Y1	Riccardo	5LT
Constance	1B	Karson	5M
Stanley	Y2	Vincent	5B
Paul Auguste	Y3	Annie	Y6
Gaspard	Y4		



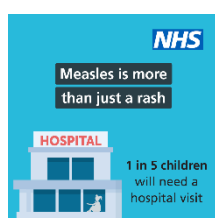
Communication

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.



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.



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.



Dates to Remember

- **Open day – we are holding another Open Day on Tuesday 21st November.**

Last day of Autumn term

- **English Stream - Thursday 21st December at 1:45pm**
- **Bilingual Stream - Thursday 21st December at 3:15pm**

Wishing you all a super weekend.

Miss Henry



Upcoming PTA Events

Fri, 17 Nov	BBC Children In Need	All day & collection at drop off	All children are invited to wear yellow, spotty or bright coloured clothes on the day, in exchange for a donation to support the charity's essential work, on Friday morning at drop off. Funds collected will be donated to Children in Need
Fri, 17 Nov	Y1/Y2/GS/CP Disco	5pm-6.15pm	Tickets available for purchase on Bigcartel
Tue, 21 Nov	BWA Open Day - Bilingual Stream	9am-11am	Help us show prospective parents around our great school, together with BWA teachers and PTA reps, and answer any questions they might have. ***Volunteers needed***
Fri, 1 Dec & Sat, 2 Dec	Christmas Tree Sale	Pick up slots on Friday afternoon & Sat morning	Orders for Christmas trees are open on Bigcartel, until 23rd November. Pickups at school scheduled for 1st December (from 3pm to 7pm) and 2nd December (from 9am to 12pm)
Fri, 1 Dec	Winter Fair	3.30pm-5.30pm	Anticipate a festive after-school fair for the children! We will need your help to run the games and activities, and make sure this great event can go ahead. ***Volunteers needed on the day***
Fri, 1 Dec	Festive Friday's Donations	Collection at drop off & festive outfit all day	Collection of NEW toys and games to support disadvantaged children. Benefiting charities are Homestart Wandsworth, Young People Matter (Lambeth) and Streatham Youth & Community Trust (SYCT). All children are invited to wear their festive jumpers/outfits all day at school
Thu, 7 Dec	National Christmas Jumper Day	All day	All children are encouraged to wear their festive jumpers
Fri, 8 & 15 Dec	Festive Friday's Donations	Collection at drop off & festive outfit all day	Collection of food essentials to support local food banks, at a time of year that is difficult for many. All children are invited to wear their festive jumpers/outfits all day at school
Thu, 21 Dec	Tinsel Thursday's Donation	Collection at drop off & festive outfit all day	All children are invited to wear their festive jumpers/outfits all day, in exchange for a minimum donation of £1 on Thursday morning, at drop off. Funds collected will support the school PTA
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Fri, 19 Jan 2024	Y3/Y4/CE1/CE2 Disco	After 5pm - exact time TBC	Mark your calendars! Tickets will be on sale early January
Fri, 1 Mar 2024	Y5/Y6/CM1/CM2 Disco	After 5pm - exact time TBC	Fourth and final disco! Tickets will be available in February

*** As you all know, we need volunteers to help us run some of these events ***

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more of these events, please join our volunteer group on WhatsApp (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/I3SJwNjZOMZLSG975dhw9y>) or send us an email at bwa.pta@gmail.com and we will add you to the group



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

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