

[Newsletter for week ending 1st December 2023](#)

I can't quite believe it is December already. We have had a fantastic day at BWA today with the launch of our 2023 Fabulous Festive Fridays and Christmas Winter Fair after school. Sincere thanks for your support with the events today and to our awesome PTA for organising them. On Wednesday of next week we have a Christmas Jumper Day as well as our Christmas lunch, followed by another Fabulous Festive Friday in return for donations for a local food bank. Details of what the foodbank require will be shared with you soon.



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- of personal development fostering a sense of responsibility to self and others
- a sense of citizenship, community, empathy and service



Something very exciting happened in Nursery this week. Pupils opened up a new self-selection Literacy and Maths shed in their outdoor area. These special sheds are packed full of resources that pupils can select at any time to help them learn when they are outside. Here is a picture of some pupils having fun practising to write our names by the Literacy shed.

Pupils in RW have been learning more about Space this week. They have mixed shaving foam and paint to create a surface for their own planets and created their own space craft using junk modelling resources. It was great to see the detail pupils were thinking about when building their space craft and how they could describe how it worked.



This week, Year 1 were very fortunate to participate in a workshop at Fulham Palace. They saw toys which were made 120 years ago, considered what materials they were made from and even saw (but didn't touch) an old horse made from lead. Pupils also looked at toys played with by children who lived at Fulham Palace in the 20th century and considered the limited materials people had access to during the war to make toys with. Miss To was incredibly impressed with how focused and engaged they were in the session, extending their learning in both Science and History.

Pupils in 1B have been working very hard on writing a story similar to The Tiger Who Came To Tea, thinking of their own animals that knocked on the door instead. They wrote great sentences about colourful unicorns and furry koalas and even scaly chameleons.



In Science, pupils in Year 2 continued their learning about properties of materials and explored the Key Question: Which materials will sink and which will float? Presented with a range of items made from different materials, pupils made predictions before carrying out the experiment to check the accuracy of their predictions by plunging items in water. They discussed density and how heavy items may not always sink nor light objects float.

Pupils in 4B have been learning about how different religions decided what actions are right and wrong. This week, they learnt about how humanists make moral decisions and how Christians can use the story of Adam and Eve to learn about temptation and decision making.

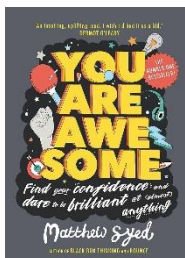


In Year 4, pupils have been studying the Anglo-Saxon tale of Beowulf. Pupils looked at an excerpt from the original poem and investigated what they could find out about Anglo-Saxon life under the Kings of the time before watching how the monster was defeated by the Danish prince.

5LT's highlight has been in history this week. Pupils have been learning about Ancient Greek story-telling and drama, exploring the invention of comedy and tragedy. They have been set a task to re-enact a famous Ancient Greek myth of their choice. It has been brilliant watching them rehearse at playtime and we are all very excited for their performances next week.



This week 5M created the solar system out of fruit. They first explored how scientific ideas about our universe have developed over time, progressing from a geocentric to a heliocentric model where the planets revolve around the sun. Pupils had to work out which planets were closest to the sun and then represented each planet with a fruit depending on its size - the Earth was a cherry tomato!



Pupils in 5B have enjoyed writing biographical paragraphs about well-known public figures, such as the Bronte Sisters, Serena Williams, David Beckham and Mozart. They used information gathered from their non-fiction text, 'You Are Awesome,' and included grammatical features such as relative clauses and subordination clauses in order to vary sentence structure.

Our Year 6 pupils have been learning about the role of the Commonwealth during World War II this week in their history lesson. They looked at historical sources, which included people from the Commonwealth's reasons for supporting the British Army. Furthermore, they discussed whether people from the Commonwealth were treated fairly during the war, reading through accounts of soldiers and the discrimination that some faced. Year 6 showed maturity during their discussions.

A special message from Mr Butler

Unfortunately for me I feel as though I might be leaving the only place that's going to make me feel like a celebrity. The amount of love that I have received from the students, not only this week but in my year at this school, will honestly stay with me forever.

It warms my heart every time a student yells out 'Mr. Butler' or runs over to give me a high five. I don't think you'll ever truly know how much that has meant. However, home and new opportunities are calling and so, as they say, all good things must come to an end.

Thank you so much BWA, I will genuinely miss you.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

Excellent Learners			
Don't Give Up			
Khai	RW	Clara	4B
Oliver	Y1	Danyal	5LT
Lucien	1B	Ylva	5M
Octavia	Y2	Aliyah	5B
Lorenzo	Y3	Alexia	Y6
Charlotte	Y4		

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.

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England has asked that we share this survey with you and encourage you to complete these with your children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them. Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition . Further resources are available on their [website](#).



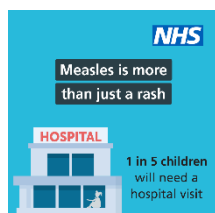
Communication

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

Last day of the Autumn term

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

Wishing you all a very happy weekend. Perhaps, like me, you will be putting up decorations now that it is December and decorating one of these beautiful trees.

Miss Henry





Upcoming PTA Events

Thu, 7 Dec	National Christmas Jumper Day	All day	All children are encouraged to wear their festive jumpers at school
Fri, 8 & 15 Dec	Festive Friday #2 & 3	Collection at drop off & festive outfit all day	Collection of food essentials to support Wandsworth food bank, 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 #4	Collection at drop off & festive outfit all day	All children are invited to wear their festive jumpers/outfits all day, in exchange for a £ donation towards school improvement projects - collection on Thursday morning, at drop off
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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



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

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Simply visit <https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellevillewix/> and sign up. By doing so, a portion of your online purchases from thousands of retailers will be donated to our school at no extra cost to you. Think of it as a small contribution that makes a big difference every time you shop!