



# BWA Newsletter

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## Newsletter for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Today we celebrated Father's Day with a breakfast for fathers and fatherly figures in our lives. Sincere thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for this special event.



This week we were delighted to have our Scholastic Book Fair, especially with a 3 for 2 offer on all books.

This opportunity also raises money for the school to buy more books for pupils to read in school and at home. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported this event and a special thanks to Miss Mieville for organising this for us.

In our LEARN Statement, N stands for Nurture. During our Climate Action Month we are developing a greater sense of citizenship, community, empathy and service. We have also really enjoyed looking after the chicks this week and watching them develop.



Four pupils represented BWA at the 8th PCC Schools Tournament U9 (chess). BWA was awarded 6th place out of 83. What an incredible achievement. Well done to all.

# N



## NURTURE

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

Here are some of the highlights of our great week together.



After meeting lots of animals at last week's mobile zoo, pupils in our Nursery class have become really interested in learning about all sorts of creatures, big and small. They are especially interested in jungle animals and have been looking closely at the different patterns on their fur and skin to increase their vocabulary and add more detail to their drawings. So whether an animal is spotty, stripy, patchy or plain, our Nursery stars are ready to see it, say it and draw it!



Pupils in RW have been looking after their ten chicks - three girls and seven boys. The girls have brown fur and the boys are yellow. They have been busy making sure the chicks have enough food and water as well as time to run around during the school day. Pupils have been using gentle hands to hold them carefully and have loved every minute.

They have also had a lovely visit to the Barnes and Wandsworth Literature Festival. We had a fun and insightful talk from the Children's Author and Illustrator Dapo Adeola.

Pupils in 1B have been exploring fairy tales this week. They have thought about the fairy tales that they know and discussed the common features to create a list of all the 'ingredients' of a fairy tale. The class played a whisper game to show how stories can change when they are passed along and then we created some new endings for Little Red Riding Hood.



This week, pupils in Year 1 have been learning and innovating the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have created alternative versions in which the giant is replaced by another villain, ranging from dragons to witches to dinosaurs. We have been particularly impressed with their vocabulary this week as many pupils have been describing feelings of characters in very creative ways.

Year 2 were intrigued to find a trail of smarties at the start of their English lesson this week, which quickly led them to exploring the traditional tale of 'Hansel and Gretel'. Pupils were delighted to read and discuss this story with all the features of traditional tales, before writing their own version using their creative skills. Year 2 are very much hoping to share their versions of

the tale with me next week.



In Year 3, pupils continued to enjoy reading their class novel, 'The One and Only Ivan'. Pupils have loved hearing about what life might be like from the perspective of a gorilla. They were super fortunate on Wednesday to head to the Battersea Arts Centre to hear author Vashti Hardy. She read some of her books and gave pupils a lesson in book planning.



Pupils in 4B have started learning about journeys and pilgrimages in REW. They explored a variety of destinations and sorted them into two groups: religious places that people visit and natural wonders. As a class, they discussed why people travel to a particular destination and how their journey might involve contemplation or reflection time.

This week in their REW lesson, pupils in 5S have been exploring the question 'What does it mean to be happy?' as part of their 'What makes us human?' topic. They discussed the differences between personal challenges and challenges we face as humans.

They discussed what makes a 'good life'? If life was never hard would that mean it was a good life? If you spent your life just doing something fun, would that be a good life? Pupils then created posters to show how they saw their own 'good life'.

Inspired by their trip to Hampton Court Palace last week, pupils in Year 4 investigated the portraits of King Henry VIII in their History lesson. By using inference grids to support their thinking, the class were able to gain a greater understanding of the infamous monarch.



5LT visited the Battersea Arts Centre to attend the annual Barnes Children's Literature Festival. The children had the opportunity to meet Katie and Kevin Tsang, a husband and wife author duo. Katie and Kevin introduced them to the world of their 'Dragon Force' book series and shared their own story of getting into writing, before allowing the children to create their own dragon. 5LT are now very excited to begin reading the series in class!

During the start of their new Geography topic all about Rainforests, pupils in 5B enjoyed participating in an immersive audiobook adventure using Press Play. They listened and acted out parts of a story about deforestation and the importance of rainforest conservation.

This week, pupils in our Year 6 class have written biographies about Marcus Rashford, discussing his widespread acclaim both on and off the pitch. They researched his early life, career and philanthropy and organised their facts into different sub-headings. Year 6 enjoyed their writing and impressed us with their strong knowledge of the features within a biography.



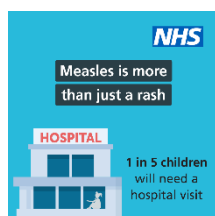
With Paris 2024 fast approaching, Years 5 and 6 have also been discussing the Olympic Games in their French lessons. Pupils have been enjoying following the route of the Olympic torch as it makes its journey through France and the overseas departments. They have also been learning specialist vocabulary to discover more about the history of the ancient and modern Olympic Games and thought it was particularly poignant that the founder of the latter was French.

### Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<b>Excellent Learners</b>			
<b>Are not scared to make mistakes</b>			
Charlie	RW	Lea	4B
Zailah	Y1	Amelia	5LT
Louisa	1B	Chase	5S
Alan	Y2	Joy	5B
Rico	Y3	Chari	Y6
Timi	Y4		

## 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.



### 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.



### Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school and sunscreen. Getting outside remains very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



### Dates to Remember

#### End of Summer term

- **English Stream** – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 3:15pm

#### Sports Days – more details to follow

- **Reception & Year 1** – 3<sup>rd</sup> July am
- **Year 2 & Year 3** – 3<sup>rd</sup> July pm
- **Year 4, 5 & 6** – 2<sup>nd</sup> July am

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**Miss Henry**



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