

## Newsletter for the week ending 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

It's hard to believe we're already in July, with only a few weeks left in the academic year! I had a glorious start to the week as I was invited to see the end of year performance that our pupils in the bilingual stream were in. Congratulations to everyone who performed as it was delightful to watch. Sincere thanks to all the parents who so generously helped as well.



We've had another excellent week of learning together and, of course, enjoyed the magnificent sports days throughout the week. Thank you so much for coming to support the pupils. I am sure you will join me in offering a sincere thanks to the staff who worked so hard to organise these wonderful events.

For so many of our Reception pupils it was their very first Sports Day at BWA and they all enjoyed taking part. Everyone had great fun walking through Clapham Common before doing their very best in every race. The adults were a tremendous support at every race. Thank you.

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## AMBITION

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



It was a tiger, a crocodile and a monkey who came to tea in Nursery this week. Deep in the depths of their jungle roleplay, you'll find intrepid explorers, all kinds of wildlife and even a river to fish in. There's never a dull (or quiet moment), not when there is so much to explore, discover and act out!

Pupils in RB have been talking about their transition to Year 1 in September and asking questions about what to expect as they reflect on their very busy and exciting year in Reception. One of the very important things they discussed is the lovely new friends they all made this year. This week, they enjoyed making friendship

bracelets using small beads and pipe cleaners. It has been lovely to see the array of patterns and measuring the pupils have been doing. It has helped them to feel more confident about moving on at the end of the year.





Year 1 have enjoyed learning all about positional language and how to use it to accurately describe what is around them. They have been very specific in their discussions and are challenging themselves to use directional language such as left and right. Why not challenge your child to describe where something is at home.

In their English lessons this week, Year 2 enjoyed reading 'Two sides' by Polly Ho-Yen, a novel about friendship and relationships. They used drama to make predictions about how the two main characters would resolve their problem and had a lot of fun with the reconciliation part!



Pupils in 2B have had a very busy week. Firstly, they gave a stunning performance at their end of year show at The Grand on Monday, they sang beautifully. Then they had a fantastic time at Sports Day on Wednesday with lots of exciting sports and friendly competition.



Pupils in our Year 3 class are continuing to learn more about the Mediterranean in and can now confidently name and locate several countries within Europe.

This week, our Year 4 class used Now Press Play to learn more about a new Tudor Monarch; Queen Elizabeth 1. After discussing the Tudor family tree, the children 'met' the Queen before saving her from an attempt on her life by traitors.

Pupils in Year 5 followed up their Clean Air Day work in June with a 'Now Press Play' experience as well. During their experience, they were set a task of working with a climate scientist based in a Yorkshire village that is battling floods. To find a solution to the problem, pupils first had to investigate the origins of global warming around the world, the emission of carbon dioxide and cleaner alternative energy sources. They even had to act out a passionate plea to the House of Commons to make a positive change for the future.

In their wonderful music lessons, pupils in Year 6 have been learning the guitar and are looking forward to sharing a snippet of their learning in their upcoming end of year production. They have also been developing their singing with new songs, incorporating harmonies into their performance. Our pupils are really looking forward to sharing their hard work with parents and carers soon.



This week has been packed full of excitement for 6B. On Monday, they performed on stage at the Clapham Grand for their end of year show, on Tuesday they put their fitness skills to the test in sports day and on Wednesday they had a wonderful time learning more about Vincent Van Gogh with our residential artists. Pupils learnt more about his drawing to painting journey, gained valuable insights into the artist's techniques.

Pupils used pencil to mark make before experimenting with ink and acrylic paint, starting in black and white and eventually moving into colour. Pupils created their own gate folded artwork.

The final piece consisted of a black and white drawing on the front cover and a painting inside. Every pupils artwork is unique, as you can see from these pictures.



## Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Listen Well</u>			
Abi	RW	Jackson	3B
Theo D	RB	Charlotte	Y4
Leila	Y1	Alexander	5LT
Thomas	Y2	Fynn	5M
Aleck	2B	Dominic	Y6
Caterina	Y3	Emeline	6B



### 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 is 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

## English Stream Parent Teacher Consultations

More information on how to book will be sent out soon.

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

**Miss Henry**