

[18th October 2024](#)



We are incredibly proud of the wonderful learning that has taken place across the school this week. Our classrooms have been buzzing with excitement, and the pupils have truly embraced every opportunity to engage with their learning. From creative writing to hands-on science experiments, it has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm and hard work from everyone. One of the biggest highlights has been our BHM workshop.

At BWA, we are committed to providing the very best education for all our pupils. Every day, our dedicated staff work tirelessly to ensure that each pupil receives the highest quality of learning experiences, both inside and outside the classroom. We believe that with the right support and encouragement, every pupil can thrive and reach their full potential.

We are always looking for ways to enhance the provision we offer, and feedback from parents and carers is invaluable in helping us achieve this. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a place where every pupil feels inspired, supported, and excited about their learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more of our pupils' successes with you in the weeks to come. For now, here are this week special moments.

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LEARNERS who are:

- inquisitive, resilient and have high expectations of themselves
- critical and creative thinkers who can solve problems and evaluate effectively
- confident, collaborative and articulate
- excellent learners

Our youngest learners in Nursery have been busy enhancing their gross motor skills through engaging movement games during their PE lesson this week. These fun and interactive activities not only support their physical development but also teach them important lessons about safety, all in a playful and safe environment.



In Reception, our pupils have been learning about how schools around the world are different. They explored everything from classrooms to uniforms and the work pupils do in other countries. A special highlight was a Zoom session with other schools in our Trust, where the pupils got to ask questions and compare their experiences. In Personal Development, they created their own schools, and in Art, they designed imaginative new uniforms—sparking plenty of creativity as you can see in the picture here.



Year 1 had a fantastic time participating in a Black History Month workshop this week. They learned all about the Windrush generation and the rich culture of Jamaica. Pupils loved dancing to Caribbean music and hearing personal stories from individuals who lived during that time. It was an enriching experience, and one that left a lasting impression on them.

In 1B, pupils have started working on their ball-handling skills in PE. This is a crucial step in developing their coordination and control, and it will prepare them for more advanced activities, including small-sided games, in the coming weeks. The focus is on building a solid foundation for future sports skills.

In Year 2, our pupils had an exciting trip to the Natural History Museum where they attended the ocean wildlife show. Our young explorers became expert researchers, learning about different ocean species and discovering interesting facts about the Sperm whale and its prey, the Giant Squid. The trip brought a new level of excitement to their science lessons, where they have been eager to apply their newfound knowledge.

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Year 3 also took part in a Black History workshop this week, celebrating the contributions of prominent Black figures throughout history. The workshop was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to engage with important cultural history and to broaden their understanding of the world.

Meanwhile, Year 4B have been busy writing biographies of influential women, from Harriet Tubman and Dr. Mae Jemison to Greta Thunberg. The pupils were fascinated to learn that Dr. Mae Jemison was the first African American woman to travel to outer space, and they were inspired by Greta Thunberg's global environmental activism. These biographies sparked meaningful discussions about leadership and change.



After spending time on teamwork and communication exercises during their PE lessons, our Year 4 pupils have now moved on to orienteering and map-reading tasks. These activities have been a great opportunity for them to apply their teamwork skills in a practical setting, navigating through fun challenges while improving their map-reading abilities.



In Year 5, pupils had an awesome day with our Resident Artist, Miss Hatcher, which was dedicated to exploring the surrealist work of Salvador Dali. After testing out compositions in their sketchbooks, they created their own



dream-inspired masterpieces. The day was filled with imagination and creativity, and the headteacher was thrilled to see such fantastic artwork from the pupils.



Last week, pupils in 3B had the opportunity to work with Miss Hatcher. They have been developing their drawing and mark-making skills using artist-grade pencils to explore shadow and light. They practiced curves and layering to create form, and throughout the day, challenged themselves by using a wider range of materials such as oil pastels and fine markers. A key part of the session

was discussing the colour wheel, where the children were surprised to learn that opposite colours can be used to make a colour darker. They eagerly experimented with this technique before creating their own observational colour drawings.



The final part of the day saw the pupils create abstract drawings inspired by the work of Yayoi Kusama, and they were thrilled to discover that her artwork is currently on display in London—an exciting opportunity for them to see her work in person.

The highlight for Year 6 was also the workshop delivered by Bigfoot Arts Education, where the pupils learned more about the Windrush generation and the experiences of Afro-Caribbean people arriving in London. This workshop was another enriching opportunity, tying in perfectly with our Black History Month and cultural studies.



Excellent Learners

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Want to learn more			
Dua	RA	Vivien	Y4
Ilyan	Y1	Sophia	4B
Manel	1B	Timi	Y5
Olivia Rae	Y2	Jaydon	Y6
Michal	Y3	Alienor	6B



Free intensive swimming for 5-7-year-olds at Wandsworth Leisure Centres and free drop-in sports activities for children eligible for benefit-based Free School Meals during school holidays, click [here](#).

Please do use this [NHS guidance](#) to help you make decisions when your child is ill about whether they should attend school, or stay at home.



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.

Parent Forms

- If your pupil requires medication, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your pupil requires time out of school, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your pupil is allowed to go home alone, you will need to complete a form online.

These forms are available on the school website, under News, Parent Forms. A link is also [here](#).



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site.

Birthday Treats

When it is a pupil'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 pupil 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 pupils can share in the class celebration.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your pupil 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

- **Half term** – week beginning Monday 28th October.
- **INSET Day for all BWA staff** – 4th November. This means there is no school for pupils in the English stream. Pupils in the bilingual stream will be expected to be in school as the French teacher will be teaching on this day.

I wish you all a very peaceful weekend

Miss Henry