

[Friday 25th October 2024](#)



As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for their tremendous support. It has been a busy and productive few weeks, and the pupils have truly thrived. I wish everyone a very happy half term break.

At BWA, the 'E' in our LEARN intent statement stands for **Engagement**. We work hard to provide an excellent education for all pupils, ensuring they are fully engaged in their learning. I am immensely proud of the dedicated teaching team, who consistently work to make learning enjoyable and meaningful for all pupils. The school is also fortunate to have specialist teachers who enhance the pupils' experiences across a variety of subjects.

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ENGAGEMENT

- exciting first hand experiences and enquiry approaches
- varied, structured learning opportunities that are purposeful and appropriate



This week, ten of our Year 6 boys proudly represented BWA in the Trinity Football Cup. Competing in a tough group stage, the boys delivered an outstanding performance, finishing 2nd in their group with two wins, two draws, and conceding only one goal. Their hard work earned them a well-deserved place in the quarter-finals.

In a closely contested match, our team was unlucky to lose 1-0. Despite the result, it was a fantastic effort from all the boys, and we couldn't be prouder of their teamwork and determination. A huge thank you to our parent helpers, Gianfranco and Simon, for their invaluable support.

We were thrilled to take eight remarkable pupils to the Wandsworth Primary Panathlon, a fantastic event that gives children of all abilities the opportunity to experience the excitement of competitive sport. Our pupils participated with incredible enthusiasm, demonstrating wonderful sportsmanship and supporting each other throughout the day. Their hard work and team spirit paid off as they proudly

earned the runners-up medal! A huge congratulations to our amazing team for their dedication and positivity—we couldn't be prouder.



In Nursery this week, pupils have been exploring what makes each of them special. They read the book *I'm Special, I'm Me!* by Ann Meek and made their own mirrors to reflect on what makes them unique. This was a wonderful way for the pupils to share and discuss their special qualities with their friends.

To conclude their "All About Me" topic, Reception enjoyed a walk around our local area. The pupils explored Clapham Common, observing ducks, people, buildings, and even motorbikes. They also used their phonics knowledge to sound out words they saw along the way, like "b-u-s" and "l-o-g". It was a fun and successful first trip of the year!



RB class have been learning about their community and the important people who help us in school. Over the past week, they've been busy constructing models of their houses and, together as a team, created a large-scale map of the local area. The pupils thought carefully about the features of the area and their routes to school, adding lovely details to the map using pens and toy cars to represent the roads. It's been fantastic to hear their discussions about the world around them and what school means to them.

Year 1 pupils had a busy week filled with engaging learning activities. Last Friday, they also went on a local area walk as part of their Geography unit, where they identified human and physical features. Upon returning to school, they documented everything they had spotted during their walk.



In 2B, pupils have impressed everyone with their positive learning behaviours. They embraced every challenge this week, particularly enjoying their Maths work on column addition and subtraction. In English, they wrote superb character descriptions based on *The Day the Crayons Quit*.

Year 2 pupils also had the exciting opportunity to watch a model of the Great Fire of London burn as part of their History topic. This demonstration helped them see how the fire spread so quickly, rounding off a brilliant first half term of learning.



Pupils in 3B have been learning all about Forces in Science and had a great time using the *Now Press Play* programme. They went on an interactive audio adventure, exploring different forces in a fun and immersive way, like water resistance and friction.

Year 3 have had a wonderful last week of the half-term, diving into the world of poetry. This week, pupils have been reading and creating their own clerihew poems, which they've thoroughly enjoyed. From crafting clever rhyming couplets to rehearsing and performing their poems in class, their creativity has shone through. We look forward to seeing what other imaginative projects await next term.

Year 4 pupils have been busy summarising their learning on the digestive system by creating double-page spreads. They have been learning about mechanical and chemical digestion, the different types of teeth in animals and humans, and food webs.



Year 5 pupils had an exciting trip to the Science Museum, where they explored the history of flight and watched a captivating Wonder Show filled with thrilling experiments. Pupils also explored chemical reactions to deepen their understanding of matter and its properties.



In Art, pupils in our 5B class learned about the dreamscapes of Salvador Dali and were particularly fascinated by his unique moustache.

They used his work as inspiration to create their own imagined landscapes, developing their colour theory knowledge along the way.

It was wonderful to see their personalities shine through their artistic choices.



Last Friday, Year 6 had an enriching experience with resident artist Ms. Hatcher. The pupils created beautiful ombre backgrounds and used different pencil techniques to draw animals. They explored shading and patterns, producing stunning artwork they were proud of.

Excellent Learners			
Learn with others			
Finnegan	RA	Beatrice	3B
Arthur	RB	Jada	Y4
Karlo	Y1	Jimmy	Y5
James	Y2	Gabriel	5B
Faustine	2B	Maia	Y6
Alexander TF	Y3		



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 wonderful half term holiday.

Miss Henry