

8th November 2024



I hope everyone enjoyed a restful half-term break and is ready for the exciting weeks ahead. It was wonderful to see the amazing Black History Month projects that pupils brought into school on Tuesday. Each project was unique and creative, and the pride in the children's faces as they shared their work with friends was truly heart-warming. This photo showcases a project one of our Year 4 pupils made. I am sure you will agree it is stunning. Thank you to all our families for supporting these meaningful projects at home. The pupils learn so much from this work as they have to do research and then carefully plan and produce something that captures their learning.

We have our first Book Fair of the year in school. Please do take some time to stop and perhaps shop for a new, exciting book.

In our school, "A" in our curriculum intent stands for *Ambitious*. We want the very best for every child, setting the highest expectations to support them in achieving their potential. Our pupils are fortunate to benefit from the expertise of our dedicated specialist teachers in PE, Art, Music, and Modern Foreign Languages. Each week, the sounds of music lessons fill the school on Mondays and Tuesdays, and it's a delight to see the enthusiasm with which our pupils participate.



AMBITION

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

This half term, football fever has taken over Key Stage 2, with pupils eagerly working on their dribbling skills. Across the playground, they can be seen honing their control, agility, and precision as they weave through cones and practice ball mastery. Whether just beginning or advancing their skills, all our pupils are embracing the challenge and joy that comes with learning football techniques, encouraging one another along the way.

In Nursery, pupils have been talking about Bonfire Night, creating beautiful firework paintings and discussing how to stay safe with fireworks. As we approach Remembrance Sunday, pupils will be making their own poppies to mark this important day.





Reception pupils have been busy presenting their Black History Month projects. From cooking African and Caribbean dishes to making shakers and creating posters on inspirational figures like Josephine Baker and Mae Jamison, our youngest pupils showed great confidence sharing their work with classmates and answering questions about their projects.

Year 1 have had a fun first week back. During English, the pupils read *The Tiger Who Came To Tea* and were thrilled (and a little shocked!) to return from break and find their classroom “trashed” by the tiger! With excitement, they brainstormed verbs to describe the tiger’s actions and practiced using the -ed suffix to write sentences.

Pupils in 1B had a similar surprise, finding evidence of the tiger’s visit in their classroom. Together, they crafted descriptive sentences detailing what the tiger had done, all while helping Miss Henry restore order to the room.



In Year 2, Art with our resident Artist, Mrs Hatcher was a big success as pupils explored Indian Gond art, inspired by the peacock, India’s national bird. Pupils experimented with patterns, colours, and different media, building on their previous art skills to create vibrant, detailed pieces of art, as you can see in the photos here.

around us.

Year 3 had an exciting start to their Science topic on Forces. They explored a variety of resources that helped them understand push and pull forces, sparking curiosity and engagement as they investigated how these forces affect the world



Pupils in 4B enjoyed the launch of their new History unit on the Anglo-Saxons. Pupils examined a range of Anglo-Saxon artefacts, engaging in thoughtful discussions about what each object might have been used for and who might have owned it.

Year 4 also took time to celebrate the Black History Month projects, and it was incredible to see the range of influential individuals chosen. Pupils shared creative presentations and thoughtful reflections on how these individuals have impacted the world around us.



Year 5 had a wonderful return from the half-term break and continued their Black History Month celebrations, focusing on achievements of Black individuals throughout history. Their projects were shared with other classes, and it was inspiring to see the pride in their work and the creativity in each presentation.





In History, our Year 6 pupils have been exploring the power of propaganda and how it was used during the war to influence public opinion with a biased perspective. The pupils examined various propaganda posters from the era, analysing how colours, symbols, and images were carefully chosen to persuade and inform the public about their roles and choices in the war. This activity helped our pupils understand how media can shape public perception and decision-making.

Pupils in 6B have had a great start to Autumn 2. They have had fun using Now Press Play to immerse themselves into what life was like during the Industrial Revolution, their new History topic. Pupils have been making links between this huge period of change and how it has impacted the world today both positively and negatively.

Excellent Learners

Excellent Learners			
Are not scared to make mistakes			
Matias	RA	Ada	Y4
Aria	Y1	Louis S	4B
Timothee	1B	Natu	Y5
Emma	Y2	James	Y6
Tom	Y3	Leona	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

- **Last Day of Term – Friday 20th December.**
- Pupils in the English stream finish at 1:45pm.
- Pupils in the bilingual stream finish at the normal time.

We're looking forward to all that this half term has in store! Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement—together, we're creating an ambitious and inclusive learning environment for every child.

Miss Henry