

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

On Monday morning we were delighted to welcome father and father figures from the bilingual classes who had a French focus week last week, to school for a light breakfast and time in the classroom with their child. It was another really special way to start the week for everyone involved. Thank you to everyone who has taken time out of their busy working week to come into school for these events. We have all loved having you onsite.



## AMBITION

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

We have had another fabulous week of learning together at BWA. Here are some of our many highlights.



This week Nursery have been using their creative skills to paint some fantastic crocodiles. They used their junk modelling skills to build their own crocodile models too and some made a telescope to spot the snakes in the jungle.

Pupils in RB have been learning about how to look after the environment and particularly enjoyed the story about 'Bob the Bottle' who gets recycled so he can be useful. They were inspired to recycle things they have found in the class and shown their creative side by making bracelets out of old ribbon as well as musical shakers from boxes and plastic pots. We are delighted that they are very keen to find more ways of caring for our planet.



In RW, pupils have also been learning about ways in which they can look after the planet. After learning about the dangers of plastic pollution pupils decided they wanted to make something out of plastic bottles.



Year 1 had a very engaging workshop at Holly Lodge this week where they were transported back to 1887 to experience a day in a Victorian school. They began by handing their teacher, Mrs Sawyer, a Victorian penny to pay for a week of lessons and then spent the morning learning the 3Rs of reading, writing and arithmetic. Pupils loved building on their knowledge of the Victorian era and comparing it to their own day at school.



Year 2 continued to explore feelings through Drama this week as they planned and wrote the resolution of their narrative about friendship, inspired by 'Two Sides' by Polly Ho-Yen. They reflected on the reasons why we sometimes fall out or disagree with our friends and what we can do to solve this kind of situation, using role play which Year 2 pupils excelled at.



This week, pupils in our Year 3 classes visited St John Bosco College and had the great opportunity to use their impressive food technology classroom to make pizzas as part of their Design and Technology project based on cooking and nutrition.

Pupils developed their knowledge about staying safe in the kitchen and learnt about different ingredients whilst creating a popular Mediterranean dish – can you guess what from these stunning photographs? The delicious final products looked very authentic in their specially designed pizza boxes!

Thank you to the wonderful staff and parents who worked so hard to make this a day to remember.



This week, pupils in 4A explored the timeline of King Henry VIII's reign of England, looking at the impact this Tudor King had on the monarchy but also his loyal subjects in England. Pupils then discussed which event in his life had the biggest impact on England today.

Pupils in 4W have really enjoyed finding out about the first ever robot made in the UK, called 'Eric'. 'Eric' provided Frank Cottrell-Boyce with the inspiration for his novel, 'The Runaway Robot.' Pupils gathered facts about 'Eric' to plan their own information texts about the mechanical man.

Year 5 enjoyed their science again this week. Pupils engaged so maturely in their lesson on physical changes in adults into old age. They began by discussing a yearly time-lapse photography project on 'The Brown Sisters', exploring how their faces changed over time. To summarise their recent learning of human development, Year 5 then worked collaboratively in groups

to design and create vibrant human timelines, which now hang proudly as fantastic reminders of our learning across the topic.



In Year 6, pupils have started a new book, *The Arrival*, written by Shaun Tan. It is a graphic novel, telling the story about a young man who packs his bags and leaves his family to go and start a new life in another country. This links to their previous topics of Migration and war. Pupils have shown great empathy and understanding when discussing the story.



4B have enjoyed spending time with the resident artists this week – look at the amazing art work they created. Pupils learnt more about Viking beliefs and used this to create the Tree of Life. They drew this before creating it out of clay. They focused on line, shading and pointillism when drawing and used this as a plan to create their 3D image of the tree. Wonderful work 4B!

School Council had their final meeting of the year this week. Councillors reviewed the actions voted on and taken during the academic year. These were

- collection of clothing items for local refugees and asylum seekers (Just Shelter)
- World Heritage Day - helping out at international buffet for this community event

They agreed on their last action to review the playground by designing a questionnaire to find out pupil views on the space we have and play equipment to help us make decision about what could be even better.



On Monday we have our Year 4 - 6 Sports Day. The preparations are all done, pupils are ready and we are looking forward to a day filled with fun, competition and teamwork. Mr Butler has been very impressed with the teamwork pupils have demonstrated when making plans for the games and using words of encouragement to spur each other on.

## Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<b>Excellent Learners Like a challenge</b>			
Tommi	RW	Adam	3B
Nyari	RB	Alexander	4A
Octavia	Y1	Isabella E	4W
Leandro	Y2	Leo	4B
Alima	3M	Vinnie	Y5
Owen	3S	Eliza	Y6



### Dates to Remember

#### End of term

- Bilingual Stream – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- English Stream – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1:45pm

#### Parent Teacher Meetings

- **English Stream** – 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July



### School Sports Day

#### Sports Days – both streams

- Nursery – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 9am
- Rec, Year 1 – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9am
- Year 3 & 3 - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 12:30pm
- Year 4, 5 & 6 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 9am



#### Strike Action

Letters have been sent out about the NEU strike dates on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July.

#### School uniform help

This [link](#) has been shared with me and I thought it might be helpful to know about this help available.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy weekend.

Miss Henry