

It seems like a very long time since the Art Exhibition last week. Perhaps because it has been another extremely busy but exciting week of learning together. Pupils in Year 6 have sat their KS2 SATs throughout the week and we are all very proud of them. We were fortunate to have three governors join us on different days to see the tests being administered. Last Friday we also had an unannounced moderation visit to check the test papers were stored away securely.

This week pupils in Nursery have been practising linking numerals and amounts, by placing the matching number of aliens with each numbered rocket.



This week pupils in RB have been learning about life in the past by finding out about pirates. They had an amazing visit the Golden Hinde, a replica sailing ship owned by Francis Drake. They had a tour of the ship and impressed the hosts with their excellent questions and listening skills. Pupils loved finding out what pirates wore and they even got to take turns to load and fire a cannon! In class they have made maps and written descriptions of pirates. I think they are ready for quiet weekend.

To enrich their 'Sea 'Adventures' topic, pupils in RW went to The Golden Hinde a dry-docked ship. They walked down to the different levels in the ship and had a workshop with a real pirate. We were allowed to have lunch on the ship before designing their own treasure map. It was a great trip.

Sincere thanks to the parents who volunteered to keep the pupils safe on the trip and to our fabulous staff who organised this great adventure.

Year 1 loved working with our resident artist last Friday to create their own sunflowers with a variety of different art techniques including shading and stamping. You can see how they used tissue paper to make a collage background as well. Really excellent outcomes Year 1!



This week pupils in Year 2 used their persuasive language to write fantastic adverts for their chocolate inventions. Their outcomes were very successful and even had Miss Gordon and Miss Mieville wishing they could purchase the delicious treats they had invented.



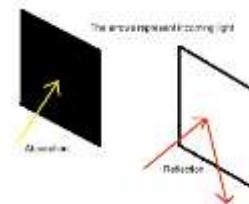
Pupils in 2B have been working extremely hard in school this week. They are enjoying their English text, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and studied 'The Chocolate Room' closely, listening to the wonderful words of Roald Dahl as well as watching parts of the original *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* film. This helped pupils produce wonderful pieces of writing, using exciting vocabulary to describe what they saw in the chocolate room.



Last Friday, as part of their Science topic based on plants, Year 3 visited Kew Gardens. Pupils took part in an immersive experience, exploring the sights and smells of rainforest plants based in one of the magnificent glasshouses. They observed and investigated rainforest products and discussed the importance of the rainforest in our everyday lives.

To top it off, the sun was shining and pupils were able to have a picnic in beautiful surroundings during lunchtime - alongside a couple of hungry geese. Sincere thanks to the parents who volunteered to keep the pupils safe on the trip and to our wonderful staff who organised this inspiring trip.

Pupils in 3B have been exploring reflective materials. Used torches they shone a light onto a variety of materials to determine if the light would be reflected or absorbed. They determined that mirrors, and most things made of plastic, are reflective and paper, wood and cloth do not reflect the light.



This week, pupils in Year 4 have really enjoyed continuing reading 'El Deafo.' They spent an English lesson researching how classrooms could be made 'deaf-friendly' to gather information for writing their own explanation texts. Pupils have shown great enthusiasm and interest in the story and can't wait to hear how it ends.



This week, our Year 5 class have been exploring how to convert units of length in maths. This is always a tricky concept to start with but they have worked hard to remember the key conversion facts. Pupils also know the importance of accurate measurement and conversion in many areas of life.

To celebrate the hard work of our pupils in Year 6 and 6B in the KS2 SATS this week, both classes enjoyed a well-earned break on Friday morning on Clapham Common. The pupils enjoyed sports and games before returning to school to watch the movie 'Holes' which they have been studying as an English text.



AFC Wimbledon Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament

Belleville Wix Academy recently entered a Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament organised by AFC Wimbledon which was held at their home ground, The Cherry Red Record Stadium. This was a great opportunity for our year 4 pupils to play together as a team for the first time outside of school. We faced a field of strong competition, including 24 schools from the local area. The team performed fantastically to win one match and draw two. This stands the team in great stead as we look forward to further competitive fixtures and tournaments next year and beyond.

Rugby Club with Serge Betsen Rugby

The all new BWA rugby club kicked off this week. We have teamed up with Serge Betsen Rugby to offer this as an ongoing club for our KS2 pupils on a Monday afterschool for the remainder of the year. We have seen a wealth of potential and passion for rugby amongst our pupils, having recently been taught rugby in PE lessons and participated in a rugby festival. We think this would be a great opportunity to build pupils' interest and enthusiasm for the sport and expose them to some high quality coaching. It's not too late to book a place for your child/children! Follow the link below. Sessions cost £5 each and you can book for the rest of the year. There is also a 50% discount for pupil premium pupils (contact the school office for the code).

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/SBTchouaConsultingLtd?season=3148645&session=55253645>



Donated Books

The BWA PTA are pleased to announce that 234 new books have been donated across all year groups from the 'Wish to Read' book list, so far.

We all want to say a big thank you to everyone that donated – it is making a huge difference and the excitement is great to see when the new books arrive in classrooms.

The PTA will be sending out the fundraising links towards the end of the school year ready for the new September term.



Technology Workshops

I shared information about this great opportunity we have been offered. Please sign up for these workshops when you receive the letter soon.



Interesting Talk Offer from Role Models

This came through to me this week and I wanted to share this opportunity with you. I have attended a few of these sessions and I always found them very helpful. See message and sign up details below.

Following mental health week (this week) we're hosting a free parent webinar on Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm (UK time) on '**Helping children let go of perfectionism**'. Here is the webinar link for registration, which includes a video unpacking more about the session:

<https://www.rolemodels.me/in/webinar>

This session has been driven by a recent survey we ran, which revealed that:

- 66% of parents think their child struggle with perfectionism
- 1 in 2 parents say that their child is reluctant to try an activity if they aren't guaranteed to get it right
- 73% of parents feel they should invest more in their child's social and emotional wellbeing



BWA PTA Jubilee Platinum Party – request for your help

Our Jubilee Platinum Party will be taking place on the 26th May. We hope you can join us for a fun evening of live DJ music by Howling Owl, a feast created by Lior’s Kitchen, M.Moen & Sons and Sweet Smile plus amazing decoration by RVH Floral Design Ltd, but most importantly raise a glass and celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee.

Tickets will be on sale until Monday 23rd May, at 9pm so please visit our website and book yours now. <https://bwapta.bigcartel.com/>



Excellent Learners

Congratulations to our Excellent Learners that were celebrated at our assembly on Monday.

| <u>Excellent Learners</u> | | | |
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| <u>Listen Well</u> | | | |
| Mohamed | RW | Freya | 3S |
| Jada | Y1 | Ibrahima | Y4 |
| Arthur | 1B | Maeva | 4B |
| Adam | 2G | Khayyel | Y5 |
| Veronica | 2M | Eliana | 5B |
| Isabella | 3M | Sam | Y6 |



Jonathan will sadly be leaving BWA at the start of June. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for all he has done for our school community during his time at BWA and to wish him the very best for the future.

Thank you for your continued support. If there is anything we can do to help you or improve what we offer, please don’t hesitate to get in contact with me through the admin email, admin@wix.wandsworth.sch.uk . Our invitation to show you around the school is an open one – we would love to show you the school in action.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry

Headteacher