

19th November Newsletter

It was wonderful to see the pupils arrive in school in their red, yellow and polka dot clothing this morning to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you for your support.



This week many of the pupils have been doing assessments as we review what they have learnt this term as this will inform our spring term provision planning.

Pupils in our nursery have been very busy exploring shapes this week. They have been counting how many sides the different shapes have and sorting them into groups. It was lovely to hear their views on different ways that we

can be a good friend.

In RB this week the pupils have been learning about rhyming words. They also continued learning more about their topic light and dark by discovering that some animals are nocturnal. I was very impressed with how they could identify animals that are nocturnal. The fun didn't stop there as today they have been sequencing events in Maths whilst making fruit kebab caterpillars.



RW have been exploring colour mixing. Their star word this week was **shade** and they discovered that adding white to black, and other colours, makes the base colour lighter. They made their own 'night to light' painting strips, starting with black and gradually adding white.

Year 1 have been exploring the properties of materials in their Science lessons this week. They were able to identify different properties such as transparent, opaque and absorbent.

Pupils in 2B have continued learning about The Great Fire of London by looking at historical artefacts and images to learn more about what happened in the fire. Everyone is finding the topic so interesting and I know they can't wait to learn more about it. One of my highlights this week was watching a pupil model maths concept to the class and asking the class key questions to check they understood the calculation – I did offer them a job but they haven't accepted – yet!



Pupils in Year 2 have had great fun creating their own fables. After exploring Aesop's and Rumi's classic fables, they had a go at writing their own. They thought about what features traditional fables must include and what a moral means. Some of the pupils even linked the lessons learnt to our Excellent

Learner traits (Don't give up - Ask for help - Learn with others for example).

This week 3M turned into a Roman senate and had to advise Emperor Claudius whether to invade Britain or not. Even though the advisers against the invasion came up with some very convincing arguments, Claudius of course still went ahead with expanding his empire. The pupils modelled how much they understood about this time.



3B were also excited to learn about why the Romans invaded Britain. They predicted why the Romans invaded Britain before learning the facts. Pupils also learnt that the Romans built things that exist today, such as towns, roads, baths and markets. This week, Year 4 really enjoyed creating their own creatures in the style of 'Shaun Tan' in English. They used illustrations from the book 'The Lost Thing' to inspire their own designs, and labelled them with expanded noun phrases and similes. They look amazing.

This week in English, Year 5 have been looking at growth mindset. They have been learning about famous authors, sportsman and musicians who have had to practice and never give up to become successful. Pupils were able to reflect on how important our excellent learner traits are for life.



In year 6 this week pupils have been planning an investigation into the effects of different physical exercises on heart rate. They have thought carefully about how to keep this a fair test and have been really accurate when recording their heart rates. There was a great discussion about human heart rates can be very different even though the activities they have been doing are the same.



Year 6 and 6B were also visited by Transport for London in a virtual workshop. Pupils learned how to keep themselves safe when travelling alone. Both classes were very articulate when explaining how they could be good citizens when travelling.



Anti-Bullying Week at BWA

This week we celebrated Anti-Bullying week and started the week off with our Odd Socks Day. Thanks to the generous donations we raised ± 207 . In classes, we have had great discussions about what bullying is and the positive and kind things that we can do to stop hurtful behaviour.

We understand that kindness is so important and we always aim to spread kindness around the school, in many different ways.



Wandsworth Primary Panathlon

At BWA we are committed to introducing pupils to new sports. Pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 recently represented our school at the Wandsworth Primary

Panathlon at Southfields Academy. The event was run as part of the Project Ability in Central London which aims to allow more young children to take part in inclusive sports. Pupils had the chance to try out and compete in accessible variations of boccia, kurling, polybat and target cricket. All our pupils took on this opportunity with a fantastic attitude and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They competed so well that the pupils came away with the second place trophy. Congratulations!

Mini Boccia

Pupils represented BWA at a Boccia sporting tournament on Wednesday 10th November. Boccia is a sport that has recently been added to the Paralympic Games and this tournament gave our pupils a chance to compete in a completely new sport. Two teams of three pupils took part alongside teams from many schools across the borough. They took on the challenge with a fantastic attitude. Everyone showed great sportsmanship throughout the initial group matches. We hope this will inspire pupils to take on new sporting opportunities in the future.

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring so many of our pupils wear the correct school uniform every day. All pupils registered to BWA must wear the <u>school uniform</u>. Hair accessories should also be school colours.





Healthy Break Time Snacks

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack to eat for morning break. Our school morning can be very long for many pupils and they do need a little snack to help them stay focused on their learning.



COVID 19

Schools in the local area have a significant number of COVID19 cases in both pupils and staff. Our aim at BWA is to do all we can to reduce the risk of the

virus spreading in our school, and local community, so that we minimise the disruption to learning for all pupils. Please may I ask that you continue to do regular lateral flow tests at home to pick up asymptomatic cases and wear a mask when on the school site or in the line for drop off or collection. No-one with symptoms should come onsite. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Bilingual Parent Teacher Meetings

Date	Class
23rd November	1B
26th November	6B
29th November	5B
30th November	RB
1 st December	ЗВ
2nd December	2B & 4B

We are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers of pupils in our bilingual stream from next week. Before the meetings, you will be sent a Zoom link for the meeting.

Excellent Learners ASK QUESTIONS				
Fayrouz	RW	Cashun	3M	
Lucia	Y1	Freya	3S	
Basil	1B	Milo	Y4	
Satya	2B	Zachary	4B	
Raffy	2G	Saffron	Y5	
Ruben	2M	Ethan	5B	
		Alexander	Y6	



Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA and APL Coffee Morning today. It was lovely to see you.

The fabulous PTA have added some more collection dates for our Christmas Tree Sale.

We would value your support by ordering your Christmas Tree by 9pm on Thursday 25th November.<u>https://wixchristmastrees.bigcartel.com/</u>

Collection Dates are as follows:

- Friday 3rd Dec 3.30-7pm
- Saturday 4th Dec 9am-12noon
- Friday 10th Dec 3.30-7pm
- Saturday 11th Dec 9am -12noon

With Festive Wishes

The BWA PTA Team xx

Winter Events

NOVEMBER 2021

FRI 05 11	Christmas trees can be purchased online
MON 08 11	Christmas cards can be purchased online
WED 10 11	Festive Shop & Drinks, at RVH
WED 17 11	Christmas cards - last day for online purchase
FRI 27 11	Christmas trees - last day for online purchase

DECEMBER 2021

FRI 03 12	Festive Friday - BWA x Hope with Gaspard
FRI 10 12	Festive Friday - Bake Sale & Christmas Carols

More information coming soon, depending on government guidelines at the time of the events.



Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Please also take a look at our fundraisers planned for this term. We can't wait to see you there!

Miss Henry