

## 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Bank Holiday on Monday. Despite only having four days together at school this week, we have managed to do an enormous amount of fun learning together.

### **Narrowing Gaps in KS2**

A few weeks ago we shared our Route to Recovery video with you. Pupils have had different experiences during the periods of partial closure of BWA as well as time learning at home during periods of self-isolation, over the past year. One of our strategies to address gaps in skills and knowledge is the purchase of a Maths and English program called Century Tech. The program is designed to create a unique learning journey based on the personal needs of the pupil and gaps in their understanding. We have implemented this as part of our weekly curriculum, giving your child's class teacher accurate data to help inform future teaching. The pupils are loving taking charge of their own learning journey and seeing their scores improve each week. A child in Year 4 said, "I love our Century lessons! The videos are so clear (almost as good as Mr Attenborough) and I love trying to get 100%!"



Nursery have been growing cress this week. They talked about plants and what they need to make them grow. To grow the cress they added cotton wool to plant pots, scattered some seeds on top and then sprinkled the seeds with water. Everyone is very excited to see what the cress will look like.



RW have loved reading lots of books about pirates and have designed their very own pirates. They were able to describe their pirates using exciting adjectives, super sentence starters and even similes. It was wonderful to see the pupils having the opportunity to visit the RW Aquarium and pay the entrance fee of £2.50.



1M and 1W have been continuing to learn about different types of animals. After focussing on reptiles last week, they had to try and deduce which pet might need the items in the picture you can see here. They discussed what they know about domesticated animals and were able to figure out that this was everything that you might need to look after a cat or kitten. Is a cat a mammal or a reptile? How do you know?



Year 2 went on a wonderful virtual tour of the River Thames this week, from the source to the mouth. In each class, someone got to be the captain of the boat! They observed what people use the river for and found out that people use the River Thames for work and play. It is a very important part of our city.



Year 3 have been learning about the functions of different parts of plants and what they need to be able to grow. They have conducted an experiment to find out whether plants need light and water to grow and have planted some yummy tomatoes and basil ready for our pizza making DT project next term.

Year 4 and 4B had a class Zoom with Nicholas Atkins, a qualified teacher of the deaf as part of their science lesson, sound. This session gave the pupils a great insight into the life of the main protagonist in their current English text, El Deafo. Nick spoke to the pupils about his work in schools with children who are deaf and how hearing aids work.



His top 5 tips for us when speaking with someone who is deaf are set out below.

1. Get their attention
2. Speak normally
3. Face them when speaking so they can see your lips
4. Use hands to point and make gestures to help understanding
5. Keep trying to get your message across



Year 5 had an exciting virtual visit from some employees of 'Just Eat'. They enjoyed hearing how Maths is used in the working world and even got the opportunity to use some of their own knowledge as well. An amazing opportunity for year 5. Thank you Miss Stevenson.



6B put their knowledge and skills as Scientists to fantastic use in their continuing studies on evolution. They analysed a variety of fossils and explained how fossils are formed in three ways; either by a lifeform being trapped in ice, amber or the more complex process of skeletal remains being transformed into rock-based fossils. It was inspiring to see how articulate our 6B learners are through reading their detailed explanations of this complex process. Could we perhaps have a future palaeontologist or two taking their first steps into a fantastic career? Well done 6B Scientists.

### **Marathon Kids**

We are thrilled that Marathon Kids is up and running at BWA. Pupils have the opportunity to run as much as they'd like during break and lunchtime, clocking up valuable kilometres towards their first marathon goal.

It would be great to see just how much our pupils can achieve outside school as well as in school. Please do download the Marathon Kids Uk app from the app store on your mobile device for free. You can track how well your child is doing and add any extra walks or runs you do outside of school to boost your child's progress. We would love it if you could encourage your child to do as much as they can, as we thoroughly believe they will reap the rewards.

Physical inactivity is the fourth leading risk factor for disease in the UK. We want to ensure our pupils are as active as possible, to ensure they live healthier, happier lives and benefit physically, mentally, emotionally and academically from regular activity.

Remember... Marathon Kids run marathons!

### **School Council**

There were local elections yesterday and we have also had elections at BWA to vote for our School Councillors. After an exciting race for School Council, we are very pleased to announce that the following pupils have been elected to as our BWA School Council:

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>School Councillors</u></b>
Year 1M	Anatole and Martha
Year 1W	Robbie and Darcey
Year 1B	Beatrice and Arthur
Year 2SB	Jaydon and Millie
Year 2G	Meghan and Fynn
Year 2B	Paul-Louis and Rose
Year 3	Milo and Layla
Year 3B	Grace and Clement
Year 4	Charlie and Jess
Year 4B	Chloe and Rayan
Year 5	Sophie and Liam
Year 5B	Olivia and Valerien
Year 6	Daniel and Shalom
Year 6B	Ariel and Constant

Congratulations to all the pupils who put themselves forward for election. This year has been particularly impressive with regards to the passion, maturity and wonderful ideas that drove their campaigns. Thank you to all those who took part.



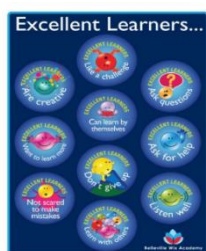
## Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you so much to the parents and carers in our English stream for accepting our invitation to meet with us this week. It has been wonderful to have had the opportunity to speak with you and we hope you also found it very valuable.

Parent Teacher meetings for our Bilingual stream are scheduled for the weeks beginning the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May. More details will be sent out soon. These meetings will also be virtual.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry



Congratulations to our excellent learners this week who showed they can learn with others.

EXCELLENT LEARNERS CAN LEARN WITH OTHERS							
Basil	RB		Elsa	RB		Seb	2G
Louis B	RB		Freddie	RB		Eloise	3B
Edouard	RB		Emilie	1W		Bahaa	3B
Elise	RB		Azael	1M		Ibrahim	Y5