

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

Dear Parents and Carers,



Sincere thanks for your support this morning with our Spring Day to raise funds for our Edible Garden Project. The PTA are very busy planning some fantastic fundraisers for us all to enjoy and hopefully help us achieve our goal of transforming this area of our school into the most delightful space for our pupils. Our vision is for pupils to enjoy spending breaks times together in this beautiful peaceful space as well as learning how to grow a variety of plants.



I am so grateful for the support of the parents involved in this project already. Just before the first lockdown a number of parents gave up their Saturday to help build the growing beds you can see in this picture. It was a very wet Saturday but that didn't deter them from the task in hand and they have made a terrific difference to this space. A few parents very kindly give a lot of time to keep the beds turning over and have been guiding us on what to grow. Pupils from Nursery through to Year 6 have sown potatoes that are growing very well so far. You can see a stunning walled garden and greenhouse are part of the project as well. If

you feel you can help in anyway, please don't hesitate to get in contact.



We are committed to providing the best provision for our pupils at BWA. We have continued to have specialist teaching for Music, French, IT, PE and Dance through this turbulent year. It is an absolute joy to see the pupils so engaged in these lessons. In dance, we have been focusing on style. Pupils have also been introduced to music from different eras. Some of our favourites have been the 70s disco, 50s hand jive and the Latin style. Year 3 have done particularly well this term showing a great work ethic, energy and discipline all round.



Nursery continue to enjoy travelling to Space. They have also been learning the 'r' sound by writing it and are hunting for different objects that start with the 'r' sound. They found rubbers, rulers, rabbits, red paint and ribbons. I hope they will be finding many more objects that begin with the r sound when they are at home as well.



Pupils in RW have been impressing me with their phenomenal writing this week. They also made their own treasure maps on stained paper, using pens to add the details - X marks where the treasure might be found.

I was delighted to see pupils in RB wearing their very own pirate hats that they had made, with great pride. They have been finding out how life was different in the past and been on a pirate adventure over a rickety bridge, a volcano and through a stinky swamp to find the treasure. Everyone got the opportunity to design their own treasure map. They aged them by cutting, tearing and rolling to make them look old.



It has been a very exciting week for 1M and 1W as they had two visitors, via zoom of o course! On Tuesday, they had a visit from Zoolab who talked to them about animal classification and showed some real life animals. Everyone loved meeting Chips the rat but were less keen on Rosy the tarantula! Personally, I would have preferred the spider.

On Thursday, they were lucky to meet the team at Holly

Lodge who told them all about Victorian schools. They learnt about the lessons children had and the punishments teachers gave out. Every pupil is very grateful that teachers today don't have finger stocks or dunce's hats. What a busy week they have had. Thank you to the great year 1 team for organising these super events to enhance the pupil learning experience.



Year 2 have been developing their Super Scientist skills this week by doing some research. They discussed the different ways that we can research and choose two methods to use. Pupils spent time reading facts about the importance of trees, or David Attenborough's life, from information sheets and researched information on the internet using our amazing Chromebooks.



Fractions can be a tricky concept to understand. This week, 3B have been very successful at learning all about fractions as they now know the denominator is the amount that a number has been divided by and the numerator is the number of groups there are. They know that  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 20 is the same as 20 divided by 4. Well done 3B.



This week, year 5 had the exciting delivery of some class stick insects. They are studying the life cycles of insects, so having these living insects is an amazing opportunity for them see the different stages as they happen.



This week, our wonderful Historians in 5B expanded and deepened their understanding of the English Civil War. They collected a range of primary and secondary sources to help build a picture of what life was like for the citizens of England during this important moment in our nation's history. The maturity and sophistication of the questions that the children asked during our lessons was astounding and led to a brilliant drama activity in which some of our children played the roles of a family who had been torn apart by split allegiances to the King and the Parliamentarians. Mr Gale was immensely proud of their interest in this complex topic and their ability to use evidence to inform pertinent inferences about the people who lived through these devastating times. Very impressive 5B.



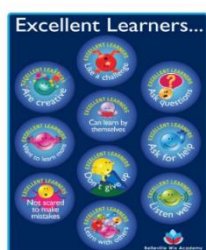
This week in Year 6, the children have been learning about the WWF's Living Planet Report as part of their Biodiversity topic. Year 6 will be using their research to generate an information pack for younger children on how to protect the health of our planet. I can't wait to read these packs.

### **Bilingual Parent Teacher Meetings**

Please don't forget to sign up for a meeting with the teachers if your child is in the bilingual stream.

I wish you all a lovely weekend together.

Miss Henry



Congratulations to our excellent learners this week who showed they can ask questions.

EXCELLENT LEARNERS CAN ASK QUESTIONS							
Reggie	RW		Maximilian	1B		Ethan	4B
Jimmy	1M		Fynn	2G		Harry	Y5
Alice	1W		Freya	2SB		Kiera	Y6
			Adam	Y3			

### **Half term**

- Week beginning 31st may

### **End of the year**

- Bilingual Stream – Friday 16th July
- English Stream - Friday 23rd July. Early finish - times sent out closer to the time.