

18th June 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we had the most wonderful day celebrating CAD. Right from the time pupils entered the school gate they were showing me the stickers they had been given for walking, cycling or using their scooter

to get to school and so many noticed the beautiful bunting out on the street. I would like to say thank you to Mr Attenborough for organising the events for us as well as two very kind and generous parents, Luke Wynne and Simon Jackson who met with us many times to offer guidance and were very active in making the day such a success.

Activities we participated in this week	
Use of the garden area for story time	Every class had the opportunity throughout the week to spend time reading outside and discuss what feels better – reading inside or out.
	RW really enjoyed their time outside reading as well as the great class discussion about air pollution after. Everyone in the class agreed that we should stop smoky air because our lungs don't like it. They also designed Clean Air Day Superheroes to remind people to keep the air free of pollution.
Walk to school at least one day in the week	Every pupil was encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school on at least one day this week. It was great to hear so many pupils tell us they had done this and how happy it made them feel so thank you for making this happen.
	1 M tried so hard to walk, cycle and scoot to school where possible. They knew so much about the different ways we can try and keep our air clear.
	"Cars and lorries make the air more polluted! Walking to school can help this!" "It is so important to plant trees to keep the air clear because they absorb lots of the harmful things in the air".
	RB children were inspired by the special day to make clean air superheroes to remind people how we can look after our world. Through their class discussion, pupils are advising us to try to use less polluting vehicles. They also learnt about where our lungs are and how they change when we breathe in and out.
Science	Year 2 collected data on the sources of pollution around our school. They counted the amount of different types of vehicles that drove past causing air pollution. Upon their return to school, they had a fantastic discussion about what we can do to reduce the amount of pollution we produce. 1W really enjoyed learning about air pollution on CAD and designed their own Clean Air Superheroes giving them super powers like planting plants in our local area and sucking petrol fumes out of the air. They believe clean air is important because it helps the environment and the environment helps us to survive. Miss Williams

	was so impressed with how articulately the pupils spoke about this topic and 1W have pledged to teach others about how to keep the air clean in the local area.
	Yr 3, 3B, 4 & 5 had a wonderful time on Clapham Common looking at how pollution affects different fungi and algae growth on trees nearer to the road compared to those further into the common. Pupils used their science enquiry skills to ask questions and establish what type of algae was growing. They also enjoyed a lengthy conversation about what trees outside of London would look like in comparison to those on the common. They concluded that that the healthier trees were in the middle of the common because they of the type of lichen growing on them.
	5B started CAD with a word search filled with key terminology. During Science they learned about air particles, as well as a range of strategies to help reduce air pollution, culminating in designing a school environment that could help promote clean air for our society. I am certain that our conscientious young 5B pupils will grow up and help make our world a cleaner and healthier place.
Art work	The pupils loved the opportunity to draw and paint stones during their breaks. Thank you so much to Mrs Henley – Price and Luke Wynne for organising this activity for us all.
	Mrs Henley-Price also made the wonderful chalk clouds that so many of you made pledges on at the end of the day.
Bike Service – free offer	Dr Bike, a trained mechanic came into the school during the day to service the bikes of students, parents and teachers. It was an absolute joy to see the pupils watch their bikes being fixed and how excited they were to be able to ride them again.
Giant Snakes and	The pupils loved having playing Snakes and Ladders during
Ladders	playtimes and on the street at the end of the day.
Freedom to breathe sessions	Year 4 had a brilliant day doing a variety of activities to celebrate CAD. They took part in a nationwide webinar on what air pollution is and how we can improve the air in our local community. After, they created their ideal clean air school. It was great to see that some of the suggestions the children came up with, BWA are already doing.
	Year 6 also attended a 'Freedom to Breathe' webinar led by Global Action Plan as part of an international campaign. They learnt about the state of air quality, the benefits of cleaner air and how they could do their bit and have their say.

Future of our schools street - have your say!

As a school we have worked hard to improve the safety for everyone through School Streets. I am sure you will agree that this scheme has made a significant difference to the start and end of day for the children. There is a consultation on this continuing and I would kindly ask you to take part in the consultation that is currently open and ends on **June 30**th if you haven't done so already.

https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/wandsworthecs/belleville/consult_view/

COVID19

Yesterday I was made aware of many local schools closing classes. We all know the impact this has on pupils, teachers and you. I hope that we can all work together to do all we can to reduce the risk of the virus spreading within our community. The minimum we can do is to keep a 2m distance between each other and wear a mask in the line or when speaking with each other when we can't socially distance. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sports Day

Our plan is to have Sports Day for the pupils this half term. It won't surprise you to know that it will be arranged differently to ensure we keep pupils safe. The current proposal is to have a few classes take part in events on the common in the morning and afternoon, over four days. We have been working on this for some time and are revising the plans in light of the announcement made on Monday re current restrictions. Sports Day has always been a lovely school community event as parents and carers come to support the pupils. We hope that parents and carers can attend and this is in our current plan however we need to ensure that identified risks are reduced. As soon as we have confirmed the dates for each class, we will send these to you so you can save the date.



National Thank a Teacher Day

Wednesday 23rd June is National Thank a Teacher Day. I am sure you will join me in thanking our wonderful staff for the care and support they give every pupil, every day.

Message from our PTA - Non-uniform day Friday25th June

On Friday 25th June we will be celebrating Summer and all the beautiful colours and weather that come with it. Pupils are invited to wear bright Summer colours instead of their uniform in exchange for a minimum donation of $\pounds 1$. All donations made will go towards buying plants for our garden project within our school. Can you help us reach our goal of $\pounds 1,000$?

Back by popular demand the PTA are very pleased to announce another bake sale will be held on the same day, 25th June, following on from May's amazing efforts. This time we will be selling ice-lollies and soft drinks to celebrate the start of the Summer season!



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and I hope Father's Day is a very special one.

Miss Henry