

15th July Newsletter

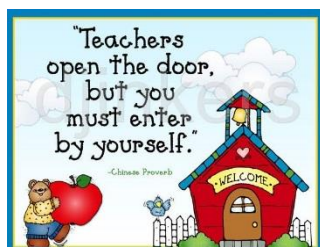
Today our bilingual stream classes finish for the summer. I wish you all a wonderful summer, filled with many great experiences and blessed with good health. Next Friday pupils in the English stream break up for the summer. Remember the end of day time are different. See the table below.

Friday 23rd July - Collection Times

Time	1902 gate	Blue gate
12:45pm	Nursery	
1:00pm	RW	1W
1:10pm	1M	2
1:20pm	3	5
1:30pm	4	6

September 2021

All BWA pupils return to school on Monday 6th September. The start and end times as well as entry points will be sent to out. A revised BWA Family Guide will also be sent out before the start of the new school year.



End of Year Reports

Yesterday, we sent out reports for pupils in our English stream. I hope you were very proud of what your children have achieved this year. I would encourage you to request a call with the class teacher if there is anything in the report you would like to talk through.



Nursery Sports Day

We have had the most wonderful experiences with every class during our sports day events. I know from your positive feedback that you also enjoyed it. Thank you so much for your co-operation to make the event such a pleasant experience. Our very last event is for our youngest pupils on Tuesday. Parents are asked to gather by the 1902 Gate for 9:10am.

Date	Time	Classes	Location
Tuesday 20 th July	9:15am – 10:15am	Nursery (N1,2 & 3)	BWA Sports Area



We celebrate another awesome week of leaning at BWA, as summarised below.

Nursery have been growing strawberries. They have been growing strawberries and enjoyed watching them grow. To put them to good use, the pupils picked some to make their very own strawberry smoothie. Everyone really enjoyed weighing the ingredients and turning on the blender. The smoothie tasted delicious!

What a busy week RB have had with Mrs Hatcher and Miss Hardy. They have been preparing for next year by writing about themselves, thinking about how they have changed and their great achievements. Of course they also had a fabulous sports day which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. It was especially lovely to hear their comments when they were praising their friends.

Whilst learning about 'Looking After our World' pupils in RW wanted to make animal collages out of recycled paper. They collected magazines and newspapers and cut them up into small pieces for their collages, which are stunning.

The children in 1M and 1W have enjoyed starting their DT project this week. They are going to be creating their own beanstalks next week and have spent some time this week thinking about how to make a strong structure. The pupils explored towers made out of cups and bricks to see which were the sturdiest. They then used toothpicks and sweets to create grid structures with a wide base to support our beanstalks. It was a very exciting time and no-one ate any of the sweets!

1B really enjoyed making lion masks based on the traditional story from Ghana (Anansi) using paper plates, paper strips and lollipop sticks. It was a delightful collection time on Thursday afternoon as the parents didn't recognise who was being sent home with them....until the children revealed who was behind the mask.

This week, the Year 2 were inspired by their recent learning of traditional tales. They designed and created a hand puppet to represent their favourite traditional tale character. Lots of fantastic sewing skills have been on display and we are sure the children will have lots of fun putting on puppet shows at home.

Both 3B and 4B had a blast at sports day. Everyone tried their best and displayed excellent sporting behaviour. The scores were fairly close in both classes and everyone enjoyed all the activities.

Pupils in Year 3 have been enjoying learning about the Mediterranean Sea this term. This week, they showed off all of their knowledge by creating a presentation or poster to share with their class on a country next to the Mediterranean Sea.

5B have been very creative as they crafted their own narratives, paying consideration to the structure and impact of their writing on the audience. They have also been writing and answering a range of questions based on their learning throughout their time in 5B; with insightful questions informed from topics such as Materials in Science, through to grammar and text based questions from their studies in English. Mr Gale told me that to see the breadth of knowledge that the pupils have retained was just wonderful as a teacher.

Year 6 participated in a virtual presentation and Q&A from the magistrates where they learnt about court processes, the consequences of criminal records and sentencing. The pupils asked excellent questions and listened well, demonstrating their fantastic understanding of the rule of law.



Garden Development

Thanks to your support and some very thoughtful parents, we were able to plant beautiful Jasmine by the back wall last Friday. In time, this will grow through the trellis we were also able to install, to create a stunning flower wall. We wouldn't be able to do this work without your support. Thank you.

Last Friday you helped us raise a further £395 – truly amazing! £285 from the non-school uniform and a further £110 from the Lolly Pop Up shop.

Today we saw some crazy hair styles as we continued our fundraising efforts. Thank you very much for joining in this PTA event that will raise money for our garden development. No doubt we will all be ready for a delicious ice lolly at the end of the day to mark the end of a great week. Sincere thanks to our phenomenal PTA who work tirelessly behind the scenes to organise these super events for us to enjoy whilst raising funds to enhance our learning environment for every pupil to enjoy.

We will have our PTA AGM on 28th September @ 8pm – do save the date.



Expectations at BWA

We are keeping the current arrangements and expectations onsite in this last week of term. Parents are asked to wear a face mask in the line and if coming onsite with a pupil in nursery. We had 22 pupils test positive in the last few weeks, more than 50% in one class so we will be making decisions about procedures for September based on what we feel is right for our pupils and staff, as well as our school community.

I am sure you have all heard the number of people off work due to self-isolation and this reflects what we have been dealing with at BWA for a number of weeks. It is important that we work together to keep each other safe and make decisions that we feel will ensure we can keep pupils in school. Some reports are that the Delta variant presents different symptoms to the three main ones we know. A parent has shared this with us to pass on to you. I am also aware in conversations with PHE that a runny nose was showing as the most common symptom.

If you or your child experience any symptoms below, or the three main symptoms please take a test.

Top 5 Most Common Covid-19 Symptoms

Fully Vaccinated	One Vaccine Dose	No Vaccine Dose
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Headache 2. Runny nose 3. Sneezing 4. Sore throat 5. Loss of smell 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Headache 2. Runny nose 3. Sore throat 4. Sneezing 5. Persistent cough 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Headache 2. Sore Throat 3. Runny Nose 4. Fever 5. Persistent cough

For families who are starting their summer holiday today, I wish you all a very happy holiday. I look forward to the last week with families in our English stream – it will be a hot one.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and thank you again for your support. Miss Henry