

24th November 2023 Newsletter

It has been another awesome week at BWA. We have had visitors in to see our wonderful school in action during Open Morning, pupils have been out on trips and I have had the privilege of seeing so many engaging lessons. I loved seeing Year 3 in their gymnastics lesson this week as well as hearing 3B singing during their music lesson, which was a delight.

On Wednesday afternoon, I was very fortunate to go with our bilingual stream classes to see The Lion King. It was a magnificent show and the pupils loved the experience.

Success in Our BBC Children in Need Fundraiser!

We are delighted to report that our fundraiser for BBC Children in Need last Friday was a huge success, raising an impressive £713. This fantastic sum reflects our community's generosity and commitment to helping children in need across the UK. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful cause. Your support makes a real difference.

Next Friday after school we have our **PTA Winter Fair**. I do hope to see you there. On this day, pupils are

invited to wear something festive in exchange for gifts of new toys for children who may not get one this Christmas.

Festive winter is coming...




Christmas Winter Fair
Friday 1st December – 3.30 to 6pm

- ★ Bouncy castle
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Hot food
- ★ Santa's Grotto
- ★ Bake sale
- ★ Games
- ★ Hot & cold drinks
- ★ And much more!!

December Festive Days: wear your festive jumpers & outfits!

- ★ 1st December - Festive Friday #1
Donation of NEW toys
- ★ 7th December: Christmas Jumper Day
- ★ 8th & 15th December: Festive Friday #2 & #3
Donation of long-life food
(in partnership with APL Ecole de Wix on 08/12)
- ★ 21st December: Tinsel Thursday
£ Donation towards school projects

Festive Friday 1st December
Donation of NEW toys
In partnership with APL Ecole de Wix

- ★ To support 3 local charities
- ★ And make sure every child has a gift this Christmas
- ★ All gifts should be NEW and unwrapped

This poster showcases the different charities we will be supporting over our next few fabulous Fridays and Tinsel Thursday. We thank you in advance for your much appreciated support.

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RELEVANCE

- recognition of the richness in diversity and inclusion
- tailored to reflect local, national and global perspectives
- clear progression in knowledge, skills, content, language, processes and concepts



This week, pupils in our Nursery have been learning about birthdays as part of their Celebration topic. Pupils shared the different ways they celebrate birthdays at home and designed patterned wrapping paper. They used their developing counting skills to count out colourful pom-pom cupcakes and candles on playdough cakes.

Pupils in RW have had a very exciting week. As part of their light and dark topic they have been exploring shadows and how they can use a light source to make their own shadows. Pupils also enjoyed painting pictures in the style of Mark Rothko.



In RB the pupils have been exploring light and dark in different ways. This week, as well as learning about nocturnal animals, they were inspired by the work of Mark Rothko. The pupils used a primary paint colours to investigate how adding lighter or darker tones can change the shade of the colour.



This week, pupils in Year 1 have been investigating which material is best for mopping up a spill, after Miss To clumsily knocked over some water. They designed an experiment to decide which type of paper to use and talked about which one was the most absorbent. Pupils made some very interesting observations and compared their results to their initial prediction.

Pupils in 2B have been learning about Food Chains. I was very impressed with their knowledge of herbivores and carnivores. They worked very well in partners to look at food chains.

In Year 2, pupils were very confused when they started playing a game with absolutely no rules in RE. They soon reflected on how important it is for us to have clear rules that we can all follow, so there is fairness for all and to avoid chaos. This important discussion was part of their learning in RE this half term on Rules and Laws. Pupils had many questions for Miss Mieville at the end of this session before playing the game again. They realised how much better it was when everyone understands what the rules are.



Pupils in 3B have been exploring the holy books for Islam and Judaism. They learnt that the holy book for Islam is called the Qur'an, which it is written in Arabic and is read from right to left. Pupils also learnt that the holy book for Judaism is called the Torah, which is hand-written and rolled up on one long piece of paper called a scroll.



In Year 3, pupils discovered who lived in Roman Britain by participating in the popular game "Guess who?", where they needed to ask specific questions to predict and work out which Roman Briton their partner was. It was a fantastic activity and everyone learnt so much.



Year 4 had a fantastic time at the British Museum. Pupils used iPads to follow a treasure hunt which led them to artefacts found in the Sutton Hoo discovery. After 'collecting' items on their iPads, pupils collected facts on each artefact before challenging themselves by completing a quiz on their new learning. A great time was had by all. Sincere thanks to all the helpers who came with us and to Mr Abraham for organising a superb experience.

In 5LT, pupils learnt all about the roots of democracy in their Ancient Greek lesson this week. They had their own chance to recreate an Ancient Greek democratic assembly. The class were introduced to several real situations that occurred in Ancient Greece and were tasked with democratically arriving at a decision as to how the assembly should respond. At the end of the lesson, the people of the assembly even voted to 'ostracise' two archons who decided against the rule of the people – a real Ancient Greek democratic tradition!



In 5M, pupils enjoyed creating their own scientific models using globes and torches (to represent the sun) to explain why we have day and night. Pupils then challenged themselves to explain why we have different seasons too.



Pupils in Year 6 visited Lavender Hill Magistrates' Court to develop their knowledge of the criminal system and how law is enforced. In one of the courtrooms, they played out a scripted mock trial, taking the roles of the Chair, Solicitors, Crown Prosecutors, Prosecution Witnesses and more. Afterwards, Year 6 were given the opportunity to ask any further questions and ended their visit with a tour of the now unused cells below. Year 6 were articulate with their reading and asked lots of interesting questions.

In English lessons this week, 6B have identified techniques used by Christopher Edge, the author of our focus book 'The longest night of Charlie Noon'. This included building tension and atmosphere using ominous language, focusing on purposeful dialogue and varying sentence length for effect. 6B then incorporated these features in their own retelling of the famous tale of Little Red Riding hood ensuring to add more haunting and spooky descriptive language than the original children's story.

On a Wednesday morning, we welcome pupils who have signed up for our Basketball Club. Mr Butler was very pleased this week at the amount of shots that were going in through the net when playing various games. This is a result of their commitment over the past month.

Mr Butler will be heading back home to Australia in a week. We have just loved having him teach PE at BWA and will miss him immensely. We know that he will be sorry to leave BWA as he heads back to be with his family after his time living in London. I am sure you will join me in wishing him the very best of wishes for the future. Mr Butler will be handing over to our new PE teacher, Mr Sanfilippo next week.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

Excellent Learners			
Ask Questions			
Tosia	RW	Leonardo	3B
Jules	RB	Jacob	Y4
Zailah	Y1	Ayden	5LT
Thomas	Y2	Maia	5M
Gabrielle	2B	Dominic	Y6
Rico	Y3	Victor	6B

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England has asked that we share this survey with you and encourage you to complete these with your children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them. Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition . Further resources are available on their [website](#).



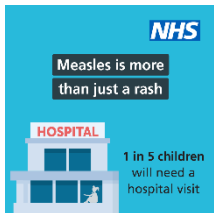
Communication

Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have, no matter how small or trivial you think they may be.



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site. There are pupils onsite with allergies and we must all do our best to keep these pupils safe at all times when onsite.



Information on Measles / MMR vaccination – message from the NHS

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school. Getting outside remains very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



Dates to Remember

Last day of the Autumn term

- **English Stream** - Thursday 21st December at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** - Thursday 21st December at 3:15pm

Wishing you all a super weekend.

Miss Henry



Upcoming PTA Events

Fri, 17 Nov	BBC Children In Need	All day & collection at drop off	All children are invited to wear yellow, spotty or bright coloured clothes on the day, in exchange for a donation to support the charity's essential work, on Friday morning at drop off. Funds collected will be donated to Children in Need
Fri, 17 Nov	Y1/Y2/GS/CP Disco	5pm-6.15pm	Tickets available for purchase on Bigcartel
Tue, 21 Nov	BWA Open Day - Bilingual Stream	9am-11am	Help us show prospective parents around our great school, together with BWA teachers and PTA reps, and answer any questions they might have. ***Volunteers needed***
Fri, 1 Dec & Sat, 2 Dec	Christmas Tree Sale	Pick up slots on Friday afternoon & Sat morning	Orders for Christmas trees are open on Bigcartel, until 23rd November. Pickups at school scheduled for 1st December (from 3pm to 7pm) and 2nd December (from 9am to 12pm)
Fri, 1 Dec	Winter Fair	3.30pm-5.30pm	Anticipate a festive after-school fair for the children! We will need your help to run the games and activities, and make sure this great event can go ahead. ***Volunteers needed on the day***
Fri, 1 Dec	Festive Friday's Donations	Collection at drop off & festive outfit all day	Collection of NEW toys and games to support disadvantaged children. Benefiting charities are Homestart Wandsworth, Young People Matter (Lambeth) and Streatam Youth & Community Trust (SYCT). All children are invited to wear their festive jumpers/outfits all day at school
Thu, 7 Dec	National Christmas Jumper Day	All day	All children are encouraged to wear their festive jumpers
Fri, 8 & 15 Dec	Festive Friday's Donations	Collection at drop off & festive outfit all day	Collection of food essentials to support local food banks, at a time of year that is difficult for many. All children are invited to wear their festive jumpers/outfits all day at school
Thu, 21 Dec	Tinsel Thursday's Donation	Collection at drop off & festive outfit all day	All children are invited to wear their festive jumpers/outfits all day, in exchange for a minimum donation of £1 on Thursday morning, at drop off. Funds collected will support the school PTA
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Fri, 19 Jan 2024	Y3/Y4/CE1/CE2 Disco	After 5pm - exact time TBC	Mark your calendars! Tickets will be on sale early January
Fri, 1 Mar 2024	Y5/Y6/CM1/CM2 Disco	After 5pm - exact time TBC	Fourth and final disco! Tickets will be available in February

*** As you all know, we need volunteers to help us run some of these events ***

If you are interested in volunteering for one or more of these events, please join our volunteer group on WhatsApp (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/I3SjwNjZOMZLSG975dhw9y>) or send us an email at bwa.pta@gmail.com and we will add you to the group



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bellevillewix/>

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