



# BWA Newsletter

Wix's Lane, Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0AJ

## Newsletter for the week ending 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### International Day of Families



In our LEARN Statement, R stands for Relevance. We work tirelessly to ensure our curriculum is relevant, diverse and inclusive. This week it has been great to see pupils beaming with pride as they brought in their homework projects about their family and heritage. Today it was a joy to welcome the pupils wearing their traditional outfits and colours of their national flag. We are looking forward to a wonderful International buffet after school and are so grateful to the many parent volunteers who have kindly come in to school to share stories about their cultural heritage.

# R



## 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

Here are some of the highlights of our week together.



Life is very busy for pupils in our Nursery: they have letters and numbers to learn; pictures to paint; crafts to make; blocks to build; places to run, jump and climb and a whole space station to run! But there's no one better for the job. They love keeping busy: answering the phones, taking messages, checking the spaceship and, when they are dressed for the part, blasting off into space for an epic mission. This week they heard the story "Whatever Next?" by Jill Murphy and learnt about a little bear who had a picnic on the moon. A perfect idea for their next trip in the spaceship.

Pupils in RW have had another wonderful week in Reception. They have been writing fact files about sharks. Pupils have a wide range of knowledge about the sea creature and articulated their shark facts in front of their peers very clearly and confidently. Using mixed media, they have been creating their own seabed.

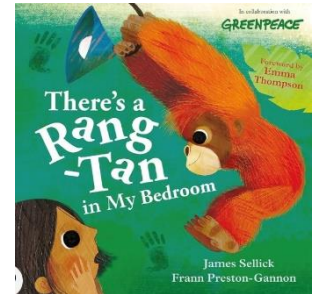
This week pupils in RB have been making amazing art for the PTA exhibition. It has been wonderful to see their development of pencil control as they make beautiful Eiffel towers and have had lovely discussions about what the real one looks like from the pupils' own experiences. They are very keen to see them in a frame like a grown-up artist.



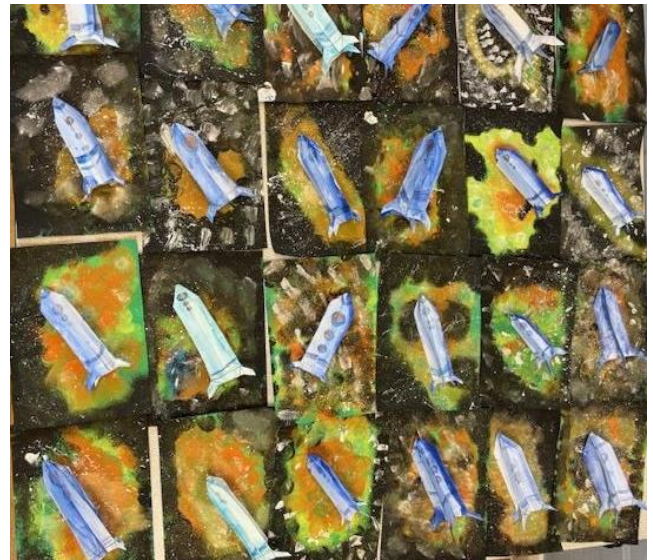


On Tuesday, our Year 1 classroom was transported back in time to the Victorian era. They had a teacher from the Victorian era teach them for the day so they could learn more about this time. Pupils explored different kinds of toys from over 130 years ago, made their own one and even conducted an archaeological dig to find more historical artefacts. We were very impressed with the enquiry skills used to suggest different uses and purposes of the things they found in the sand.

Pupils in Year 2 started their new English text 'There's a Rang-Tan in my bedroom' by James Sellick. They really engaged with this moving story which raises important topics such as deforestation and endangered species, particularly the orangutan in the Indonesian rainforest. Year 2 discussed what action can be taken to combat this significant challenge. They will be writing persuasive letters to Cadbury's to encourage them to stop using palm oil in their chocolate and to suggest alternative solutions.



During the week, our resident artists had a wonderful time with pupils in 2B. As you can see from this photograph, the pupils created awesome cosmic artwork. They used a variety of media including poster paint, watercolours and colouring pencils and employed a range of artistic techniques such as blending and stippling, to create these amazing 3D pieces of a rocket.



Pupils in Year 3, we have been continuing to learn more about Fractions. It has been great to see their confidence and ability increase in this subject and see them solve difficult equations independently. Pupils also finished writing their own short stories, which they wrote using Krindlekrax as inspiration. It has been brilliant to see their stories begin to differ in length and incorporate a wide range of descriptive language.

3B have been exploring more about what life was like during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. As such, they participated in a role-play session using Now Press Play to immerse ourselves in prehistoric times. Top highlights included making a fire, hunting woolly mammoths, digging in a mine and discovering wooden housing.



Our Year 4 pupils have started their final writing focus of the year, based off the movie Oceanmaker. The pupils have watched short clips of the film, predicted what it will be about, what the heroes mission will be and written incredible setting descriptions of this barren wasteland.



This week, the pupils in Year 5 said their goodbyes to the butterflies. Pupils learnt that insects can have different types of life cycles: complete and incomplete metamorphosis. The butterflies were an example of complete metamorphosis - the insect changed completely from caterpillar to butterfly. Whereas stick insects, for example, experience incomplete metamorphosis - the young resembles the adult and change gradually. Hopefully some of the beautiful butterflies will stick around to thrive around our garden planters.

This week, our Year 6 pupils sat their end of KS2 SATs examinations. Every morning, pupils came in ready to take on the challenge. They were provided with snacks and juice in the morning before the tests took place to keep their energy and focus high and we could not be prouder of their resilience. They were able to showcase all that they have learnt at primary school and deserve a well-earned rest this weekend. Well done Year 6!



Pupils in 6B have also shown great resilience throughout the SATs week. They have greatly enjoyed creating their Olympic themed art as a way of expressing their creative skills. They used watercolours, white charcoal pencils and colouring pencils to create their pieces and they look forward to sharing them with our families at the upcoming Art exhibition.



This week we played in a Wandsworth tennis tournament. Our representatives put in a fantastic effort, despite the pouring rain all morning. They finished top of the table in Group B. Group B then drew in the semi-finals and went to a dead heat which unfortunately we then lost which resulted in BWA in coming 3rd. It was an incredible effort by our BWA pupils. We are so proud and cannot wait for another chance to play together. Lastly, thank you to our parent helper Daisy, she was a fantastic support.

At BWA we love Music and are always looking for opportunities to enhance our provision. You will know that we offer a range of classes for pupils to learn an instrument. We are delighted to inform you that we have places for 1:1 or small group peripatetic lessons for September – please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter. Currently we offer tuition in guitar, violin and keyboard however if there is another instrument that your child would like to learn, do let us know and we will see if this is something we can provide. Pupils in the English stream have their lessons during the school day and pupils in the bilingual stream have them before or after school.



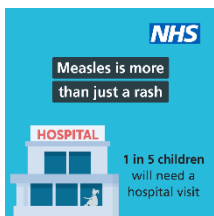
We are fortunate to have so many amazing events on our doorstep. One of our parents has kindly shared this link about The Great Exhibition Road Festival that you may be interested in exploring. It is science and the arts focussed and runs from 15-16 June.

<https://www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk/>

### Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<b>Excellent Learners</b>			
<b>Don't give up</b>			
Sienna	RW	Mason	3B
Juliet	RB	Jimmy	Y4
Margot	Y1	Isabella E.	5LT
Jay	Y2	Dexter	5S
Arki	2B	Alexia	Y6
Lorenzo	Y3	Pauline	6B



## 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

### Birthday Treats



When it is a child’s birthday during the school term, parents and carers can choose to celebrate this special occasion by bringing in food to share with the class if they wish. This food is given out at the end of the school day so that parents and carers can decide if their child consumes it. If you do choose to bring in food for the class, we would really appreciate it if, in addition to nut-free, consideration could be given to other allergies, religious and dietary preferences, so that all children can share in the class celebration.



### 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.



### 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

Half term - week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024

BWA PTA Summer Exhibition – 27<sup>th</sup> June

#### End of Summer term

- English Stream – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm
- Bilingual Stream – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 3:15pm

### Sports Days – more details to follow

- Reception & Year 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> July am
- Year 2 & Year 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> July pm
- Year 4, 5 & 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> July am

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry



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