

Newsletter for the week ending 7th June 2024

I hope you all had a fabulous half term break weekend. It is hard to believe we are in the very last half-term of this school year.

In our LEARN Statement, R stands for Relevance. We work hard to ensure what pupils learn is relevant and to ensure pupils know why they are learning what they are. On Thursday, we had a day with two reps from [Let's Go Zero](#) who are helping us think more about how we can reduce our carbon footprint. A huge thanks to Mr Reisser, a parent of two boys at BWA, for working so hard to support us in our drive to improve and reduce our carbon footprint.

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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

Here are some of the highlights of our brilliant week together. You will see from the first minute on Monday morning, pupils have had the most wonderful learning experiences. Sincere thanks to our staff team who have planned such exciting and relevant experiences.



Nursery had a grrrrreat start to their Explorer topic this half-term sharing a visit with Year 1 from Safari Pete. Pete's mobile zoo gave the pupils the incredible experience of getting really close to a whole range of animals. They saw, held, fed and even stroked lots of different animals, including: a hairy tarantula spider, lots of scaly lizards, a feathery owl, a furry Meer cat and a very playful ferret (who you can see in the picture) and more. Pupils learnt a lot and made some very special memories.

RW welcomed their unhatched chicks on Monday and have enjoyed watching the very exciting process of the birds cracking through the shells. I am confident they are going to look after the chicks very well.

They also started their new topic, 'Big Wide World' and used mixed media to create their own wild animals. Photographed are some of the pupils working hard to look after the endangered animals at the animal centre.

In RB, pupils have enjoyed finding out about animals from around the world. During an afternoon activity they drew an animal then wrote clues so their friend could guess what it was. Some of the pupils challenged themselves to develop their drawing skills and worked meticulously to make beautiful representations of endangered animals, such as a Panda. It was lovely to see the engagement of the class and the encouragement they provided to each other.





Year 1 were very excited to also meet Safari Pete and a range of different animals. They learnt all about the classification of each animal they met, as well as the kind of foods it eats and the places they live in the wild. Everyone was very brave as they spotted, stroked and held the different animals they met. This beautiful owl is called Juliette. She loved her time at BWA this week.

Pupils in 2B started a new topic in REW, all about Sacred Places. They spent some time thinking about what makes a place sacred and then drew places that are sacred to them. Pupils talked about sacred places being safe places where you might go to feel happy and discussed why and how these places can be important to people.



In Geography, Year 2 launched their new topic on 'Rivers'. They learnt that rivers flow downhill from a higher land (hill or mountain) and that they usually flow into the sea, the ocean or a lake. Pupils observed that downstream movement as well as the erosion of land around it by recreating the flow of a river on sand. They had lots of questions about their topic, such as 'What is the longest river in the world?', 'Why do rivers flow downhill?' and 'Why are rivers important to humans?'

In Year 3, pupils were ready to hit the ground running this week. They enjoyed starting some new topics, especially learning about the Mediterranean and starting their new book, 'The One and Only Ivan'. In our Maths, they have a very good understanding of Perpendicular and Parallel lines and now see them everywhere.

Pupils in 3B have been learning about comparing angles. They used square protractors to determine if an angle was acute, obtuse, or a right angle.



Year 4 started their Living Things unit by classifying leaves. After discussing the various types of trees we see around, e.g. evergreen and deciduous trees, pupils then looked more in detail at the leaves using classification keys.

5LT had a wonderful time learning with our resident artists. Pupils were introduced to many famous lino prints, exploring links to historical Japanese art in the process. They then began to experiment with their own sketches of real life fruit, focussing on patterns and colours. Next, the pupils started to carve their own lino prints, before printing some absolute masterpieces of their own.



Pupils in 5S have started their new science topic this week: life cycles of humans and plants. They have been identifying and labelling the reproductive parts of a plant. Next, they explored what plants need in order to grow and created a diagram and guide in preparation for planting their own seeds next week.



This week, Year 6 began their new topic, Investigating World Trade, in their geography lessons. They learnt definitions of importing and exporting, and researched which countries were the largest importers and exporters of some of our day-to-day essentials. Then, pupils labelled this on a world map, showcasing their fantastic geographical knowledge.

In 6B, our pupils have been learning about World War II, considering the role of the Allies, asking questions about the purpose of propaganda and focussing on the experiences of people in England at the time. We are lucky to have visited the National Army Museum on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, participating in a workshop and self-guided tour of the exhibits.



On May 23rd, we selected eight pupils from Year 5 and 6 to participate in a basketball tournament at Newton Prep against other Wandsworth Schools. The eight pupils were then separated into two different teams and played several matches each. During the competition, BWA put in a fantastic effort and played many tight matches against our opponents. Which saw us come very close to snatching some wins. We are all exceptionally proud of the pupils who represented BWA we are so proud and cannot wait for another chance to play together. Lastly, thank you to all our parents who came along and supported our pupils and

Miss Ugochukwu for helping out on the day.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Want To Learn More</u>			
Tosia	RW	Mila	3B
Sophie	RB	Elijah	Y4
Olivia	Y1	Huda	5LT
Phoenix	Y2	James	5S
Louis VHB	2B	Adam	Y6
Paul Auguste	Y3	Theodore	6B



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to BWA on Monday 10th June until Thursday 13th June, from 3.30pm-4.30pm .

There is a special offer of 3 for 2 on all books. We look forward to seeing you there.

This opportunity also raises money for the school to buy more books for pupils to read in school and home.



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.



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 and sunscreen. Getting outside remains very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



Dates to Remember

End of Summer term

- **English Stream** – Wednesday 24th July at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual Stream** – Thursday 18th July at 3:15pm

Sports Days – more details to follow

- **Reception & Year 1** – 3rd July am
- **Year 2 & Year 3** – 3rd July pm
- **Year 4, 5 & 6** – 2nd July am

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry



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