

## Newsletter for the week ending 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Today we celebrated our second Father's Day event with a breakfast for fathers and fatherly figures in our lives for some of our bilingual classes. Sincere thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for this special morning.

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### LEARNERS who are:

- inquisitive, resilient and have high expectations of themselves
- critical and creative thinkers who can solve problems and evaluate effectively
- confident, collaborative and articulate
- excellent learners

Here are some of the highlights of our great week together.



Ready, steady, FAIRY! Pupils in our Nursery entered an enchanted forest to meet with a fairy this week for a special drama and storytelling workshop. They all enjoyed singing, dancing, acting and, most importantly, stealing back the good fairy's wings from the evil Red Queen!

Like many of us in school, pupils in RW have been missing the chicks. Beatrice has been kind enough to bring in ladybird eggs to demonstrate their life cycle to the class. They have had a lovely week including a drama workshop, sports day practise and learning about refugees for world refugee day on Thursday.



Pupils in RB have enjoyed learning about endangered animals and how they can look after the environment. They have made masks of animals from Kenya, where this week's story was set. I was so impressed with their masks when I have been in their class this week. Pupils used a template for the eyes and then used their observation and creative skills to make choices about what to do next. The quality and detail of the masks they have made so far has been a stand-out moment this week.



This week, pupils in Year 1 have been learning all about volume and capacity. After learning the mathematical language, pupils put it into practice by taking turns to fill a container and describe the volume after they added some water. They applied the vocabulary with accuracy and we were very impressed.

Pupils in Year 2 and 2B worked exceptionally hard this week as they sat their KS1 SATs in Reading, GPS and Maths. Everyone showed great focus and determination and both Miss Mieville and Miss Rice are very proud of them all. Well done Year 2.



Pupils in 3B have been learning about the different Hindu celebrations, reading the story of **Rama and Sita** to explain why Diwali is an important Hindu festival. They know that Rama and Sita are married but one day the demon king, Ravanna, kidnaps Sita and takes her to his palace. Rama searches for her with the help of the Monkey King, Hanuman. They find her on Ravanna's island and a great battle begins, with the demon finally defeated by Rama's magic arrow. People light small lamps - called diwas - in their windows to help light the couple's journey home.

Year 3 have enjoyed completing their tests this week. They have also continued to look in depth at the Mediterranean and researching the effects a range of man made decisions have had on the environment.

After watching videos and researching how invertebrates have adaptations to aid their everyday life, Year 4 used inspiration from many different insects to create their own one. They were able to explain why they had chosen certain body parts to show their understanding of how animals adapt to their environment.



During one of their Science lessons this week, pupils in 5LT enjoyed a Now Press Play experience to enhance their recent learning on life cycles. In this lesson, they were set a task to fly to Jamaica to pollinate the magical 'Popa' plant and in doing so expanded their knowledge of plant reproduction and seed dispersal.

This week, 5S went on a trip to the Apple Store in Knightsbridge. The pupils experimented with code and designed an app using the 'About Me' playground. They used 'Swift' code to customise their app with fun fonts, background colours, emoji's and more. Everyone worked together to bring their apps to life. What a wonderful experience.



Pupils in our Year 6 class fully immersed themselves into their art sessions with our resident artists this week. Taking inspiration from Picasso and Frida Kahlo, pupils created their own self-portraits, understanding the importance of shading to create form and developing their knowledge with facial proportions. Year 6 then used cardboard to create texture and depth.

This week 6B were thrilled to take part in an interactive audiobook experience using Press Play. They dove into the history of the theory of Evolution, exploring the way animals and humans have evolved in order to survive in their habitat and adapt in order to face threats to their species. Pupils are very excited for their next opportunity to explore another story.



### Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<b>Excellent Learners</b>			
<b>Like a challenge</b>			
Beatrice	RW	Sasha	3B
Ivy	RB	Zaira	Y4
Ginerva	Y1	Cashun	5LT
All of Year 2	Y2	Bella	5S
All of Year 2B	2B	Anwen	Y6
Peter	Y3	Theodore	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 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 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
- **Nursery** – 5<sup>th</sup> July am

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**Miss Henry**





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