

27th September 2024



In our LEARN statement, A is for ambition. We have the very highest expectations of what every child can achieve and we love to learn how to be better at what we do. On Monday we welcomed 20 visitors from Taiwan who are Professors on Education or Principles. They loved our ambitious curriculum for both our English and Bilingual Stream. It was a pleasure to show them around our wonderful school.



AMBITION

- the highest expectations of what all children can achieve
- expanding horizons through research and sharing of best practice



As so many of you know, there are a few viruses going around. It is important that we are all well enough to be at school. Sometimes this means not being in school so we stop the spread of the virus. Please do use this [NHS guidance](#) to help you make decisions when your child is ill about whether they should attend school or stay at home. I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Our PTA invite everyone to attend the AGM on Monday 30th September at 7:30pm. We do hope to see you there. The table with dates for key events are at the bottom of this newsletter.



I'm delighted to share with you what each year group has been up to this week.



School and Eco Councils

This year, our School and Eco Councils will meet once every half term to discuss important issues and ideas around the school. Both councils will be selected by the 27th of September after class votes. Pupils chosen to represent their peers will receive a very special badge, identifying them as key points of contact for any suggestions or concerns. Further details on their roles and upcoming meetings will be shared soon.

Nursery News

In Nursery, the pupils have been talking about their families. Through discussions, they shared photos and spoke about the unique members of their family, including beloved pets. The pupils created beautiful artwork, drawing their families and placing them behind painted doors, remembering what colour their front door is at home. Outdoors, they explored the concept of home by constructing different types of buildings and role-playing in our house area.



Reception

Reception have been hard at work learning new sounds in Phonics, focusing on 'i', 'm', 'n', and 'd'. In Maths, they have been practicing spotting the odd one out in sets and using drama to act out how the character in "Something Else" felt when faced with unkindness, enhancing both their academic and emotional learning.

This week, our pupils in RB also explored the touching story of *Something Else*, which teaches an important lesson about kindness and acceptance. The main character feels isolated and different from his friends, which led to meaningful class discussions about how loneliness can make someone feel. Together, the children reflected on ways they could help someone in that situation, and their empathy really shone through.

To bring their ideas to life, the pupils used their imagination and fine motor skills to create new friends for *Something Else* using plasticine. This hands-on activity not only encouraged creativity but also deepened their understanding of friendship and inclusion. Now, the classroom is full of new companions for *Something Else*, and the children have a better sense of how to support anyone who may be feeling left out.



Year 1 – Exploring Belonging

In Year 1, the pupils began their Religion and Worldviews (REW) unit on the theme of belonging. They learned about infant baptism and had great fun role-playing baptisms with baby dolls and water. The lesson provided an interactive and thoughtful way to reflect on the concept of community and belonging.

Year 2 – Great Fire of London

Year 2 has had a fantastic week investigating The Great Fire of London. They have been using historical sources to write diary entries from Samuel Pepys' perspective, immersing themselves in life during 1666. In Maths, they've been learning how to use the column method to add two-digit and one-digit numbers, becoming confident mathematicians.



Year 2B – Art experience

The 2B pupils enjoyed an Art experience this week where they learnt to change a colour with tints and shades. They created a cityscape by learning about famous architects who designed buildings in London from Sir Christopher Wren to Norman Foster and Zaha Hadid. The pupils used their colour mixing skills to create an image using colour to show perspective. They understood that dark colours look closer and lighter colour look further away and applied this to their work.

Year 3 – Flying High

Year 3 has enjoyed recounting our class book, 'Fly Eagle, Fly'. They have also loved discovering more about the human body, focusing on how muscles and bones work together to help us move. In Geography, they've been busy creating and presenting their own weather reports – a great way to build their confidence and public speaking skills.



Pupils in our 3B class have been learning all about how magnets work in Science. They were surprised to find that not all metal is magnetic, like a copper 2p coin for instance. They also learnt about how magnets function and when you have a north and south pole, they attract; however, when you have two north poles or two south poles together, they repel.



Year 4 – Teeth Investigation

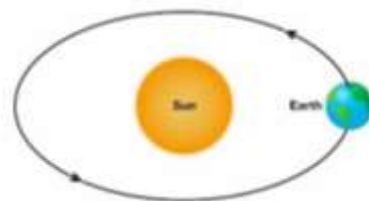
Year 4 have been investigating the effects of sugar on our teeth using an experiment with eggs. Pupils observed how different liquids, such as Coca-Cola, orange juice, and coffee, change the eggshells, which represent our teeth. It has sparked some fantastic learning conversations and really brought the lesson to life!

Year 5 – Exploring Big Numbers

Our Year 5 pupils have completed their first Maths unit, exploring numbers up to 1 million and applying this knowledge in different contexts. In Geography, they've continued their study of natural resources in the UK and surrounding countries, considering how these resources impact our environment and daily lives.

Year 5B – Earth and Space Models

Year 5B have been developing their scientific modelling skills, creating moving models of the Earth's rotation and orbit around the Sun. Some groups even challenged themselves to include the Moon's orbit around Earth. It's been a wonderful opportunity for them to use advanced scientific vocabulary and collaborate on a project.



Year 6 – Persuasive Writing & World War II

In Year 6, pupils have been mastering division problems in Maths and focusing on persuasive writing techniques in English. They have been experimenting with devices like alliteration and the rule of three in their own writing. In History, they have been piecing together the events that led to World War II, putting together a timeline to understand how everything unfolded.

Art in 2B – Cityscapes with Tints and Shades

The 2B pupils enjoyed a creative Art lesson where they explored tints and shades to change colours. Inspired by famous architects, from Sir Christopher Wren to Zaha Hadid, they created cityscapes using their colour mixing skills, showing how dark and light colours affect the perspective of their artwork.

Excellent Learners

Excellent Learners Like a challenge			
Harvey	RA	Arki	3B
Nicolas	RB	Freya	Y4
Tosia	Y1	Martha	Y5
Samuel	Y2	Mila	5B
Thomas	2B	David	Y6
Thomas	Y3		

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.



Parent Forms

- If your child requires medication, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child requires time out of school, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child is allowed to go home alone, you will need to complete a form online.

These forms are available on the school website, under News, Parent Forms. A link is also [here](#).



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site

.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 pupils can share in the class celebration.



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 Monday 28th October.
- **INSET Day for all BWA staff** – 4th November. This means there is no school for pupils in the English stream. Pupils in the bilingual stream will be expected to be in school as the French teacher will be teaching on this day.

I wish you all a peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry



Message from the PTA

Exciting Events Planned – Check Our Website Calendar!

We have a range of exciting events lined up this term, and you can find all the details on our website bwapta.co.uk. Don't forget to subscribe to our calendar so the events automatically sync with your Google, Apple, or Microsoft calendar!

Two of our notable upcoming events include:

- BWA PTA Annual General Meeting - Monday, September 30th at 7:30pm

Join us at school to hear about our activities, enjoy cheese and wine, and connect with other parents. Everyone is welcome! RSVP Here: bwapta.co.uk/event/bwa-pta-agm-2024

- PTA/APL Parent Night - Thursday, October 10th

A fun evening to socialise with other parents. More details coming soon!

We hope to see you there!

Support the School

When shopping online, you can help raise funds for the school at no extra cost to you by using Easyfundraising. Simply sign up and participating retailers will donate a percentage of what you spend directly to us. It's a free! Sign up here:

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