



BWA Newsletter

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This week, BWA has been buzzing with creativity, curiosity, and lots of learning! Across all year groups, pupils have been exploring new topics and engaging in exciting activities that have brought their lessons to life. In our LEARN statement, R is for Relevance. It is so important to us that what the pupils learn is relevant. As we start BHM, we are looking forward to celebrating and learning more about the focus this year, Windrush.

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



In Nursery, the pupils have been focusing on learning about themselves. Through games and fun activities, they learned each other's names and even started practising how to write their own! Using materials like play dough and felt tip pens, they created beautiful self-portraits, paying close attention to their features by looking in the mirror. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to notice and celebrate what makes each of them unique.

Pupils in our Reception class have been learning about tall and short objects, exploring how to compare sizes, and had a great time investigating which items are magnetic. In Art, the pupils created family homes, drawing the people in their families and designing houses for them. This activity allowed them to reflect on their home lives and represent them artistically.



Year 1 has had an especially exciting week in Science, where they became 'Sense Explorers.' Last week, they explored the sense of taste by trying a range of foods including rocket, lemons, chocolate, marshmallows, and crisps. Pupils loved discussing the different tastes and textures and, unsurprisingly, some foods were clear favourites. The experiment sparked some great conversations, and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed rating their favourite treats.

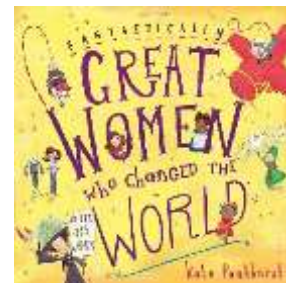
In Year 2, our budding researchers delved into the history of the Great Fire of London. They worked hard to answer the question, "Why did the Great Fire of London spread so quickly?" using all the facts they gathered throughout the week. Alongside this, they created fantastic fact files on foxes, full of interesting facts that the pupils were eager to share. They have been reading a variety of non-fiction texts, which has inspired them to develop their writing skills as well.



Year 3 has had their first experience with drawing and mark-making in Art. Taking inspiration from the incredible artist Yayoi Kusama, the pupils learned to draw vegetables from observation, focusing on shading, blending colours, and using different materials such as charcoal and soft pencils. Their progress has been remarkable, and their artwork shows a growing confidence in their artistic abilities.

In English, Year 4 and 4B pupils began exploring the lives of *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World*. From Jane Austen to Amelia Earhart, they have been researching these influential women and their profound impact on history.

The pupils have had insightful discussions on how these women's work continues to shape the world we live in today. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing the pupils' presentations about their chosen female role models.



This week in Year 5, pupils have been exploring renewable energy supplies, examining the pros and cons of these with fossil fuels. They engaged in discussions about the environmental impacts and sustainability of different energy sources. The project encouraged teamwork and creativity, resulting in informative posters that showcased their findings.

6B enjoyed putting their new-found compass skills to use and tried giving their friends directions to different parts of the playground!



It's been a fantastic week full of learning, creativity, and inspiration. We are proud of the pupil's enthusiasm and hard work and look forward to another week of exciting discoveries next week.

Excellent Learners

Excellent Learners Can Learn By Themselves			
Scout	RA	Layla	Y4
Hamish	Y1	Ora	4B
Sophia	1B	Hudson	Y5
Fillippo	Y2	Marco	Y6
Noa	Y3	Hector	6B



this week we 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.

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 wonderful 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!

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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Also, visit bwapta.co.uk/contributing to find other ways of supporting the school!