


## 17th January 2025



What a wonderful week of learning we've had at BWA. Our pupils have been engaged in a variety of exciting activities across all year groups, showcasing their curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm.

**L**  **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

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Hennessey, who has joined us as our permanent PE teacher. I am sure you will join us in making him feel at home as part of the BWA family.



In Nursery, the pupils have been exploring the topic of Dentists and teeth. They investigated which foods help keep our teeth healthy, with Arielle particularly excited to learn that carrots are a great choice. The pupils also practiced cleaning playdough 'plaque' from unhealthy teeth, which was both educational and fun.



Reception pupils continued their fascinating learning about Dinosaurs. They used clay and mini dinosaur toys to create fossil imprints with footprints, heads, tails, and bodies. These clay fossils are now drying, and once painted, they will form a stunning Fossil Exhibition in RA. The fossils look impressively realistic already!



Our Year 1 pupils had a creative time preparing for Chinese New Year with our resident artist, Mrs. Hatcher. They learned about Chinese vases and cherry blossoms and, since 2025 is the Year of the Snake, practiced drawing snakes onto their vase designs. The pupils enjoyed mixing paints to find the perfect shades for the cherry blossoms and created beautiful, detailed artwork.



Meanwhile, in 1B, pupils immersed themselves in the story *Traction Man*. They retold the story through role play, wrote their own versions of key events, and described the character with fantastic imagination.



Our Year 2 pupils explored portraiture and tone with Mrs. Hatcher, focusing on William Shakespeare as their subject. Using pencils, oil pastels, and staining techniques, they worked diligently to bring depth and expression to their portraits. The results were outstanding, and they are

all excited for their next art sessions.



In Year 3, the focus was on Ancient Egypt. Pupils learned about hieroglyphics and wrote their names on papyrus using this fascinating writing system. The activity brought history to life in an engaging and hands-on way.

Year 4 explored data representation by creating and interpreting Pictograms, Bar Graphs, and Line Graphs. Pupils loved showcasing their learning in diverse ways.

In 4B, pupils were focused on classifying animals by studying their characteristics, such as body structure and skin type. Hands-on activities and the use of Carroll Diagrams made this a memorable and enriching lesson.



In Year 5, the pupils delved into their new science topic on Forces. Through experiments, they explored how rough and smooth surfaces affect friction. Their curiosity and teamwork shone as they investigated the effects in real time.



Both our Year 6 class had an exciting biology lesson this week, dissecting a lamb's heart to deepen their understanding of how the heart functions. Pupils explored the four chambers, the atria and ventricles, and examined key blood vessels like the vena cava and aorta.

This hands-on activity provided invaluable insight into the circulatory system. Some pupils are now convinced they would



love to be a Doctor.

## Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> <u>Learn With Others</u>			
Chloe T.	RA	Skylar	Y4
Thirza	Y1	Basil	4B
Alma	1B	Kali	Y5
Olympe	Y2	Lyla	Y6
Jackson	Y3	Rose	6B



### 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 is very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



### Dates to Remember

**Half term – week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**End of Spring term**

- **English Stream – 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1:45pm**
- **Bilingual Stream – 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3:15pm**

Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a wonderful learning community. Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

**Miss Henry**