

Newsletter 24th January 2025



It has been another exciting week of learning here at BWA, with pupils across all year groups engaged in a wide variety of enriching experiences. From building rugby skills to exploring Ancient Egypt, our talented team of teachers has brought each subject to life in a way that inspires and challenges every pupil.



ENGAGEMENT

- exciting first hand experiences and enquiry approaches
- varied, structured learning opportunities that are purposeful and appropriate

Sports and Physical Education: A Rugby Season to Remember

Mr Henessy, our PE teacher, has thoroughly enjoyed working with all pupils this week, with a special focus on rugby. In preparation for the upcoming Six Nations, all pupils—from Nursery to Year 6—have been introduced to the basics of rugby. Whether it's learning how to hold the ball, run, score, pass, touch tackle, or organise attack and defensive plays, there's been great enthusiasm in every session. Looking ahead, Mr Hennessey plans to introduce a new house system, concluding the rugby season with exciting house matches, fostering teamwork and friendly competition across the school.



Music: Building Skills and Creating Harmony

Our talented Music teacher, Mr Edwards, continues to spread joy throughout the week. Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have come together to form a 'mega choir,' working hard on challenging medleys and harmonies as part of a special Vocal Project. Their enthusiasm and dedication have been inspiring. This project is a testament to the strong foundation our younger pupils are building in music—starting in Nursery, right through to Year 4, pupils are honing their listening, singing, and music-making skills, all of which will contribute to the choir's success.

Exciting First Hand Experiences and Enquiry Approaches



In Nursery, our pupils have been learning about firefighters, crafting their own fires and practicing how to put them out with pretend equipment. Ferdie was especially fascinated by the special masks firefighters wear to help them "breathe healthy air."

Pupils in Reception drew their favourite dinosaur freehand before painting them. Drawing them was very tough as pupils used card and couldn't trace. When they were painting their drawings, everyone made sure they cleaned the paintbrushes with water before using another colour. Their works of art will go up for display on their Dinosaur Topic board.



Pupils in our RB have been having a blast with their topic on traditional tales. They have retold the story of the 'Three Little Pigs,' using their voices to bring the characters to life. One of the highlights was planning and designing a 'wolf-proof' home, with ideas like slides, tunnels, and lookout goggles—each more creative than the last. It was wonderful to hear them animatedly describe their ideas.



Year 1 welcomed a very special guest this week: Mr. Underwood, Bea's dad, who spoke to the class about renewable energy. The pupils learned about wind, solar, and water power, and how these sources help protect our planet. To top it off, each pupil received a toy octopus, the mascot of Octopus Energy. We are always excited when parents can share their expertise with the pupils, and we hope more will join us for future talks.

Pupils in Year 2 have been learning about the importance of staying healthy, including a hands-on exploration of germs and hygiene, while also developing their math skills by comparing temperatures around the school.

Year 2B have been diving into Roald Dahl's *The Twits*, exploring the characters in-depth and writing their own descriptions of Mr Twit's appearance and personality.

In Science, pupils in 3B explored the fascinating process of rock formation, learning about the three main types of rock: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. Through a hands-on experiment using Starburst candy, they recreated the rock formation process, bringing a scientific concept to life in a fun and engaging way.



Year 3 have had a fascinating week in history, exploring Ancient Egypt. Pupils experienced the discovery of an ancient tomb, uncovering artefacts from the time of the Pharaohs.



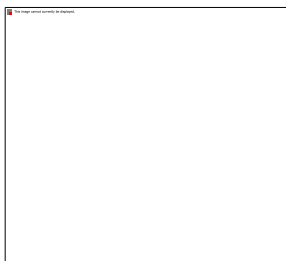
In Year 4, pupils hosted our school assembly on Wednesday, showcasing their hard work and creativity. They presented how music has evolved over the past five decades, from the Bee Gees to the electronic sounds we hear today. After several lunchtimes of practice, the pupils also performed a few dances, bringing energy and joy to the assembly.

Year 5 have been exploring the world of climates and biomes this week, learning about the Earth's main climate zones and their features. Pupils were eager to understand how these zones shape ecosystems around the globe.

This term in science, 5B are learning about reversible and irreversible changes. To investigate how we can separate mixtures of solids, the class were given a mixture of different materials and a range of different equipment to separate with. Pupils found out about sieving, magnetism and hand sorting methods and then used them to separate pasta shapes, flour and paper clips from the maths counters.



Our eldest pupils, Year 6, have been deeply engaged with the topic of migration, discussing push and pull factors—why people leave one country and why they are drawn to another. A particular point of interest has been visas, with many pupils curious about the legalities of international movement, even prompting their teachers to share their own visa experiences!



This week has been filled with incredible learning experiences, and it's clear to see that our pupils are not only expanding their knowledge but also developing vital skills for the future. As always, thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils succeed.



Year 4 Parent – Important Information

Our Director for Maths will hold two multiplication tables check (MTC) sessions for parents across the trust on Tuesday 4th February via zoom. These will run at 2-3pm and then again at 5.30-6.30pm. Please do attend, if you can.

Awards

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

| <u>Excellent Learners</u> Are not scared to make mistakes | | | |
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| David | RA | Alisa | 3B |
| Eliott | RB | Lorenzo | Y4 |
| Eugenia | Y1 | Alfie | Y5 |
| Ginevra | Y2 | James | 5B |
| Samay | 2B | Aya | Y6 |
| Jay | Y3 | | |

Congratulations to all our CARE Value Stars this week.

| <u>Care Trait</u> Articulate | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|-----------|----|
| Apolline | RA | Camille R | 3B |
| Sara | RB | Ava | Y4 |
| Ilyan | Y1 | Olive | Y5 |
| Emma | Y2 | Elanora | 5B |
| Chloe L | 2B | Riccardo | Y6 |
| Michal | Y3 | | |



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.

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 17th February

End of Spring term

- English Stream – 4th April at 1:45pm
- Bilingual Stream – 4th April at 3:15pm

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry