

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**



What a wonderful way to end this first half term of the year than to dress up in our favourite Halloween costume and do what we can to support our local community through making a donation to Wadsworth foodbank. Thank you for your generosity – we think we doubled the donations this Friday which is great. Pupils have loved coming in dressed up and I am in awe of the creativity of the outfits – absolutely brilliant.

This week we hosted Parent Teacher meetings for families in our English stream. It was a great to have these meetings back on the school site. Thank you to everyone who attended the meetings and to our wonderful teaching team. Due to unavoidable staff illness Year 5 meetings had to be postponed and we sincerely apologise again to the families affected by this. Specific dates for Bilingual Stream Parent Teacher are being finalised. They will be held during the weeks beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to speak with the class teacher before these meetings, please do not hesitate to get in contact with them.



### **Open Days**

After half term we will be holding two Open Day events. These events are for pupils starting in any year group. I would be very grateful if you could share this opportunity with friends.

- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – focus on our English Stream provision**
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November - focus on our Bilingual Stream provision**

We are very proud of the provision we offer every child at BWA and have a relentless drive to improve it. If there are areas you feel we can improve on, I would be delighted to hear them so please do not hesitate to let me know. You can email me through the admin email or speak with me on the gate so we can arrange a time to explore your ideas further.

Pupils in our Nursery have been thinking about Autumn. They used their senses to explore conkers, pinecones, sycamore seeds and leaves before using autumnal colours to create our own leaf prints.



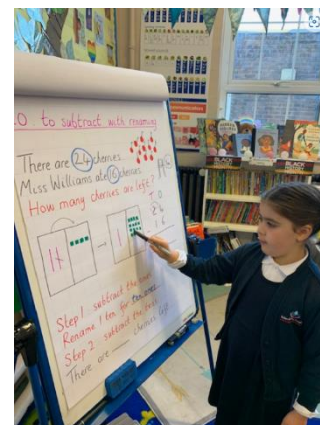
This week the pupils in RW have been learning about schools around the world, looking at the differences and similarities. They had a Zoom call with a Reception class at Belleville to see if their classroom and lessons were similar to their own. After creating their own questions, they articulated them well during the call and showed their excellent manners by thanking the other class.



This week Year 1 have been excellent learners by planning before they write. We have loved exploring Peanut Goes for the Gold and the children have been really creative, inventing their own gymnastics routines. They even had a go at acting them out before they wrote the routines, including some brilliant time words.

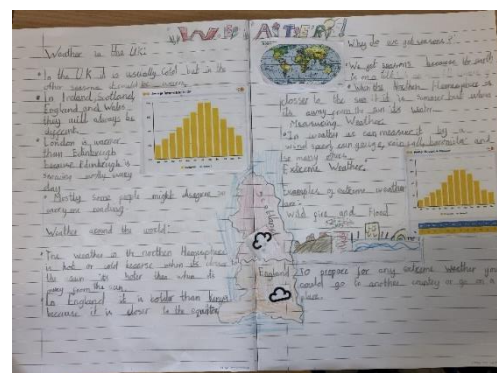
Our super scientists in 1B have been using their sense of touch to describe what different things feel like. They explored objects that were hard, soft, smooth, rough, hot and cold. They have shown excellent learning behaviours throughout all of their lessons this week.

It was another exciting week of learning in Year 2. In Maths, pupils learnt how to subtract with renaming using the column method and some of our pupils even became teachers for part of the lesson, sharing their understanding with the class.



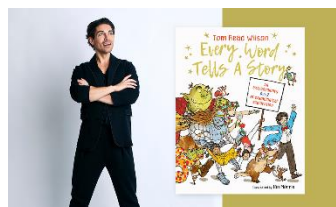
At BWA we do all we can to bring learning to life – even if it was many years ago! Year 2 have been learning about the great Fire of London and one spectacular highlight this week was watching how Pudding Lane caught fire and how the fire spread very quickly from house to house. Pupils in 2B also loved watching the re-enactment of the burning of Pudding Lane. They are really excited to start learning about the Great Fire of London after the half term holiday.

Pupils in 3S have had a fantastic week creating their Geography and Science Double Page Spreads. Double page spreads are an opportunity for pupils to reflect on and showcase what they know about the topic they have been learning about. I think you will agree with us that the end results show they have learnt - what a brilliant way to end Autumn one.



During dance this week, pupils in 3M explored the theme 'stuck', looking at how the word is used in a number of different contexts.

As a class, they choreographed a routine made up of group, duet and solo work that imitated being stuck in the mud and in a maze. This week, all of their hard work came together in a wonderful performance that Miss Mirfakhraie really enjoyed watching.



The highlight for Year 4 this week was taking part in a virtual 'meet the author' with Tom Wilson, and having a go at drawing their own illustrations with the illustrator Ian Morris. The children came up with some extremely imaginative ogres and really enjoyed themselves.



This week in PE, KS2 pupils have started their new topic of invasion games. Pupils have been practicing their attack and defence skills to try to create space, while attacking, and blocking or mirroring others, while defending.

### BHM project

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone's projects when we return after the half term break. It has been great to hear so many families talking about what they are going to be doing already.

## Excellent Learners

It was a privilege to congratulate our Excellent Learners in celebration assemblies this week.

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Want to learn more			
Agathe	RW	Veronica	3S
Georges	1B	Amelia	4A
Freddie L	Y1	Luca	4W
Skylar	Y2	Victor B	5B
Sasha	2B	Alexia	Y5
Elijah	3M	Shao Wei	Y6

## School Streets – update on times

From 31 October the new times for our school street are:

Monday to Friday 8:15 to 9:30am and 2:45 - 3:45pm, term time only

The advanced warning sign on Wix's Lane is also due to be installed shortly after half term.

## Dates to Remember



### PTA AGM

We would like to invite you all to attend our BWA PTA AGM on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm. This meeting will take place at school. If you wish to attend, please email Emma and Julie, current co-Chairs, at [bwa.pta@gmail.com](mailto:bwa.pta@gmail.com), and we will send you the meeting details.

## Parent Gym

We are very fortunate to be starting these sessions after half term for parents who secured a place on the course.



**Individual and siblings photographs** - 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We will send out a reminder closer to the time.

## Free parent webinar – highly recommended

You know I think the parent sessions Role Models so generously offer are brilliant.

Following the incredible success of their last webinar, “*Managing big emotions*” that saw well over 1,500 registrations, Role Models would like to invite you to their next parent webinar on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

For this webinar we will be looking at “*How to build a resilient family*”.

Register [here](#) .



Have you had a chance to look at our postings to date and consider following us?

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Wishing you all a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Miss Henry