

22nd October Newsletter



Starting the last day of this half term dressed up in our favourite Halloween outfits was a treat today. Hopefully it made getting up a lot easier for the children. Thank you so much for your support today getting your children ready for the day ahead and for your generous donations for the school. It is very much appreciated.



Thank you for attending the parent teacher meetings this week. We hope that you found these informative and if there is anything you wish to follow up please don't hesitate to contact us.

After half term, teachers will be available to speak with parents after pick up for five minutes. Should you need to speak with the class teacher, please wait to the side of the gate until the teacher has dismissed the pupils in their class. If you need to speak with the teacher in a more private space, the teacher may suggest they call you or set up another time to meet. Teachers do have further commitments after the pupils have left so they may not get to speak with everyone who would like to have a word at the time. If they are aware you need to speak with them, they will contact you as soon as they can, alternatively please do email or call the office to request contact.



We are delighted to inform you Juliette Schnurrenberger has been appointed as our new Parent Governor. At the time of closing we received one nomination form so we do not need to have vote for this post. I am sure you will join me in thanking Juliette for putting herself forward for this important role in our school and offering her our sincere congratulations.



Thank you for continuing to do regular testing at home to ensure asymptomatic cases are being identified. It will be important that this continues after half term. BWA has just come out of the 'amber zone' of restrictions for schools (when additional measures are put in place to try to stop the transmission) after the high transmission we had in year 3.

Wearing face masks, adhering to social distancing and regular testing are essential for us to maintain to ensure we minimise the impact on our pupils learning. It would be very helpful if families could do a LFT on the Sunday before returning to school after the half term break.



Last Thursday we took part in the Wandsworth Primary Schools Cross Country Event. Pupils from Year 5 and 6 competed against fifteen other schools across the borough, running against approximately 70 other pupils in their respective races.

We were very proud to see our pupils run the 1500m course around Tooting Common, taking on the unfamiliar challenge of running on a wet, uneven surface. They put in a lot of effort and were very enthusiastic. They represented our school brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship and

cheering on pupils from other schools, as well as our own. A special mention must go to Rayan who won the Year 5 Boys' race - a phenomenal achievement! We believe he will be invited to represent BWA and Wandsworth at the London Primary Schools Cross Country Event in the coming weeks. Well done all!



RW have been exploring Autumn this week by collecting colourful leaves, conkers and acorns. They really enjoyed scooping out and carving pumpkins when learning about Halloween.

Last week, I was very impressed with the learning attitudes in RB. During their writing lesson they were very focused on forming the letter K correctly. It was great to see their writing improve every day and they were very proud of their work.

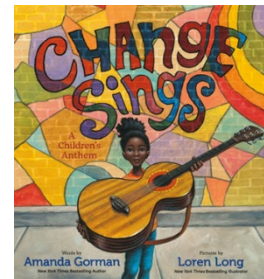


1B really enjoyed reading and discussing the story 'Sulwe' by Lupita Nyong. A story about a young girl who wishes for her dark skin to be lighter. Pupils discussed the main message in the story about how important it is to love yourself for who you are. They came up with ideas of how to celebrate diversity, inclusiveness and accepting everyone.

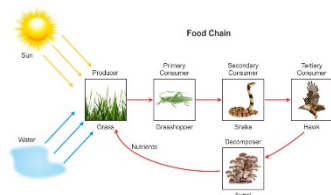


Year 1 have been working hard on their writing and really enjoyed recounting Peanut's brilliant gymnastics routine. They have also been looking at how to stay safe at Halloween.

As part of activities to mark Black History Month, Year 2 have enjoyed exploring the fabulous anthem by poet and activist Amanda Gorman, 'Change sings'. Pupils have learnt about rhyme in poetry and discussed key topics such as equality, racism and environmental issues. Inspired by the text, Y2 have written fantastic acrostic poems about change for the future.

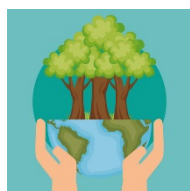


Year 3 have been working hard thinking about the vocabulary they could use when writing clerihews about their classmates. They had a lot of fun coming up with rhyming words as well as performing them in front of each other.



Year 4 been creating food chains and labelling them in science. They know what a producer and consumer is.

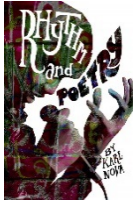
Reading and developing a love of books is a focus for us at BWA. Year 4 are really enjoying reading their class book, 'Blast off Into Space Like Mae Jamison.'



This week in Geography, Year 5 had the opportunity to have a debate about natural resources. Pupils used the knowledge they had learned during their study of natural resources this half term to help them build their argument for and against the motion - "Should we be worried about the Earth's natural resources?"



Pupils in 5B have been learning about the life of Walter Tull, one of Britain's first black professional footballers and a war hero who became one of Britain's first black officers in the army during World War One. The maturity and understanding of how significant Walter Tull's place in British history is was hugely impressive and it was inspiring to see how the pupils showed genuine interest in the story of this great man.



Year 6 and 6B participated in a poetry workshop from the fantastic Karl Nova whose work they have been studying in English. The pupils were very excited to hear Karl perform some of their favourite poems and used this inspiration to write their own.

This half term we have had wonderful events organised by the PTA. I would like to help the team of volunteers who give so much of their time to organise these events for us. Of course these wouldn't be the success they are without your support as well. Thank you for supporting the events organised. We have a number of events planned for the next half term as well.



✳️SAVE THE DATE✳️

BWA PTA Festive Shop & Drinks on Wednesday 10th November

Start the Christmas season with sparkles and join us for a Festive Shop and Prosecco evening with one of London's top florists, Rob Van Helden. Tickets will be available from Monday 25th October and more information will follow. Money raised will go towards the BWA PTA.

RVH Home has the most stunning collection of items to enhance any home, and for all budgets. I would encourage you to have a look at the wonderful website to get a feel for what is on offer.

Personally, I can't resist quite a lot of the collection and I am sure I am not alone. RVH gifts are definitely going to be wrapped up under a few Christmas trees in Northern Ireland this year.

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Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Miss Henry