



BWA Newsletter

Wix's Lane, Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0AJ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of last week, we had a truly inspiring start to our **Black History Month** celebrations through the workshops we held for pupils onsite. Black History Month gives us a special opportunity to celebrate the richness and diversity of our community, to learn from the stories that shape us, and to reflect on the importance of equality, respect, and inclusion. I am looking forward to seeing the projects pupils will complete this month at home.

Across the school, this week, pupils have been learning about remarkable individuals from the past and present who have made lasting contributions to our society. It's been wonderful to see how our pupils are embracing these conversations with curiosity and empathy.

Please take a moment to read the rest of this newsletter for highlights from this week's learning and details of upcoming events. If your child is in the English Stream, please don't forget to book your Parent Teacher Meeting with the class teacher. Together, we continue to build a school community where every child feels seen, valued, and empowered to make a difference.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Francesco
RB	Margaux
Y1	Mati
1B	French Week
Y2	Mia
2B	French Week
Y3	Margot
3B	French Week
Y4	Nayane
4B	Beatrice
Y5	Sophie
5B	Louis
Y6	Izzy
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Nina
RB	Elise
Y1	Anna
1B	French Week
Y2	Thirza
2B	French Week
Y3	Francis
3B	French Week
Y4	Seba
4B	Alisa
Y5	Nicolo
5B	Daphne
Y6	Anna
6B	French Week

Important dates:

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October Inset Day:

INSET Day (English Stream): Monday 3 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn Term 2 (Bilingual Stream): Monday 3 November

First day of Autumn Term 2 (English Stream): Tuesday 4 November

Full term dates for both streams are [available on our website](#).

Important information:

- Please ensure your child has **suitable clothing in school**. We have PE and play outside in all weathers.
- Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.
- Our [communication table](#) should help with any queries you have.

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1



Pupils in our **Nursery** have been learning all about friendship and how to be a good friend. They have been building on their fine motor skills by making friendship bracelets and have been engaging in a lot of mark making by writing friendship cards. It has been lovely to see the pupils making these for each other and feeling proud of their work.

This week in maths, **Reception** explored AB patterns and had lots of fun learning the sound 'u' in phonics. The pupils even made their own colourful 'u' umbrellas to go with it. In the afternoons, the class have been talking about respect, what it means and the many ways we can show it to others, both in our classroom and outside of it.

Linking with their *All About Me* topic, pupils in **RB** continued making their Self Portraits. First they drew their faces using mirrors and then painted their faces and uniforms. When the pictures are dry, the pupils will paint their eyes and add their hair using the correct coloured wool. It has been a lot of fun creating these self-portraits which will be put up in the classroom.



This week, pupils in **Year 1** have thoroughly enjoyed their English unit based on *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Excitingly, the pupils had a surprise visit from the tiger himself. He caused quite the mess in their classroom - ripping the maths working wall, knocking over tables, tipping over pencil pots, and even pushing the whiteboard over. Mr Cortez told the pupils that he had seen a tiger running around the school, which sparked lots of excitement and inspired some fantastic writing from the class.



In PSHCE, pupils in **Year 2** played board games to learn about different emotions and how to manage their reactions. The pupils explored how feelings can change in different situations and discussed positive ways to respond. Everyone showed great empathy and understanding, and it was lovely to see them sharing ideas and supporting one another.



Our Week – Key Stage 2

Pupils in **Year 3** have had a fabulous week. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Battersea library, where they had a tour of the library, listened to a lovely story, explored a wide range of books and chose one for our class library.



In Science, our **Year 4** pupils have been learning about the effects different liquids have on our teeth. The pupils placed eggs (as examples of our teeth) into cups filled with a range of liquids, including Ribena, vinegar, coffee & orange juice. After watching the effects that liquids had on the eggs over the course of a week, the pupils saw first-hand how these can erode and damage our teeth. It made for great discussions and real experiences as to the importance of dental hygiene, all whilst filling the classroom with the aromatic smell of vinegar.

This week in Science, pupils in **Year 5** continued exploring changing materials through a hands-on experiment. They investigated how quickly sugar cubes dissolve in different volumes of hot and cold water. The experiment was a great success and confirmed their predictions - the sugar cubes dissolved fastest in the larger volumes of hot water.

This week, **5B** used appropriately sized fruits to create a model of the solar system, developing their understanding of scale and distance. Their starting point was the idea that if Mercury was a peppercorn, the Sun would be the size of 12 opened umbrellas.

Year 6 pupils had to work together to create an informative slideshow. The catch? They could only communicate online, on Google slides. The pupils worked together effectively by typing messages and dividing up the workload.

Key Stage 2 Outdoor Education Adventures!

This week, our Key Stage 2 pupils had a fantastic time taking part in a range of exciting outdoor education activities. Teamwork and problem-solving were the focus as the pupils worked together in the "**Build a Tower**" challenge to create the tallest and strongest structure they could.



On the court, they practiced their shooting skills, keeping a tally of successful shots whilst coaching each other. One of the most thrilling activities was the "**Electric Fence Challenge**", where pupils had to carefully get over, under, and through a web of elastic "wires" without touching them – a brilliant test of agility, cooperation, and communication. Everyone showed such enthusiasm and great team spirit.

Wandsworth Family Information Service has many resources available to help **support families with children and young people with SEND**. To find out more about the Local Offer for 0 – 25 year olds with special educational needs or disabilities, please [visit their website](#).