



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to see everyone settling back into the school routine so well during our first full week of the school year. Our Nursery and Reception pupils are now with us full-time, and we are very proud of how well they are managing this transition. I am sure that parents and carers of our older pupils will remember those early days with much fondness and just how big a step starting school can feel for the whole family.

We never take for granted the trust you place in us when you leave your children in our care each day. It is a real privilege. We care for them as we would our own and will always do our very best to keep them safe, help them feel happy and ensure they are ready to learn. Our staff work incredibly hard, alongside colleagues across the Trust, to prepare great lessons that engage and meet the needs of every pupil so they have a real love of learning.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Curriculum Evenings for Nursery, Reception, Year 2, 4, 5 and 6 English stream classes. These information sharing events will continue over the next few weeks for both streams and I strongly encourage you to attend. They are a valuable opportunity to meet the teachers, hear about what your child will be learning and find out how you can support them at home.

This week, our Phase Leaders are sharing some of their highlights from across the school.

I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable weekend together.

**Séana Henry**  
Headteacher

## Important dates

**Last day of Autumn Term 1:** Friday 23 October

**Autumn Half Term:** Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October

**Inset Day for English Stream:** Monday 2 November

**First day of Autumn Term 2:** Monday 2 November for Bilingual Stream and Tuesday 3 November for English Stream

**Last day of Autumn Term 2:** Friday 18 December

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

## Important Information

Please ensure your child has **suitable clothing in school** for all weathers.

Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.

Our [communication table](#) should help with any queries you have.

## Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

| Class | Pupil       |
|-------|-------------|
| RM    | Matteo      |
| RB    | Francesca   |
| Y1    | Ralph       |
| 1B    | French Week |
| Y2    | Chloe T     |
| 2B    | French Week |
| Y3    | Leonidas    |
| 3B    | Sophia      |
| Y4    | Zailah      |
| 4B    | Chiara      |
| Y5    | Michal      |
| 5B    | French Week |
| Y6    | Leandro     |
| 6B    | French Week |

## Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

| Class | Pupil       |
|-------|-------------|
| RM    | Isabella    |
| RB    | Philippa    |
| Y1    | Kristo      |
| 1B    | French Week |
| Y2    | Alexander   |
| 2B    | French Week |
| Y3    | Leonora     |
| 3B    | Lanah       |
| Y4    | Oliver      |
| 4B    | Catherine   |
| Y5    | Alice       |
| 5B    | French Week |
| Y6    | Layla       |
| 6B    | French Week |

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# BWA Newsletter

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

## Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

It has been a joy to see the children settling into their new classes and beginning their exciting journey in EYFS. The children have been getting used to their new classrooms, learning new routines and becoming familiar with the adults and children around them.

They are beginning to develop their independence by coming into the classroom, putting away their belongings and getting themselves ready for their learning. It has been lovely to see them becoming more confident each day as they explore their new environment and routines. The children have also been getting used to lunchtime routines. They are beginning to choose their own lunches and are enjoying eating together as a class, in the canteen. This is another lovely opportunity for the children to develop their independence, social skills and confidence.

The children have been busy making new friends and learning how to play and work together. They have particularly enjoyed exploring through play, joining in with activities and discovering new experiences alongside their classmates. Music has been a big part of our day at school, with the children learning, and enjoying, a variety of new songs. They have been enthusiastically joining in with actions, singing together and developing their confidence through music and movement.

As our Topic is All About Me & My World in Autumn, the children have been sharing who is in their family, what rooms are in their house and personal preferences like favourite colours, food and toys.

I am incredibly proud of how well the children have begun to settle into school life. It has truly been a joy to watch them grow in confidence, build friendships and become increasingly independent as they settle into their new classes. I look forward to watching the children's journey over the year and working with you at BWA.

### **Ben Armstrong, EYFS Phase Leader**

We have had a very strong start to the term in Key Stage 1 at BWA. It has been lovely to see the children arriving at school eager and ready for their learning. It has been a pleasure to meet many of you on the gate and at the Year 2 Curriculum evening. Thank you for being so welcoming. I look forward to further opportunities to meet those I have not yet met in the coming weeks.

It has been a pleasure to walk around the learning environments and see the children engaging with our varied and exciting curriculum. Years 1B and 2B have had a great start to the academic year and are settling well into their new classrooms and routines. In Year 1B, the children have enjoyed discovering the Zones of Regulation and developing emotional literacy. The pupils in Year 2B have already begun learning their new dance routine 'Thriller' with our PE coach Mr Hennessy - we look forward to watching the finished routine!

I have loved seeing the exploratory learning as our Year 1 pupils have been learning about the 5 senses and how they link to their body parts in Science. It has been a pleasure to see the pupils in Year 2 begin their learning on the Great Fire of London with great enthusiasm and inquisitive questions. They have also been busy examining different 'habitats' and 'microhabitats' in their Science lessons.

I look forward to the year ahead and working with you to ensure your children thrive this year at BWA.

### **Sarah Francis, KS1 Phase Leader**



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## Our Week – Key Stage 2

It has been such a pleasure to see all our KS2 children settling back into school so happily and to hear all about the excitement of their summer breaks. I have been particularly delighted to welcome our new Year 3 and 3B pupils into the 'grown up' part of the school; they have adjusted to their new environments and timetable extremely well. I am looking forward to getting to know them better.

School Council and Eco-Council hustings preparations are well underway. Our pupils are refining their election pitches has created a real buzz. Walking around the school, it is clear children are excited about their new units and our engaging curriculum has been in evidence right from day one with Year 5 using force meters to investigate friction and Year 6 using Now Press Play (our immersive experiential learning equipment) to learn about online safety. Year 4 all looked well worked-out after their first PE lesson where they took on the bleep test (and started their team building units) and Year 3 have been drawing inspiration from the mysterious floating frogs in David Wiesner's 'Tuesday' for their writing unit.

Curriculum evenings have provided a great opportunity to say hello to lots of you and I look forward to seeing more of you next week. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about your child - I am here to help ensure they have the best experience of school possible.

**Miranda Townsend, KS2 Phase Leader**

## Thank you BWA PTA

On Wednesday morning, our wonderful PTA got up extra early to set out the pre-loved uniform sale. Thank you to everyone who supported this joint venture with the APL. £500 was raised for both schools.

## Wellbeing Webinars and SEND Support

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up to any of their free webinars here: [Early Years \(Nursery and Reception\)](#), [Primary \(Years 1 – 6\)](#)

They also have a **Goodbyes and Goodnights Online Parent/Carer group** for families have children that struggle with separation from their parents and carers. This group meets online on the following Fridays - 2, 9, 16 and 23 October from 12.30pm-1.30pm. You can [sign up or find out more here](#).

Wandsworth Family Information Service [has resources available](#) to help **support children with SEND**.



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