



BWA Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been another busy and positive week at BWA, and I would like to begin by offering a sincere thank you to our wonderful PTA and all the families who supported the Year 3 & 4 school disco last Friday. Events like these take a great deal of time and energy to organise, and we are very grateful for the enthusiasm and support from our school community which makes them such a success for the children.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported and helped organise the fantastic Year 6 fundraiser. It was a truly wonderful event; the food was delicious and the service impeccable. A great deal of effort went into planning the evening, and it was clear how much pride our pupils took in being involved. The money raised will go towards reducing the cost of the Year 6 French residential trip for every pupil attending. We are very keen for our pupils to have the opportunity to use and experience the language they have learned during their time at school in a real-life context, and this trip provides a memorable way for them to do exactly that.

Next week we are also looking forward to our upcoming music performances. These are always special occasions and provide our pupils with the opportunity to share their hard work and musical talents with the school community. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

My very best wishes,

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates:

Last Day of Spring Term 2 - Friday 27 March

School Holidays – Saturday 28 March – Sunday 12 April

English Stream Inset Day – Monday 13 April

Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May. School closed.

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.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Leo
RB	Luca
Y1	Chloe Simpson
1B	French Week
Y2	Leo
2B	French Week
Y3	Elliot
3B	French Week
Y4	Nayane
4B	Quinn
Y5	Freya
5B	Basil
Y6	Vivienne
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Mia
RB	Ines
Y1	Felicity
1B	French Week
Y2	Leonora
2B	French Week
Y3	James
3B	French Week
Y4	Betty
4B	Aurele
Y5	Felix
5B	Elise
Y6	Kali Rose
6B	French Week

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery have had a wonderful week exploring The Very Hungry Caterpillar and taking part in a range of activities inspired by the story. The children have been developing their fine motor skills and coordination by using tweezers and utensils to feed the hungry caterpillar, carefully picking up different items of "food." In maths, they have been learning about repeating patterns and capacity. They explored weight by comparing the foods the caterpillar ate and identifying which ones were heaviest. They also created their own AB repeating patterns by colouring caterpillar segments, helping them to consolidate their understanding through play.



This week **Reception** have really enjoyed learning about the Three Little Pigs and had great fun building their houses out of all sorts of materials.

RB are learning about different Emergency Vehicles. The children discussed which emergency services use them, how they are different, and they got to make their own vehicles. With Mother's Day on Sunday, the children made Mother's Day cards, a flower pot with a blossoming flower coming out of it and a message for their mum inside.



This week in their Science unit on Amazing Animals, **Year 1** enjoyed learning about fish. They looked at the differences between cod and mackerel and thought carefully about their similarities and differences. At the start of the lesson, the children drew on their whiteboards everything they already knew about fish. The children have loved this science unit so far and have been very enthusiastic about their learning.

This week in **Year 2** the children started their new maths topic on 2D shapes. The pupils learnt to identify different shapes and count their sides and vertices (corners). They also practised describing shapes using the correct mathematical vocabulary.

Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 has had a fabulous week. They particularly enjoyed their science lesson where they explored a range of different rocks. The class got to feel the texture and look at the appearance of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. They then recorded this information in tables to discuss.



On Tuesday, **Year 4** headed off to Fulham Palace to learn more about Viking history. After a journey on the 37 bus, the children walked across Putney Bridge and made their way through the beautiful grounds of Fulham Palace. During the visit, the children learned about the history of Fulham Palace and explored the site of an old Viking settlement. They discovered why the Vikings first travelled to Britain, what they did when they arrived and how they settled in different parts of the country. The pupils discussed some of the positive things the Vikings brought with them, such as new skills, trading opportunities and ideas, and learned why many people feared the Vikings, as they were known to raid villages and monasteries in search of valuable goods. It was an informative and enjoyable day, and Year 4 learned a great deal about the lives of the Vikings and their impact on Britain.

This week in **4B**, the pupils explored the teachings of Guru Nanak and discussed how Hindus believe people should live good and meaningful lives. They talked about values such as kindness, honesty, and helping others. The pupils also learned about langar, a special community meal served by Sikhs to everyone, regardless of background. The children were fascinated to discover how langar brings people together and shows the importance of equality, generosity, and sharing with others.

This week **5B** have been doing independent research to find out more about different biomes. Next English week they will share their findings with their classmates, to develop their communication skills.

This week, **Year 6** pupils have been writing non-chronological reports about the venomous inhabitants of the Texan desert, based on their English text, *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Here is an extract from Georgia's fantastic introduction: *"The Texan desert is one of the best places in the USA to see the stars at night, but underneath this beautiful display of lights roam many deadly creatures. This hostile wasteland is one of the most inhospitable environments on Earth. However, it is home to many different types of deadly animals and plants. One of these deadly creatures is the Diamond Back Rattlesnake."*

Sports Update

Excitement was high at our Staff vs Pupil netball match. The teachers came out strong, booming the ball around the court with lightning-fast passes and some impressive shooting. However, the pupils showed fantastic determination, working tirelessly to keep possession and confidently moving the ball away from the staff team. Their teamwork and resilience paid off as they secured a thrilling 3–2 victory.



Congratulations to Mr. Drumm, named Player of the Match for the teachers, and to Izzy, who earned Player of the Match for the pupils with an outstanding performance. The win leaves our pupils feeling confident and extra prepared for their upcoming tournament in the weeks ahead.

Year 6 Fundraising Dinner

Last Friday, Year 6's fundraising event for their residential to France took place. During the day, pupils took part in cooking workshops with Chef James Taylor to prepare apple galettes (the dessert element of the dinner) and many surprised themselves with their culinary talents! After transforming the canteen into a restaurant, pupils welcomed their guests and helped serve the three course French-inspired menu. They also provided entertainment over the course of the evening.

The event was a great success, as reflected in their guests' five-star reviews, and will no doubt be a standout memory for our Year 6s in their last year at BWA. We are so incredibly proud of them. A big thank you to all the guests who attended and the Year 6 parents who gave up their time to support.



Bolingbroke Academy – A Night at the Musicals

For Year 6 families transferring to Bolingbroke Academy, Bolingbroke would like to extend an invitation to this year's show – **A Night at the Musicals**, taking place next week on **Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 March at 7pm**. The Friday night show is sold out, but if you would like to come along to the **Wednesday or Thursday performance**, please [book your tickets here](#). The music department will email you to confirm your booking and you will need to bring cash to pay for the tickets on the door.