



BWA Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another great week of learning here at BWA. On Thursday evening, I had the absolute privilege of attending a special event with three of our pupils who were winners in a local art competition organised by the Ace of Clubs. Our pupils were presented with their certificates by the Mayor of Lambeth, which I know was a very proud moment for them, their families, and for us as a school. Their talent and confidence truly shone through, and it was wonderful to see their achievements recognised in such a special way.

A big thank you as well to all our families for taking part in Children in Need today. The event was brilliantly organised by our School Council, and it was lovely to see everyone getting involved and having fun while supporting such an important cause. We'll also be marking Anti-Bullying Week in a few weeks' time, with activities designed to encourage kindness, respect, and standing up for one another.

Finally, if you've been thinking about joining Parent Gym but haven't signed up yet, it's not too late. It is a fantastic parenting programme that always receives such positive feedback from those who take part and is also a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and support your child's wellbeing.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

With my very best wishes

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Annae
RB	Maya
Y1	Scout
1B	French Week
Y2	Veronica
2B	French Week
Y3	Aida
3B	French Week
Y4	Otterley
4B	Philippa
Y5	Rico
5B	Leonard
Y6	Jacob
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Emilio
RB	Rosa
Y1	Emma
1B	French Week
Y2	Alfie
2B	French Week
Y3	Elliot
3B	French Week
Y4	Leo. R
4B	Beatrice
Y5	Jada
5B	Adam
Y6	Elijah
6B	French Week

Important dates:

Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Both Streams - Friday 19 December

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

This week, **Nursery** have been focusing on the theme of kindness in celebration of Anti-Bullying month. They have talked about using their superpowers of 'empathy' and 'care' to be good friends. The pupils loved dressing up in superhero costumes to practise their kindness and particularly enjoyed saving their classmates from the evil villain "Mean". In maths, the pupils used numicon to build their own superhero city. This was a wonderful activity to encourage their counting skills and to introduce them to simple number bonds. Their fine motor focus was scissor-skills, where pupils had to use precision to cut along the lines. This was challenging but the pupils showed excellent resilience. It has been a super week!

This week in **Reception**, the pupils have enjoyed learning all about 5 and the hidden numbers in 5. They have also really enjoyed practicing out parts for their Nativity and can't wait to show their adults!

To mark Remembrance Day, **RB** pupils made their own poppies and learned why we remember this day. Some of the pupils shared that they had bought poppies on the tube and even seen the Poppy Memorial at the Tower of London.



This week in Science, **Year 1** have been learning all about materials and their properties. They carried out a fun experiment to see which materials would help Humpty Dumpty survive a fall! Before testing, the pupils made their predictions about which materials would keep Humpty safe. Then, we dropped him onto different surfaces to find out the results. The pupils discovered that Humpty did not survive being dropped onto brick, metal, wood, or plastic, but he did stay safe when landing on foam and wool! The pupils also learned about the different properties of materials, such as softness, hardness, and flexibility. Everyone had a fantastic time exploring and experimenting like real scientists!



This week in **Year 2**, the pupils are learning their 10 times tables! They're practising counting in tens and learning that multiplying by 10 makes a number ten times bigger. They have noticed that all the answers end with a zero and are using their 10 times tables to solve simple problems.



Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a wonderful week. The pupils have particularly enjoyed exploring resources for their new Science topic, Forces. They were given a range of resources and weights to explore the force of push and pull.

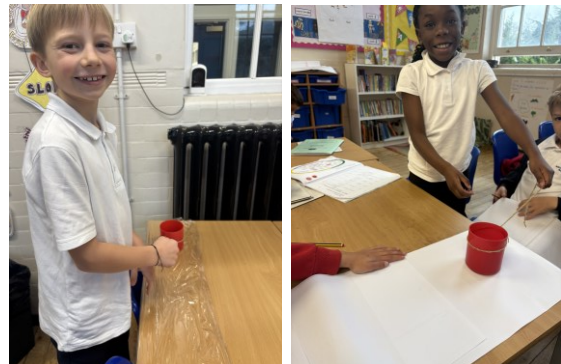
This week, the **Year 4** pupils have shown great determination and positivity as they completed their Maths NFER tests. It has been excellent to see them approach the assessments with confidence and use the opportunity to showcase all their exceptional learning from throughout the year. In English, the pupils have been studying *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, a classic novel from the 1960s. They have enjoyed exploring the book's vivid language and imaginative descriptions, and it has been wonderful to hear them incorporating a wide range of brilliant adjectives into their own writing and everyday conversations.

In Computing, **4B** had an exciting session with Mr Goodgame! They learned how to use their brand-new Chromebooks and set up their Google Classroom and Nearpod accounts. Everyone enjoyed exploring the stylus tools to draw and create different shapes — a fun way to combine creativity and technology!

On Monday afternoon, **Year 5** took part in an inspiring workshop with *Wandsworth Creative*. Pupils created beautiful artwork using collage techniques, taking inspiration from the plants and animal life found in our local area. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to express their creativity and connect with nature through art.

5B had their Art day in which they learnt how to create lifelike oil pastel still lives inspired by Paul Cezanne. The children developed their understanding of how to layer and blend colours and show light and shade to create an illusion of three-dimensional objects.

This week, **Year 6** excelled in their music lesson. They sang a Christmas samba song in Brazilian Portuguese and in English, incorporating percussion to add texture to their performance. Well done!



Girls' Football Tournament

On Wednesday 22nd October, nine girls from Years 5 and 6 competed in a football tournament at Wimbledon Football Club against local schools. We played three matches in total. To start the day, our first match ended in a 0–0 draw. In the second match, we won 1–0, with an assist from Olive and a fantastic header goal by Georgia. Unfortunately, we lost our final game 1–0 and didn't make it through to the semi-finals.

Our defending was amazing, especially from Anna and Layla, and our attacking play from Olive, Martha, Georgia, Jada, Evie, and Skylar was excellent. Player of the Match went to Izzy, our goalkeeper. *Match report written by Isabel.*



Art News

At BWA we are committed to an excellent education for all. This includes seeking opportunities for our pupils to showcase their skills. In the summer term pupils were invited to enter a competition to design a plate by the charity Ace of Clubs in Clapham. We are so proud that three of our pupils won! Well done to Daphne, Mila and Michal!

Yesterday our talented competition winners went to the Ace of Clubs charity kitchens to celebrate their art work. Three pupils were chosen from the competition entries to have their designs turned into a decorative plate to brighten up the facilities for the homeless people who use the Ace of Clubs kitchens.

Pupils had a tour of the facilities and a talk about how some people in our local community are less fortunate than us. They also visited the kitchen where the resident chef led them in a pizza making workshop, which they were able to take home. Following that, the pupils, along with Miss Henry, met the Mayor of Lambeth, Adrian Garden.



[Ace of Clubs](#) is a charity that works in the heart of Clapham to support vulnerable people.

Q1E Inset Day

On Monday 3rd November, 130 teaching staff from across our Q1E Trust joined together for our professional development INSET day which was hosted at Belleville School.

We were joined by Dr Timothy Mills MBE, who spoke about the Department for Education's Writing Framework. He shared strategies for helping children prepare for and develop an understanding of what a sentence is — its grammatical features, how to write sentences, and how to progress from writing simple sentences to constructing more complex ones. We also learnt about Ready, Steady, Spell – the research-driven spelling programme for teaching spelling across the primary curriculum.

We heard from Q1E Trust's Director of Maths, Karen Taylor, who worked with our teachers to further develop the progression of Factual Fluency from Nursery to Year 6 and emphasised the importance of the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach in teaching primary maths, and from Andrew Goodgame who is working with our teachers to improve the use of technology in our Trust.

SEND Resources

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](#).