



# BWA Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, we have been celebrating International Families Day. It has been wonderful to see our school community coming together to recognise and celebrate the many cultures, traditions and family backgrounds that make our school such a special place to learn and grow. We look forward to sharing more about this fantastic event in next week's newsletter.

This week, I have particularly enjoyed spending time in some of our specialist music lessons. It is always such a pleasure to see the pupils so engaged, enthusiastic and confident in their learning. From singing and rhythm work to instrumental practice, the joy in the lessons was inspiring.

I was also incredibly fortunate to receive an invitation to attend the King's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace this week, in recognition of my contribution to education. I had a truly wonderful time and of course it felt a real honour to be invited. I love my work as a teacher in London and it has always been such a privilege over the years to work with dedicated colleagues, supportive families and the most delightful pupils.



Mr Mullin has been appointed as the Q1E Trust Director of Maths. I am sure you will join me in wishing him the very best of luck in his new role.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes,

**Séana Henry**  
Headteacher

## Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

| Class | Pupil       |
|-------|-------------|
| RM    | Annae       |
| RB    | French Week |
| Y1    | Lucas       |
| 1B    | Giulia      |
| Y2    | Edward      |
| 2B    | Charlotte   |
| Y3    | Tommi       |
| 3B    | Faustine    |
| Y4    | Otterley    |
| 4B    | French Week |
| Y5    | Jada        |
| 5B    | French Week |
| Y6    | Hudson      |
| 6B    | Milla       |

## Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

| Class | Pupil       |
|-------|-------------|
| RM    | Olly        |
| RB    | French Week |
| Y1    | Ava         |
| 1B    | Imaan       |
| Y2    | Joseph      |
| 2B    | Theophile   |
| Y3    | Elliot      |
| 3B    | Adessa      |
| Y4    | Betty       |
| 4B    | French Week |
| Y5    | Nicolo      |
| 5B    | French Week |
| Y6    | Kali-Rose   |
| 6B    | Elise       |

## Important dates:

**PTA Wine Tasting** - Thursday 21 May

**Summer half term** - Monday 25 to Friday 29 May

**First day of Summer Term 2** - Monday 1 June

**6B Bilingual Stream Residential** - Monday 1 June – Friday 5 June

**Y6 English Stream Residential** – Friday 5 June – Monday 8 June

**Year 5 Secondary Transfer Event for BWA families** – Monday 8 June

**Father's Day Event for N, R, Yrs 1-4, 1B, 2B, 3B & 6B** - Wednesday 17 June

**Sports Day for Rec./Year 1 (am) and Years 2/3 (pm)** - Friday 19 June

**Sports Day for Years 4, 5 and 6** – Thursday 25 June

**Father's Day Event for Year 5, 6, RB, 4B and 5B** - Friday 26 June

**PTA Art Exhibition** - Thursday 9 July

**Summer reports for English stream** - due Friday 10 July

**English Stream Parent Teacher meetings** – Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 July

**Last day of Summer Term 2 for Bilingual Stream** - Wednesday 15 July

**Last day of Summer Term 2 for English Stream** - Friday 17 July

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

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## Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

This week in **Nursery**, the children have been having lots of fun exploring number and shape through imaginative play. In their "space kitchen," the children have been using loose parts and ingredient lists to create space smoothies, practicing counting and comparing capacity. 3D shapes were introduced and pupils sorted models and built their own structures using magnets. Outside, they have loved building ramps and slides for toy cars, using a number target board to track and score where their cars landed.



This week in **Reception**, the pupils have been focusing on non-fiction texts. The children especially enjoyed learning about sharks and creating their own fact files using all the interesting information they discovered.

In phonics, **Year 1** have been doing lots of revision of split digraphs and the children have been working hard to recognise and use them in their reading and writing. They especially enjoyed playing a phonics matching game, where they matched words to the correct split digraphs. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence during the activities!

This week, **1B** have been eager to continue learning about Dinosaurs. As a class, they explored the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and discovered how their teeth helped them eat different types of food. The children enjoyed investigating sharp teeth for tearing meat and flat teeth for chewing plants. They are looking forward to using their new knowledge later this week when they create their very own dinosaur fossils.

This week, **Year 2** have started learning about time. They have been practising how to read o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to on analogue clocks. The pupils have enjoyed using clocks in class and are beginning to understand how to use time in their everyday lives.

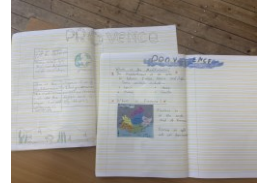
**2B** have been inventors this week, using their book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* as inspiration to develop their own ideas and invent a chocolate bar. The children used their senses to develop language for adverts and were incredibly creative. They then wrote their own adverts to persuade others to buy their delicious creations! In Maths, the pupils have been learning to tell the time, practising using clocks around the school and at home. They are becoming much more confident reading o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times.





## Our Week – Key Stage 2

**Year 3** have had a fabulous week. A particular highlight has been delving deeper into their geography topic, focusing on the Mediterranean region and the Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur in France. The children have begun organising their knowledge and learning into their creative, double page spreads!



In History, **3B** explored the fascinating Stone Age settlement of Skara Brae. They researched how people lived thousands of years ago and discovered what their homes, daily lives, and communities were like. The children enjoyed learning about life in the past and comparing it to how we live today.

**Year 4** have continued exploring the important topic of online safety, discussing how they can keep themselves and others safe online. The children showed great maturity during our conversations and shared lots of thoughtful ideas about using the internet responsibly. As we are hosting International Families Day this week, pupils have enjoyed sharing stories, traditions and interesting facts about their cultures and family backgrounds. In maths, the pupils have enjoyed starting their new topic on area and perimeter. The children took part in practical activities around the classroom and school, measuring different objects and spaces to calculate their area and perimeter. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and confidence.

**Year 5** have been consolidating their knowledge of position and movement in Maths. Pupils experimented with creating imaginative polygons, which they then reflected and translated across grids before swapping challenges with other members of the class. The activity encouraged creativity, problem-solving and a deeper understanding of translation and reflection.

For **Year 6** and **6B**, this week has been a test of resilience and maturity and they have certainly risen to the challenge. During the SATs, all the staff have noted how wonderful our pupils have been. It has been a pleasure to see them tackle this week head-on and support each other so kindly. We are all very proud.

## Dance Performances

Our Key Stage 2 dancers are busy rehearsing for an exciting line-up of performances in the final Summer Term. Each year group is bringing something unique to the stage: Year 3 will dazzle audiences with a vibrant Indian Bollywood-inspired dance, Year 4 are perfecting a lively traditional Irish circle dance, Year 5 are preparing an energetic breakdance battle performance and Year 6 will take everyone on a spectacular journey through the decades with their dance extravaganza.



The children are showing fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and creativity in rehearsals and we cannot wait to share these wonderful performances with you. Invitations for parents/carers will be coming soon!

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.