



BWA Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a particularly exciting week for BWA as we shared our plans for the **new bilingual provision launching in September 2027**. This is a significant milestone for our school and a wonderful opportunity for our current families and wider community. We know that learning in two languages offers children so much. Research suggests that bilingual education can strengthen children's understanding of how language works and support reading development, while opening doors to communication, cultures and future opportunities. We are very proud to be building on BWA's bilingual experience to date and look forward to speaking with parents next Thursday evening. I very much hope families will explore this opportunity, consider it for their children and help us spread the word. There is so much to look forward to.

Today brought plenty more excitement with our wonderful PTA's Halloween dress-up day. The costumes were phenomenal. I admire the creativity, talent and time that families put into making the event such a success. We know mornings are busy enough without costumes and face paint to organise, but I hope the children's enjoyment made the extra effort worthwhile.

Thank you, too, to everyone who contributed to our after-school bake sale today, and, of course, to our PTA for organising it all. It was lovely to spend time together at our PTA Reps' Breakfast this morning. I am sure you share my appreciation for everything these parents do, entirely voluntarily, to bring our school community together and support our pupils. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our **PTA AGM on 5 November**.

Finally, we break up for half term next Friday. Please ensure your child attends school right up to the end of term and that any holidays begin after school has finished. Every day matters, and we have plenty of learning to enjoy together before the break.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Séana Henry

Headteacher

Important dates

Parents/Carers' Evening for English stream – Wednesday 20 & Thursday 21 October

Y2 Trip to St Paul's Cathedral - Thursday 22 October

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 (Bilingual) & Tuesday 3 November (English)

PTA AGM – 7pm on Thursday 5th November

PTA EYFS Disco – Friday 13 November

Parent Gym Starts – Tuesday 3 November

Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Friday 18 December

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

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery have been learning about sharing and turn taking. Our pupils worked together in the mud kitchen sharing pumpkins and garden treasures to make "cakes," patiently took turns balancing penguins on a wobbly iceberg game and practiced pre-writing skills by painting along lines and patterns.



This week, **Reception** were transported to the exciting 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Planet, where our pupils had lots of fun exploring numbers and developing their Maths skills. They also spent time talking about what it means to be a considerate friend, thinking about how they can show kindness, share with others and look after one another. Pupils enjoyed sharing their ideas and thinking about how to be good friends in our classroom.

Year 1 enjoyed a lovely walk around the local area as part of their geography unit of work, Our Local Area. During the walk, they focused on identifying human and physical features in their surroundings. Our pupils spotted a range of human features, including shops, vets, bus stops and churches, as well as physical features such as Clapham Common. They did a fantastic job of observing and identifying the different features along the way, and everyone had a wonderful time exploring their local surroundings. The sun even shone for them, making it an extra lovely day for their walk.



1B have been exploring their new English topic, Fred's Day Out. Pupils loved discovering all the exciting adventures Fred got up to! In Maths, they have been learning about part-whole models and number sentences, exploring how numbers can be split into parts and combined to make a whole. In REW, the children have been learning about how different families welcome a new baby, including the Islamic Aqiqah ceremony and the Humanist approach.

Year 2 pupils put their English and History knowledge of the Great Fire of London to the test with an exciting end-of-unit quiz. Our pupils worked together in their table teams, answering questions about the events of 1666, how the fire started and how it spread across London. Everyone was eager to show off what they had learnt and earn points for their team. They are feeling excited for their trip to St Paul's Cathedral next week.

2B have had another wonderful week of learning. Pupils have been working hard to write their own stories inspired by *On Sudden Hill*. We are so proud of the creativity, focus and enthusiasm they have shown. In Maths, the children have been developing their skills in addition and subtraction using the column method, approaching these new challenges with determination and concentration. In REW, they have enjoyed exploring the question, "If I could create my own rules for living, what would they be?," sharing thoughtful ideas and reflecting on the values that matter to them. We are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved and the fantastic effort they continue to demonstrate!

Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 pupils had an amazing trip to Battersea Library to celebrate Black History Month as you will have seen on our Instagram account. Our pupils had the chance to celebrate all the class's different cultures and listen to Kamapala Chukwuka read her book 'Kind Obi'. They had a great time and even all got the chance to choose a book from the Library to take back to school.



Year 4 completed their science unit on digestion. Our pupils explored the important roles of the small and large intestines, learning how nutrients are absorbed from digested food in the small intestine and how water is absorbed in the large intestine. Pupils enjoyed building on their understanding of how their bodies process food and the amazing journey it takes through the digestive system.

This week in PSHE, **Year 5** explored the inspiring book *Stardust*, reflecting on the important message that everyone is unique and special in their own way. Pupils discussed the importance of believing in themselves, celebrating their individuality and recognising that achieving their dreams takes determination and perseverance. They reflected on their own hopes and ambitions, creating thoughtful mind maps to identify the steps they could take to achieve their goals, big or small. It was a wonderful opportunity to encourage self-belief, ambition and a positive attitude towards the future!

5B have had a fabulous week. A particular highlight has been delving deeper into their Science topic 'Forces'. Pupils conducted an experiment making parachutes using different materials. They then had to assess which materials would have the greater air resistance to save their egg



Year 6 had a fantastic time using Now Press Play to take part in an immersive experience exploring life during the Blitz and the evacuation of children during the Second World War. Wearing headphones, the children were transported back in time, experiencing the sights and sounds of wartime Britain as they imagined what it would have been like to leave their homes and be evacuated to the countryside. It was an exciting and engaging way to bring their history learning to life and help them develop a deeper understanding of this important period in history.

6B have been drawing inspiration from secondary school prospectuses to write persuasive texts about their own dream schools. Facilities have included vast rock-climbing walls, futuristic science labs and 5-star chefs. Try asking your child what the timetable looks like at their ideal school -you'll wish you were back in Year 6 with them.



Sport Update

Last week, our Year 3 and 4 girls had a fantastic time attending a football festival led by female players from Wimbledon AFC.

The girls had the opportunity to develop their football skills and receive expert coaching through a variety of exciting activities, including shooting drills, fun team-building challenges and full-pitch matches. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for the game grow throughout the day.

Skylar was recognised as our school's Best Player, but all the girls were superb on the pitch. They showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, while also making new friends from other schools. Well done to all the girls for representing our school so brilliantly.



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.

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's [CARE Value Stars](#).

Class	Pupil
RM	Mia
RB	French Week
Y1	Apolline
1B	Ines
Y2	Oscar
2B	Alicia
Y3	Edward
3B	French Week
Y4	Agathe
4B	French Week
Y5	Fayrouz
5B	Archie
Y6	Maeva
6B	Lucien

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's [Excellent Learners](#).

Class	Pupil
RM	Caleb
RB	French Week
Y1	Milo
1B	Auguste
Y2	Ulises
2B	Felix
Y3	Eugenia
3B	French Week
Y4	Maxwell
4B	French Week
Y5	Thomas
5B	Olivia
Y6	Rico
6B	Adam






Understanding and Supporting your Child's Sleep Online Parent/Carer Group

The topic of sleep is a very common difficulty for many parents/carers and it can impact the whole family. This group will be for parents and carers of children **ages 3-8** focusing on the following topics:

- The Science of Sleep.
- Common Sleep Difficulties.
- Creating the right environment and routines.
- Supporting your child with sleeping independently.
- Practical tools and skills to support your child.



Join our 4-session online group to connect with other parents/carers and learn new ways to support your child's sleep.

Dates and Times:

Groups will be delivered online on the following Fridays
Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 7 between 12:30-1:30PM. with a follow up session on Jan 8th. [Please click here to sign up.](#)

Further groups will be offered throughout the year.

If you are interested but cannot attend these dates/times please sign up and we will be in touch.



In many schools, we also provide free 1:1 early support for parents/carers of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties or support children's tricky or challenging behaviours. Please speak to your school to find out more.



Please scan the QR Code or [click here](#) to sign up.

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