



BWA Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we launched our celebration of Black History Month on 1st October. Throughout October, pupils will learn about the lives, achievements and contributions of Black people in Britain and around the world. We want our children to develop a fuller understanding of our shared history, discover inspiring role models and recognise the many people who have helped shape the world we live in.

These opportunities help pupils feel proud of their own heritage and appreciate the experiences of others. They also encourage children to ask thoughtful questions, challenge stereotypes and understand the importance of fairness and respect. Although October gives us a particular focus, learning about Black history is part of our curriculum throughout the year.

Thank you for supporting our healthy snack expectations. It has been great to see the children bringing in a range of healthy choices to enjoy at breaktime, helping them stay energised and ready to learn in lessons before lunch.

Some of you will already have heard the very exciting news that Ms Wilkes is expecting her first child. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her and wishing her all the very best as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates

Black History Month – From Thursday 1 October

Year 4 English Stream Swimming Lessons start – Thursday 1 October

School Photographs (BWA) - 14 and 15 October

PTA Reps Breakfast with Miss Henry – Friday 16 October

Y2 and 2B – London Museum Livestream on The Great Fire of London – Friday 16 October

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 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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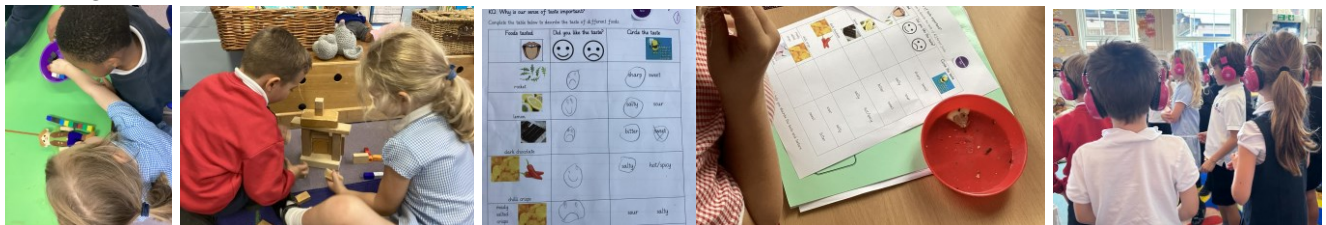
Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery have been busy practicing their counting skills with a fun dice-rolling game, working together to make up imaginative stories in the doll house and exploring capacity and building finger strength while playing with pipettes in the water area. It's been lovely watching them learn and play together.



This week, **Reception** have loved learning their new sounds g, o, c and k in Phonics and practising them in different ways. In Maths, the children enjoyed building towers and exploring how they could make them taller and shorter or the same height as other objects. The children loved comparing their towers and seeing just how tall they could make them.

Year 1 have been exploring number bonds to 10 using the part-part-whole model. They have used a range of practical resources, including counters and cubes, to help them understand how numbers can be combined and partitioned. The children have now moved on to developing their own number stories, using what they know about number bonds to solve problems and explain their mathematical thinking.



1B have had a fantastic time in Science this week, tasting different foods and exploring a range of flavours. They weren't all convinced by the lemon or chilli crisps! In REW, the children learnt about christenings and enjoyed acting out their own christening ceremonies using baby dolls. In English, they have been busy preparing for their big write, bringing the unit on *Something Else* to a close. The children have worked hard and are looking forward to showing off their writing skills.

Continuing their History and English learning, this week **Year 2** travelled back in time and immersed themselves in life in London in 1666. By listening to the story of a missing cat, they used all five senses to imagine what it would have been like to walk through the streets of London at this time. The children used their imaginations to create dramatic and detailed sentences, describing the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and feelings they might have experienced around them. It was wonderful to see them bring their learning to life through such vivid and imaginative descriptions.

2B have had a fantastic week in their English focus! The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new English text, *On Sudden Hill*, and have impressed us with their enthusiasm and engagement. They have brought the story to life through acting, while also developing their understanding of common and proper nouns and using conjunctions in their writing. In Maths, the pupils have completed their learning on place value and have now begun a new unit on addition and subtraction. In Geography, the children have been learning about what makes up a city, and they have enjoyed designing their own ideal settlements. Another highlight of the week was their Music lesson with Mr Edwards, where it was wonderful to hear the children singing so beautifully together.



Our Week – Key Stage 2

In **Year 3**, the children learned about muscles and predicted which muscles would hurt if they did certain exercises. They then conducted an experiment to see whether this is true. The children did planks, arm circles, lunges and squats. In English, they started their new book *The Promise* and have been using fantastic vocabulary like 'callous' and 'vibrant' to make their setting descriptions really amazing.

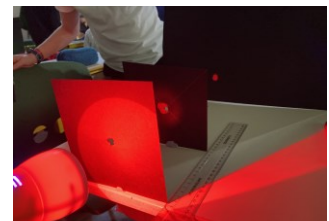
This week, **Year 4** began their swimming lessons! The children have all worked incredibly hard, showing great effort, determination and enthusiasm in the pool. They should be very proud of themselves and all they have achieved already. Well done, Year 4!

Year 5 concluded their exciting investigation into air resistance by putting their handmade parachutes to the test. Pupils dropped their parachutes from a height, carefully measuring the time taken to reach the ground and observing whether their eggs survived the landing without a crack. Through their investigation, pupils discovered that parachutes with a larger surface area generally experienced greater air resistance, slowing their descent and helping to protect their precious cargo. Not every egg survived the challenge, but pupils reflected thoughtfully on their results and identified improvements they could make to their designs next time. A fantastic hands-on experience that brought their learning about forces to life.

5B have had a fabulous week. A particular highlight has been their English lessons, where they have used the 'burger model' to create expository paragraphs for their stories. The children have loved creating their own settings and characters within their stories.

Year 6 have been thoroughly enjoying learning about WWII this term. They have explored what life was like during this important period of history, including the role of the RAF, the experiences of pilots and the impact of the Blitz. The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity, asked thoughtful questions and produced some fantastic work to demonstrate their learning.

This week in Science, **6B** put their precision and teamwork skills to the test to create models that prove light travels in straight lines.



The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. The Children's Commissioner will be using what they tell her to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed on the [Big Future website](#).





Sport Update

This week in PE, our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a brand-new event during their Outdoor Education lessons: the "Wix Strong Games"! Inspired by CrossFit-style strength and fitness team events, pupils challenged themselves in three exciting activities: the Agility Zig-Zag Race, Team Strength Hold, and 1v1 Cone Wrestle, where competitors battled to move the cone over the line.

We were incredibly impressed by the determination, resilience and teamwork shown by all our pupils. They persevered when things became tough, pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones and, most importantly, cheered and encouraged their fellow competitors. A huge well done to everyone who took part—you should all be very proud of yourselves! May your strength, fitness and determination continue to grow!



Care Values

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

Class	Pupil
RM	Sokratis
RB	French Week
Y1	Greta
1B	Thomas
Y2	Marcel
2B	Charlotte
Y3	Karlo
3B	French Week
Y4	Xaraeyah
4B	French Week
Y5	Leo R
5B	Aleck
Y6	Felix
6B	Aya

Excellent Learners

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

Class	Pupil
RM	Chloe
RB	French Week
Y1	Francesco
1B	Alice
Y2	Penelope
2B	Arthur
Y3	Miranda
3B	French Week
Y4	Mia
4B	French Week
Y5	Nayanne
5B	Victoria
Y6	Tommaso
6B	Sasha

Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe. If you are worried about something or if you are worried about someone else, you can talk to ANYONE who works for the school. Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE.

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.

Wellbeing and SEND Support

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers **free parent webinars** across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health: [Early Years \(Nursery and Reception\)](#), [Primary \(Years 1 – 6\)](#)

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

Autism Learns is offering a new online learning series on **Supporting AuDHD children at school and home**. This two-day webinar will be live streamed on Zoom on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 October on the topic of co-occurring autism and ADHD. The series costs £59.99 for parents/carers and includes 30-day access to all video presentations and downloadable slides where available. To find out more or book your place, [please visit their website](#).