



BWA Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week of learning together as we reach the end of the second week of the summer term. Pupils have continued to work hard in their lessons, showing great focus and enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum.

Alongside their work in the classroom, there have been some fantastic wider opportunities. Many pupils have enjoyed trips out, enriching their learning beyond the classroom, and it has been a pleasure to see others representing the school in a recent sporting competition with such enthusiasm and team spirit. Pupils also continue to benefit from the expertise of our specialist teachers; we are incredibly fortunate to offer high-quality teaching in Music, French, Art, PE, Games and Dance, which adds so much to the breadth of our curriculum.

I would also like to share some lovely personal news. Our MFL teacher, Miss Mirfakhraie, will be going on maternity leave at the end of this half term. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck and offering our warmest congratulations on this exciting news.

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Darcie
RB	Arthur
Y1	Dua
1B	French Week
Y2	Ilyan
2B	French Week
Y3	Matis
3B	French Week
Y4	Michal
4B	Celeste
Y5	Caterina
5B	Oliver
Y6	Hudson
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Nina
RB	Sebastian
Y1	Marcel
1B	French Week
Y2	Thirza
2B	French Week
Y3	Emma
3B	French Week
Y4	Leo.G
4B	Ines
Y5	Tommaso
5B	Kian
Y6	Azael
6B	French Week

Important dates:

Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May. School closed.

Summer half term - Monday 25 to Friday 29 May.

First day of Summer Term 2 - Monday 1 June.

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](#).

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.

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

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery have had a great week, continuing to develop core skills through teaching and play. This week, children have made excellent progress in both writing and phonics. Many are now confidently segmenting sounds to write CVC captions, while enthusiastically engaging in a wide range of mark-making opportunities across both the indoor and outdoor provision.

This week, **Reception** have really enjoyed continuing to learn through their Sea Adventures topic. They had lots of fun reading *Mermaid School*, creating their own versions of the story, and decorating their very own mermaid tails. They also loved exploring the seaside-themed tuff tray, where they practised picking up and cleaning objects.



In Gymnastics with Coach Stephanie, **RB** pupils practised moving into a range of positions by carefully following instructions. After the lesson, the children shared their thoughts: "It was difficult but a lot of fun," "We all look forward to the lesson every week," and "We hope to go on the balancing beam soon!"

This week in science, **Year 1** began their new unit all about plants. They explored a variety of plants and learned about their different parts, including the stem, leaves, petals, and roots. The children also had the opportunity to create observational drawings of a range of plants from their Year 1 garden. They are very excited to continue learning more about this topic.

In **Year 2**, the pupils have been learning about fractions, focusing on understanding halves, quarters, and thirds. They explored these as equal parts of a whole through practical activities and using visual models. Pupils have enjoyed solving fun challenges to find fractions in everyday situations.

Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 had a fabulous week; a highlight was delving deeper into their new Science topic of plants. The class had the opportunity to plant seeds in different conditions with different variables to see how successfully each set of seeds would grow.

On Tuesday, **Year 4** enjoyed an exciting and inspiring trip to Battersea Power Station, where they visited the Apple Headquarters and Apple Store. The visit was designed to build on the children's existing knowledge of iPads and help them develop their skills in using technology more effectively. Throughout the day, pupils took part in hands-on activities and learned new ways to use digital tools to support their learning. As well as developing their technical skills, the visit gave the children a glimpse into the world of work at Apple. It sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm, with many pupils feeling inspired by the idea of working in such an innovative environment in the future.



4B have been thoroughly enjoying their recent class read, *El De Fo* by Cece Bell. The pupils have been captivated by the story of Cece, a young girl who discovers her unique "superpower" after losing her hearing. Through thoughtful discussions and creative activities, the class have explored themes of friendship, resilience, and embracing what makes us different. It has been wonderful to see the children making connections to their own experiences and growing in confidence as they share their ideas. Well done, 4B, for your enthusiasm and insightful contributions.

This week, **Year 5** also enjoyed an exciting trip to Battersea Power Station, where they visited the Apple HQ. Pupils were given a tour of the offices and learned a range of interesting facts about the company and its work. They then took part in two hands-on workshops. The first, held in the Apple Store, involved designing their own emojis, allowing pupils to get creative with digital tools. The second workshop focused on experimenting with photography using the latest iPhone, where pupils explored different techniques to capture high-quality images. It was a fun-filled and inspiring experience for all.

5B launched their Science unit on life cycles with a hands-on investigation, carefully dissecting flowers to identify the different parts involved in the pollination process. Pupils explored structures such as the petals, stamens and pistils, discussing how each part plays a role in reproduction. The session sparked curiosity and thoughtful discussion, with pupils making links between structure and function while developing their scientific vocabulary and observational skills.

Year 6 are taking inspiration from Alfred Noyes's classic narrative poem, *The Highwayman*, to write their own atmospheric pieces.

Year 3 & 4 Netball Festival at Burntwood School

Some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children attended a Netball Festival at Burntwood School, run by coaches from Spencer Netball. Here is the review from the pupils.

"It was lovely to be outside in the sunshine. We enjoyed the opportunity to improve our Netball skills. Some of the skills we learnt were how to pass, move, pivot on our landing foot and dodging. We played well as a team and thank you Mr. Hennessy and Louise for taking us."

Alice, Tom, Michal, Ottie, Alan, Alex, Skylar and Filippo.



Parent Gym

We are going to be running a Parent Gym Course in Summer Term 1. Parent Gym is a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. Come along to meet other parents, hear their stories and pick up new ideas. The programme, normally worth £1000 per parent, is free of charge. Everyone is welcome but spaces are limited!

Each weekly session will take place on Thursdays from 9am – 11am, from 30 April to 25 June (excluding half term week and SATS week). To sign up, [please register here](#).

- Taster (45mins) – 30th April
- Week 1: Chat – 7th May
- SATS week: no session 14th May
- Week 2: Love – 21st May
- Half-term: no session – 28th May
- Week 3: Behave – 4th June
- Week 4: Care – 11th June
- Week 5: Discover – 18th June
- Week 6: Together – 25th June



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- Get your children to open up and talk more
- Feel calmer and have more fun time with your family

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"It is very interesting and helpful in many ways! Everyone should try!"

Wellbeing Webinars

SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars across the year to support your child's wellbeing and mental health. Their next Early Years webinar is on **Managing big feelings in small people** on [24th April, 12pm](#).

For Primary, they are on Encouraging Healthy Habits in Children with Autism, [29th April, 12pm](#), Supporting Primary Children with Toileting Problems on [11th May, 7pm](#) and [12th May, 1.30pm](#), and Understanding and Managing Screen Time for Primary Children on [10th June, 7pm](#) and [11th June, 1pm](#).