



BWA Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was absolutely lovely to see everyone back at school after the February half term. Our pupils have returned with smiles, positive attitudes and of course a real readiness to learn. Settling back into routines after a holiday is never easy, but our pupils have done so brilliantly, and we are very proud of how quickly they have refocused and re-engaged.

We have a busy half term ahead, packed with exciting learning opportunities and wonderful PTA events that we know we will all thoroughly enjoy. You will soon receive an invite to our upcoming Mother's Day events, which are always such a special time for our school community. Further details will follow shortly.

I would also like to say a huge congratulations to our football team, who took part in a tournament on Tuesday and represented the school exceptionally well. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship were exceptional, and we are incredibly proud of their success.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable half term together.

With my very best wishes

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates:

- Last Day of Spring Term 2** - Friday 27 March
- School Holidays** – Saturday 28 March – Sunday 12 April
- English Stream Inset Day** – Monday 13 April
- Bank Holiday** – Monday 4 May. School closed.
- Last day of Summer Term 1** - Friday 22 May
- Summer half term** - Monday 25 to Friday 29 May
- First day of Summer Term 2** Monday 1 June
- 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**.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Arielle
RB	Aurelia
Y1	Alize
1B	French Week
Y2	Miranda
2B	French Week
Y3	Filippo
3B	French Week
Y4	Fayrouz
4B	Leopold
Y5	Sophie
5B	Joseph
Y6	Shalaina
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Eleanor
RB	Tristan
Y1	Margarita
1B	French Week
Y2	Theophile
2B	French Week
Y3	Leila
3B	French Week
Y4	Kalp
4B	Louis V.H.B
Y5	Harrison
5B	Paul-Auguste
Y6	Duaa
6B	French Week

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery were very happy to get a visit from Mr Gardener who helped them to start growing their own vegetables. The class learnt lots about what seeds need to grow, how to care for them and they got to explore the different smells and textures of different plants.

Reception have had a very busy first week back. The children had a special visitor to do a drama workshop, gardening with Mr Gardener and they all made (and ate) a delicious Gingerbread Man.



RB created a Post Office for their role play to write letters to people around the world with information they learned about London Landmarks. "Big Ben is not the name of the tower but the bell", "The King and Queen live in Buckingham Palace". Pupils drew London landmarks and made designed their own London red bus. They also started to grow some beans in their gardening session.

In **Year 1**, pupils also thoroughly enjoyed their gardening session with Mr Gardener. They carefully labelled the different plants and herbs in their garden, planted bean seeds, and even put potatoes into an egg container so they can watch them grow over time. Everyone loved getting hands-on in the garden and are very excited to see how their seeds develop.

Year 2 have had a fantastic first week back at school, full of exciting activities and new experiences. We were delighted to welcome Perform for a wonderful drama workshop where pupils helped keep a magical toy shop alive through acting, imagination and teamwork. Pupils also spent time gardening, planting seeds and learning what plants need to grow strong and healthy.

International Women's Day

This week, the pupils learnt about [International Women's Day](#) in assembly. They practised this year's theme of 'Give to Gain' using a hand gesture. They were invited to think about how giving 'good' into the world can mean they receive good things back again, such as politeness and respect for others. Pupils discovered the links between International Women's Day and the British Value of this week which is Democracy. They learnt that women have not always been treated equally. Over the last 115 years, since the first event, things have changed significantly for women around the world. It was lovely to see the pupils' reaction when they were asked to think of an astronaut (a role that is often taken by men) many of them thought of Mae Jemison. On Sunday 8th March we invite all our community to think of the inspirational women in our lives.



Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a wonderful first week back to school. They loved exploring their new science topic about rocks. For their first lesson in this topic, they discovered how geodes are made and then cracked them open to see what they look like on the inside. The pupils can't wait to discover more.



In **Year 4**, the pupils have really loved learning about time. Exploring the 24-hour clock and learning all about how many days in a week, weeks in a month and months in a year has lent itself to excellent dialogue. With our NFER testing next week, the pupils have really challenged themselves to achieve their best results.

4B have had a fantastic start to their new class novel, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo. They have been diving into the opening chapters, exploring the character of Edward and discussing his thoughts, feelings, and motivations. We are so proud of the way the class has approached their reading comprehension tasks — showing thoughtful insights, careful attention to detail, and growing confidence in supporting their answers with evidence from the text. Keep up the wonderful work, 4B.

Year 5 have launched into a range of exciting new topics across the curriculum. In history, they have begun studying the early Islamic civilisation, while in science they are exploring the fascinating concept of biomimicry. Maths lessons have focused on developing confidence with decimals, and in English, pupils have embarked on the thrilling adventures of Odysseus. In REW, they have started learning about Buddhism. Across all subjects, Year 5 have been developing their skills in asking thoughtful and purposeful questions, deepening their understanding and curiosity in every lesson.

This week, inspired by the epic *Odysseus*, **5B** have been imagining their own mythical creatures. They have been writing information reports with facts about extraordinary magical powers and ingenious methods for defeating their terrifying beasts.

Year 6 have been exploring stereotypes based on the book *Tough Guys Have Feelings Too*. Pupils are creating their own picture book with the aim of fighting back against stereotypes, a project which ties in perfectly with International Women's Day on 8th March.

Sports Update

We are incredibly proud of our gymnasts who were recently placed 3rd in the Wandsworth Gymnastics Competition. The team demonstrated fantastic determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the event. A special congratulations to James (Year 3) who achieved a silver medal, Leanora (Year 2) who earned a well-deserved bronze medal, and Eugenia (Year 2) who performed superbly to secure a fantastic gold medal. We would also like to recognise our team captain, Evie (Year 6), whose leadership was outstanding. Alongside Anna and Vivian, she provided excellent support, coaching and encouragement to all members of the team during their preparation and on the day of the competition. Well done to everyone involved — a wonderful achievement for our school.

