BWA Newsletter

Quality First Education Trust

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

9 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our BHM celebrations, all pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a brilliant workshop with theatre company Perform, exploring the stories of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. please do speak with your children about this experience to find out what they learnt.

One of my highlights has been listening to the beautiful singing during our specialist music lessons, which all pupils access from Nursery through to Year 6. Music gives children a wonderful way to express themselves, develop confidence and creativity, and learn to listen and work together. There is something very special about hearing their voices when I walk around the school.

I also love seeing the enthusiasm and enjoyment in our specialist dance lessons. These lessons give our pupils another opportunity to be creative, develop their co-ordination and perform together. I cannot wait to watch Year 2's upcoming performance of Thriller. I am sure we are in for a treat.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the English Stream Parent Teacher meetings before half term. I strongly encourage you to book an appointment if you haven't done so yet. This is such a valuable opportunity to hear how your child has settled into their new class, discuss their learning so far and look through their work in books. It is also a chance to share what you are noticing at home and talk about how we can work together to support your child effectively. Our PE teacher will also be available to speak with you on both evenings.

We have deliberately chosen to be part of the SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service to have access to a wealth of knowledge and support for our families. Please do read about their services available to you at the end of the newsletter.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.
Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates

School Photographs (BWA)- Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th 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

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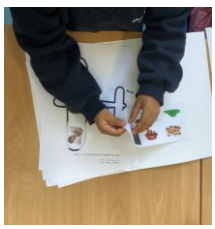
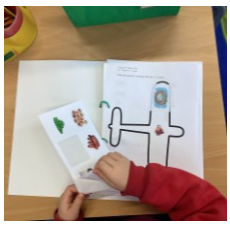
Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery have been busy building their fine motor strength through creative mark-making and threading colourful friendship bracelets with their friends. They also practised their 1:1 counting skills by making sensory "poppits" - squashing Numicon into playdough and carefully pressing down each bump.

Reception loved talking about their homes and sharing who they live with. In Maths, our pupils had lots of fun exploring and creating different patterns, and in Phonics, they learnt the new sounds ck, u, r and e. The children have worked hard and enjoyed sharing their ideas with each other.

In Phonics, **RB** have been learning the sounds i, n, m, d. Pupils learned the actions that go with the sounds and actively took part in a variety of activities to challenge their learning, including sticking pictures that start with the initial sounds and practising blending the sounds. They also learned their 'Words to learn' - it, is and in so they can recognise these when reading them and use them in their writing.

Year 1 have continued their exploration of the senses by focusing on their sense of taste. Our pupils tasted a variety of different foods and shared their thoughts about whether they liked them or not. They then used their 'taste words' to describe each food, identifying whether they were sweet, bitter, sour, salty or sharp. It was lots of fun exploring different flavours and discovering new tastes.

Year 2 have been busy developing their subtraction skills. Our pupils have been using counters and dienes to support their understanding of subtraction and to help them see what happens when they take numbers away. They have been working on representing numbers in different ways and using practical resources to solve subtraction problems. Pupils then applied their understanding to the column method, carefully setting out their calculations and working step by step so they could be successful.

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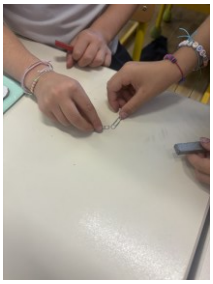
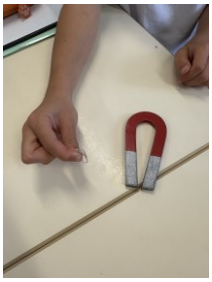
Our Week – Key Stage 2

In **Year 3**, our pupils also had a great time at the Black History workshop. They learned about famous black figures such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr as well as Walter Tull in class. The class are continuing to excel in their addition and subtraction topic, which can be a bit tricky. They have been practicing hard and the class are getting particularly good at renaming now. They can't wait to show Mr Mullin, our Director of maths, what they can do next week.

3B have had a fabulous week. A particular highlight has been investigating magnets in their Science topic, Forces. The class explored the effects of magnetic materials and how magnets are used in compasses to help find North, East, South and West directions.

Year 4 have been learning more about the digestive system. They looked at how the stomach works by exploring what happens to biscuits in a bag a juice. The bag represented the stomach and the juice represented stomach acid. The acid breaks down the food in a process called chemical digestion.

4B have been learning all about how the digestive system works, from top to bottom. They used their bodies to create life-sized diagrams, drawing around themselves and labelling the different organs involved. Pupils then discussed the important role each part of the digestive system plays and enjoyed sharing their knowledge with one another. In Geography, the pupils have been exploring North America, with a particular focus on its different states. They thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of naming all 50 states against the clock and were very proud that that all managed to do it.

In Science, **Year 5** have been exploring the fascinating force of water resistance. Pupils investigated how the shape and surface area of an object can affect how quickly it moves through water. Using Blu Tack, they created a variety of shapes and carefully timed how long each took to sink to the bottom of a container of water. They recorded their findings in a results table, compared their observations and drew thoughtful conclusions about how different shapes experience water resistance. It was a fantastic hands-on investigation that encouraged scientific curiosity, prediction and analytical thinking.

Year 6 have been enjoying exploring multiples and factors in Maths. They have been developing their understanding of how numbers are connected and have had fun finding common multiples and factors. It has been fantastic to see everyone working together and continuing to build their confidence in mathematical thinking.

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Sport Update

In PE, the new Sports Leaders Club is now in full swing, with pupils developing their leadership skills by learning how to referee games, lead warm-ups and organise competitions.

They are looking forward to running a table tennis competition, taking on refereeing roles in our Friday lunchtime football league, and preparing to coach and lead sessions for our younger pupils.

Their confidence is growing as they practise speaking to groups, working with different people and reflecting on what it means to be a caring, organised and responsible leader.

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Abigail
RB	Lina
Y1	Emilio
1B	French Week
Y2	Harvey
2B	French Week
Y3	Mia
3B	Lena
Y4	Margot
4B	Castille
Y5	Tom
5B	French Week
Y6	Caterina
6B	French Week

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Aurora
RB	Leonard
Y1	Leila
1B	French Week
Y2	Dua
2B	French Week
Y3	Hamish
3B	Theophille K
Y4	Aida
4B	Louise
Y5	Willow
5B	French Week
Y6	Vivien
6B	French Week

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.