



BWA Newsletter

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Newsletter for the week ending 14th March 2025



At BWA we are always looking for ways to ensure pupils are engaged in their learning. I have the great privilege of seeing how engaged our pupils are in their lessons, every day. This newsletter will share some of the highlights of our week of learning together.

Our first BWA Sports Council got started this week. Pupils had to apply for the job in writing and were selected on their merit from demonstrating leadership, organisation and social skills. Their first job is running the supervision of the table-tennis table. They are responsible for the safekeeping of the equipment, coaching and running a ladder competition during every break and lunchtime for all pupils to enjoy.

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ENGAGEMENT

- exciting first hand experiences and enquiry approaches
- varied, structured learning opportunities that are purposeful and appropriate



The focus text this week in Nursery has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The class have loved writing their name in caterpillar bodies, exploring symmetry through butterfly paintings and creating ABAB patterns with caterpillars.

To celebrate British Science Week, pupils in our Reception class carried out an experiment on adaptations and change. They discussed what change means to them followed by creating a colour changing sensory bottle using water, oil, food colouring and glitter. Pupils found it strange that the oil did not mix with the water but found it inspiring watching the liquids adapt and change over time.

During Science Week, pupils in RB enjoyed a Now Press Play live science lesson. They joined classes from across London to do a role play with a story they could listen to. During the activity, the pupils found out about the best conditions for plants to grow. It was wonderful to hear the pupils pose scientific questions like 'What if we put the seed in the desert?' 'Is the plant alive?' and 'What food does a plant eat?' They decided to develop this learning further by planting seeds and observing the changes to seeds over time.



Pupils in Year 1 have been working incredibly hard during their assessments this week, showing great focus and effort. Last week, they had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. The costume parade was a highlight, with so many creative outfits on display. They still feel very lucky to have had Year 6 pupils come and read to them in the garden, sparking great discussions about the stories. They all loved reading lots of books together and sharing their thoughts on them— a great celebration of reading.



Year 2 have been exploring more about space this week. They have been learning about the Earth rotating on its axis and this affecting how we have seasons around the world. Pupils have been fascinated by the order and movement of the planets in our solar system around the Sun. Lots of the pupils have been thinking of clever rhymes to help us remember the order of the planets.

This week, pupils in 2B have been reading *Mae Among the Stars*, a book about the life of Mae Jemison. They have been thinking about the challenges she faced and the thoughts and feelings she might have had along the way. Using these ideas, pupils have planned and written some

superb diary entries, from Mae's point of view.

In their exciting research lesson, pupils in 3B embarked on an adventure to Egypt to learn about the Great Sphinx of Giza. They explored the history behind this ancient monument, discovering how it was built thousands of years ago and its mysterious connection to the Pharaohs.

Year 3 have had a fabulous week, they have particularly enjoyed their new Computing topic. Our pupils have delved into exploring Stop Motion programming, using the iPads. They worked in groups to create short video clips using stationery from the classroom.



Pupils in Year 4 have been making the most of the sunshine, enjoying doing their guided reading sessions outside. It has been lovely to get in the fresh air and enjoy spending time reading our books outside.

This week our Year 5 pupils had so much fun learning how to code during their Computing lessons. Everyone was really excited and worked hard on their first steps into programming. They can't wait for their amazing trip to the Apple Store next week to put our new skills to the test.

Pupils in 5B have been continuing their exploration of the Early Islamic Civilisation. They analysed different artefacts from the time period to find out more about the Early Islamic Civilisation, and then deepened their understanding of Baghdad - the Round City. Pupils then applied their learning by creating their own informative posters about the city and its culture.



In Science this week, our Year 6 pupils have been learning about adaptations, with a particular focus on birds and how natural selection plays a role in their survival. Pupils explored why certain traits help animals survive in their environments and how nature gradually selects the most beneficial characteristics over time. To support this learning, they conducted a practical experiment where they used different tools to represent bird beaks to pick up various types of food. This hands-on activity helped pupils understand the concept of *survival of the fittest*—demonstrating how some species are better suited to their environments, while others may struggle to survive and eventually die out.

Awards

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week. **Ask questions**

	Pupil		Pupil
RW	Helena	3B	Louis CD
RB	Barthelemy	Y4	Milo
Y1	Alfie	4B	French week
1B	French week	Y5	Leo & Adam
Y2	Elliot	5B	Adam
2B	Nyari	Y6	Ryan
Y3	Mohamed	6B	French week

Congratulations to all our CARE Value Stars this week. **Considerate**

	Pupil		Pupil
RW	Harvey	3B	Philippa
RB	Lea	Y4	
Y1	Isobel	4B	French week
1B	French week	Y5	Hudson
Y2	Emma	5B	Elanora
2B	Jude	Y6	Danyal
Y3	Octavia	6B	French week



Please do use this [NHS guidance](#) to help you make decisions when your child is ill about whether they should attend school, or stay at home.



Communication

Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have, no matter how small or trivial you think they may be.



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site. There are pupils onsite with allergies and we must all do our best to keep these pupils safe at all times when onsite.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school and sunscreen. Getting outside is very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



Dates to Remember

End of Spring term

- **English Stream – 4th April at 1:45pm**
- **Bilingual Stream – 4th April at 3:15pm**

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Henry