

## Newsletter for the week ending 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



The A in our LEARN statement is for ambition. At BWA we are all ambitious for every pupil. This was recognised in the Ofsted report that was sent out to you last week. The inspector reported that **high aspiration shapes the goals for pupils' learning. Pupils achieve exceptionally well across the curriculum.** Ofsted recognised that our pupils have **plenty of high-quality opportunities for personal development** beyond the academic curriculum. This weeks highlights are a good showcase of the opportunities we have planned and delivered for our pupils this week. We are very grateful for the support you give us so these opportunities can happen.

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## AMBITION

- the highest expectations of what all children can achieve
- expanding horizons though research and sharing of best practice



Last week, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented BWA at a mixed netball tournament. Pupils wore our uniform with pride and did us proud. Our team won 3 games, had one draw and two losses. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for representing us so well and offering our congratulations to our Captain Isobel Callam and player of the tournament went KJ. KJ was great at making interceptions in defence and scored a hat-trick in a winning game against our sister school, Belleville.

This week, pupils in our Nursery have been reading *The Magic Porridge Pot* and using porridge in all sorts of ways to enhance their learning. Pupils decorated their own porridge pots, signing their name for the Magic Porridge Pot Eating Extravaganza and using dried oats to investigate capacity. Their favourite part was getting to make their own bowl of porridge and choose the toppings.



With the weather improving and spring coming into fruition, pupils in Reception took the opportunity to do paintings of the daffodil's outside, showcasing their painting and observational skills to create unique artwork.



Year 1 have had a fantastic week. In Maths, they have been learning all about fractions, focusing on halves and quarters. The pupils had so much fun creating their own halves and quarters using paper, practicing their cutting and folding skills. One of the highlights during maths this week was decorating their own 'pizza' and folding it into quarters, it was a great way to bring fractions to life.

This week, our pupils in 1B we have enjoyed learning more about plants. They now know what plants need to grow and have planted different seeds which they will observe to see how they grow.



Pupils in Year 2 have been investigating different astronauts, their favourite being Mae Jemison. They have read two different books on Mae and produced a diary entry imagining they also had the same dreams that Mae had. Pupils wrote a non-fiction text on other important astronauts, whilst thinking about their own dreams for the future and have been inspired by Mae to dream big.



Year 3 have particularly enjoyed delving deeper into their Science topic all about rocks. They took part in an experiment breaking down and melting starburst sweets to represent the process of how sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks are made.

We are so fortunate to live in London and have a wide range of places to explore. This week, pupils in Year 4 went to Battersea Power Station to visit the Apple Headquarters and store. Pupils were given a guided tour of the Head Office and saw software and gaming designers at work. After that, they learnt how to take cool photos on an iPhone, using tips for better shots and fun filters. Pupils also used iPads to try coding with easy drag-and-drop apps. Our pupils had a great time making their own mini programmes.

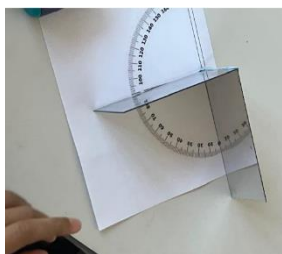


This week, 4B explored the Five K's, the key articles of faith in Sikhism. They learned about the significance of each K and how they represent the core values of Sikh identity. Pupils explored the meanings of **Kesh** (uncut hair), **Kara** (iron bracelet), **Kanga** (wooden comb), **Kachera** (cotton undergarments), and **Kirpan** (ceremonial sword), engaging in discussions and activities that helped them gain an appreciation for Sikh beliefs and practices.

This week, Year 5 also went on an unforgettable trip to Apple Headquarters. Pupils had the incredible opportunity to tour the facility, gaining insight into its innovative workspaces. They then took part in hands-on activities, exploring coding and photography. It was a fantastic experience, and everyone had a wonderful time.



In Geography, our Year 6 pupils have been focusing on volcanoes and earthquakes and the impact they have on the world around us. To support this learning, pupils have begun working through a S.O.L.E. lesson (Student Organised Learning Environment) where they take ownership of their learning and work independently to research key information. It has been fantastic to see the pupils take such initiative in their learning and produce high-quality research in response to questions.



This week in science, pupils in 6B have been learning about light and using mirrors to investigate what happens to objects when the mirrors are at different angles. They found that when the angle between the mirrors decreases, the amount of reflections increases.

## Awards

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week. **Like a challenge**

	Pupil		Pupil
RA	Oscar	3B	French week
RB	French week	Y4	Maeva
Y1	Azan	4B	Noah
1B	Lena	Y5	Zaira
Y2	Xaraeyah	5B	French week
2B	French week	Y6	Harry
Y3	Betty	6B	Vincent

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

	Pupil		Pupil
RA	Scout	3B	French week
RB	French week	Y4	Ada
Y1	Tosia	4B	Romeo
1B	Sarah	Y5	Vivienne
Y2	Agathe	5B	French week
2B	French week	Y6	Jaydon
Y3	Alice	6B	Charlotte



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 – 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1:45pm**
- **Bilingual Stream – 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3:15pm**

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**Miss Henry**