



BWA Newsletter

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11th November 2022



We have had a wonderful week here at BWA. Colleagues from our central team came in to visit during the week and were very impressed with the learning behaviours in every class and how calm the school felt. I am sure you will agree this is lovely feedback and you will feel very proud of your children, as we all are.

Today we held a two minute silence across the school to remember this special time in history and the impact it has on all our lives today. The Armistice, an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, began at 11 am on 11 November 1918.

Century Workshop

On Monday evening it was wonderful to see so many parents attend our workshop and we hope it has been helpful. We will be arranging another meeting for year 4 and any parents who couldn't attend this event. Details will be sent out as soon as we have a date.



PTA AGM

On Wednesday evening it was great to host our PTA AGM in person for the first time in many years. At the meeting we heard all about the events that the PTA had arranged throughout 2021-22, the money raised and what it is being spent on. We also talked through the fund raising targets for 2022-23.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the awesome BWA PTA team who have worked tirelessly, voluntarily to plan wonderful events for the whole school community to enjoy as well as give back to our local community. They have raised approximately £20,000 which is phenomenal. A sincere thank you to everyone who supports these events – we appreciate your support.

Our Halloween foodbank donation drive for Wandsworth Foodbank provided 795 meals. The donations had a total weight of **333.7 kg**. Thank you to everyone for your help with this event. I know we have made a difference to so many homes.



Letters have gone out this week inviting all families in our Bilingual stream to sign up for a Parent Teacher meeting. Please do make an appointment if you haven't been able to yet.

Open Days

We will be holding two Open Day events next week. These events are for pupils starting in any year group. I would be very grateful if you could share this opportunity with friends.



- **Tuesday 15th November – focus on our English Stream provision**
- **Thursday 17th November - focus on our Bilingual Stream provision**

We are very proud of the provision we offer every child at BWA and have a relentless drive to improve it. If there are areas you feel we can improve on, I would be delighted to hear them so please do not hesitate to

let me know. You can email me through the admin email or speak with me on the gate so we can arrange a time to explore your ideas further.



Serge Betsen an ex France national rugby union player takes a training session for BWA pupils

We are very fortunate to offer an after school rugby club provided by Serge Betsen Rugby programme. Serge Betsen is an ex France national rugby union player, who set up the Serge Betsen Rugby programme to instil a unique and lifelong passion for sports and putting a rugby ball in everybody's hands. This week, our after school club had the privilege of a session run by Serge Betsen himself. Pupils showed true admiration to have the opportunity to be coached by a retired international player

and despite the rain were able to listen and learn from a professional. What a session to remember.



Learning with our resident artists – Year 1

Year 1 have been learning with our resident artists to create a piece of art showing how our world changes throughout the seasons. The pupils developed lots of different skills such as painting using sponges, leaf rubbing and collage. Their final art work is fantastic.

We were super impressed with our nursery pupils who remained quiet for two minutes at 11am today. Pupils have made variety of poppies this week. They painted some poppies and made some out of collage.

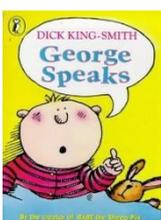
Pupils in RW have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day this week. They have been discussing the reasons why soldiers are so special and why we remember them every year at the same time. Pupils made poppy collages using different textured paper which will be going up on our display to show RW's beautiful poppy garden.



Our pupils in 1B have been learning about Christianity in RE. Pupils learned about a baptism and to show their understanding they had an opportunity to re-enact one.

This week, pupils in our 2B class started exploring the 5's times table. They made fantastic links between skip counting in 5's and the times tables. One pattern they noticed was that when an odd number was multiplied by 5, the product (answer) will end in a 5 and when an even number was multiplied by 5, the product will end in a 0.

During their science lessons this week, pupils in Year 2 tested the suitability of different materials, to answer the Key Question: 'What material is most suitable for a new gym kit?' Using a meter ruler, a weight and different materials, they carried out a hands-on investigation and recorded their results. They concluded that lycra would be the best choice as it was the most stretchy, as well as being absorbent and durable.



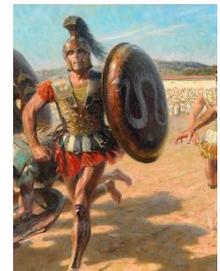
Pupils in 3M stepped into the shoes of Dick King Smith this week and had a go at writing a new scene for their English text, 'George Speaks'. Pupils included dialogue in their narratives and although it can be tricky remembering where to put inverted commas, they used the special song we have been practising in lessons to help them remember and did an excellent job.

3S continued their scientific experiments this week by carrying out a comparative test to discover which material would be most suitable surface for a toy car to move on. They tested out different materials such as, felt, cotton and wood. Pupils learned that in order for the toy car to move best, the material must have the following properties: smooth, flat and strong.



Science was also a highlight for pupils in 4A. They have conducted a number of science experiments into gas this week - using balloons to investigate questions such as does gas weigh anything, what happens if we heat a gas and can we make a gas from a solid and a liquid? Pupils loved these sessions.

Pupils in 4W have really enjoyed exploring the text, 'The Lost Thing' in greater detail. They watched the animated film version to help them develop vivid character and setting descriptions using expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases and wrote their own narratives about the adventures of the main character, Shaun.



This week in history, Year 5 explored the Olympics, both ancient and modern, in their new Ancient Greek unit. Pupils researched the differences and similarities between the Olympia tradition and what we see today. Using their enquiry skills, pupils assessed a variety of historical sources to collate detailed research. Pupils were so inspired by what they found, they decided to organise their own Year 5 Olympics during their play time.



Working with our resident artists, 5B produced incredible pieces based on the surrealist artist, Salvador Dalí. They practiced their observational drawing skills as well as different ways of mark making with a variety of sketching pencils.

Today our year 6 pupils attended a talk to learn about how the local area was affected by the bombing in WW2. They spoke at length about Battersea, looked at a local map to identify areas we recognised and then establish if it had been hit during the war. On their walk back to school they looked at the differences in building styles of the houses to infer whether they had been damaged during the air raids or just rebuilt.



Excellent Learners

It was a privilege to congratulate our Excellent Learners in celebration assemblies this week.

<p style="text-align: center;">Excellent Learners Are not scared to make mistakes</p>			
Giorgio	RW	Jimmy	3S
Antonin	1B	Ryan	4A
Alex A	Y1	Danyal	4W
Valentina	Y2	Hugo	5B
Asmus	2B	Chari	Y5
Alima	3M	Eliza	Y6



Free parent webinar – highly recommended

You know I think the parent sessions Role Models so generously offer are brilliant.

Following the incredible success of their last webinar, “*Managing big emotions*” that saw well over 1,500 registrations, Role Models would like to invite you to their next parent webinar on Tuesday 29th November at 7.30pm.

For this webinar we will be looking at “*How to build a resilient family*”.

Register [here](#) .



Help for Households

The Government has launched the '[Help for Households](#)' scheme. The homepage brings together over 40 support schemes that the public can access, depending on eligibility,

including help with:

Household costs

- Energy Bills
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Transport costs

Additionally, a range of online tools will help citizens quickly and efficiently check the support they might be eligible for and how to access it.



Dates to Remember

- **Individual and siblings photographs - 23rd November.** We will send out a reminder closer to the time.
- **PTA Christmas Ball - Thursday 1st of December, 7pm – 10pm**
- **PTA Christmas Fair – Sunday 27th November**



Last day of term – Friday 16th December

- **English Stream finish** at 1:45pm
- **Bilingual stream finish** at 3:15pm

Wishing you all peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry