



# BWA Newsletter

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**14<sup>th</sup> October 2022**



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September we held our first Food Drive of the year for the Wandsworth Foodbank. We have been informed that this drive provided 556 meals. Thank you for your generosity and support. Next Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> October, we will hold another Foodbank Drive. Pupils will be allowed to wear their favourite Halloween costume to school on this day. The list of items needed will be sent out next week.

## **Parent Gym**

We are thrilled that Parent Gym will once again be running at BWA. This is an amazing opportunity for all parents. Parent Gym is a well-established six-week programme which shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. You get to meet other parents, hear their stories and pick up new ideas. If you have not signed up and would like to, please contact the office.



## **Open Days**

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

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

We are every 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.

## **PTA AGM**

We would like to invite you all to attend our BWA PTA AGM on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. This meeting will take place at school. If you wish to attend, please email Emma and Julie, current co-Chairs, at [bwa.pta@gmail.com](mailto:bwa.pta@gmail.com), and we will send you the meeting details.

At the AGM you will hear about the PTA activities that have taken place over the past year, which have been fantastic.

We've had the chance to have some amazing people taking part in our flourishing PTA team and it is a very rewarding experience to be part of it. If you would like further information on being part of and/or joining the PTA, do email us on the address above. We look forward to hearing from you.



## **Individual and siblings photographs**

Please note the date for individual photographs has moved to 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We will send out a reminder closer to the time.



We are looking forward to parents and carers coming into school next week to speak with the class teacher. If you haven't made an appointment, the class teacher will be in contact to help set one up. There will be refreshments available so do come before your appointment time to have a look at your child's books before your appointment.

- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – 6

Our Bilingual stream meetings will be held in the second half of the autumn term, during the weeks beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to speak with the class teacher before these meetings, please do not hesitate to get in contact with them.

This week pupils in our Nursery class have been busy practising recognising their name. They have also demonstrated fantastic effort in tracing their names as seen in this wonderful photograph.



Pupils in RB have brought in a photo from home. They each picked a special moment to tell the rest of the class. It has been lovely to see the pupils come to the front of the class and confidently share with their friends. Everyone listened respectfully to each other and asked questions to find out more.

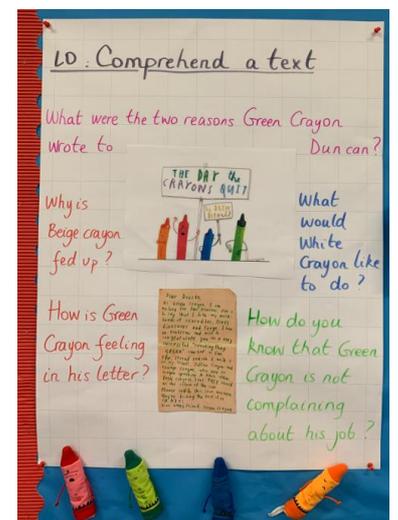
During their walking trip around our local area to look at the houses, pupils in RW stopped occasionally to draw the different houses that they could see. As the pupils returned from their trip they were eager to share what they had seen and learnt on their trip with me. Seeing pupils love learning is a true joy of our job as teachers. Pupils later used their drawings to create junk model houses at school.



Pupils in our Year 1 class have continued exploring the book, Traction Man. They have been thinking about the missions and adventures he could get up to in our own bedrooms. Pupils have been writing exciting stories where Traction Man saves the day. To help them remember their stories, they have been learning together, taking turns to listen and share in partners to recall what we have already written. Fabulous attitudes to learning Year 1!

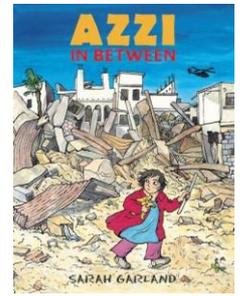
In English this week, Year 2 enjoyed reading a favourite story by Oliver Jeffers, 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. They thought about which sentence types were used in the letters and wrote fantastic letters imagining they were one of the crayons complaining to Duncan.

The weather is always a topic of conversation and this week pupils in our 3S class have been exploring different types of extreme weather. Using iPads, they researched extreme weather and then used their new knowledge to design information posters to share with the rest of the class.

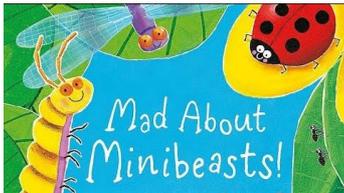


Our 3B pupils have finished their geography topic for this half term, Countries and cities in the UK and France. In their double page spreads, pupils showed how well they can use maps to locate cities and countries, describe key geographical features of the U.K. and France as well as some similarities and differences between these countries.

Year 3 are reading *Azzi in Between*, which tells the story of a young girl who has to escape her home and to another country. Pupils in 3M really enjoyed delving deeper into this fascinating story and were quick to make parallels with stories they have heard in the news recently. Reading this story has prompted some very pertinent discussions which they were all eager to get involved in.



Year 4 had an amazing trip to the British Museum last week. It is important that pupils remember what they have learnt and so this week one of the highlights in 4A was a follow up activity on their trip. They had a fact race on the Native Americans and showed they remember so much about what they learnt on the trip.



Pupils in our 4B class have been exploring mini-beasts in their natural habitats. They identified that we have a healthy bio-diversity on our school site after seeing bees, spiders, ants, worms, slugs, snails and other mini-beasts. Pupils observed how these mini-beasts to see how they were suited to their environment - for example, bees were flying between flowers, collecting pollen on their legs

In 4W, pupils have really enjoyed reviewing a selection of short animated films in their English lessons. They really worked hard to produce persuasive, informative reviews without ruining any surprises for potential film watchers – this is a skill.



Our Year 5 pupils had a very successful trip to the LA Junior Citizen event yesterday. Pupils experienced a variety of scenarios created by emergency service workers designed to make them think about making the right choices as they get older. These scenarios included discussions about road, railway, water, fire and personal safety amongst others and gave the opportunity for the children to partake in lots of practical activities. Thank you Southfields Academy for hosting a fantastic afternoon for us and a huge thanks to the staff who organised the event and our parent helper.

During science lessons this week, Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed researching different species of animal (including bats and otters) independently on our Chrome books. They discovered the traits, characteristics and adaptations of these animals. Exploring why animals differ in different environments and habitats is helping pupils understand more about adaptation. Miss Leach is feeling very confident that when the pupils write their double page spreads next week, it will showcase all they have learnt and know.



### Excellent Learners

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

<u>Excellent Learners</u> Are Creative			
Alex C	RW	Ruben	3S
Nicolai	RB	Dexter	4A
Leo	Y1	Leanora	4W
Paul Auguste	Y2	Charlotte	4B
Satya	3B	Anwen	Y5
Emilie	3M	Sofia	Y6
		Alice V-V	6B

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

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

Register [here](#) .



### COVID19

Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to minimise the risk of COVID19 spreading within our school community. Please refer to our BWA Family Guide setting out the procedures in place at BWA to ensure our school community keeps well and our education provision is disrupted as little as possible.



Have you had a chance to look at our postings to date and consider following us?

[Belleville Wix Academy \(@bellevillewix\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend.

**Miss Henry**