

16th September Newsletter



This week we continued to commemorate Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II as well as support the children with this loss. During this period of national mourning we set up two focal points with pictures of our Queen, lit candles and flowers, very generously donated by Rob and Seb Van Helden. Sincere thanks for your support during our period of reflection.

If your child is upset, please do let us know so we can support them. [Minded](#) is also a source of information to support our children to manage death and loss.

Following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, it is His Majesty the King's wish that a period of Royal Mourning be observed and that Monday 19th September be a Bank Holiday. We wrote to you at the beginning of the week to inform you that BWA will be closed on this day. School will reopen on Tuesday 20th September.

Curriculum Evenings

This week we held eight curriculum events. It was a joy to have you back onsite, in the classrooms. We really appreciate the time you took to hear about the year ahead and how you can support your child at home, in partnership with us.

We are looking forward to welcoming more parents to our bilingual curriculum events over the next few weeks. These events are for adults only. Children should not attend. The dates for 1B and 2B events have changed due to the closure of school on Monday 19th September.

| Bilingual Stream | | |
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| Class | Date | Time |
| RB | Tuesday 27.9.22 | 4.30pm |
| 1B | Thursday 29.9.2022 (This is a change from our original date of Monday 19.9.22) | 4.30pm |
| 2B | Friday 23.9.2022 (This is a change from our original date of Monday 19.9.22) | 4.30pm |
| 3B | Tuesday 20.9.22 | 4.30pm |
| 4B | Tuesday 20.9.22 | 4.30pm |
| 5B | Monday 26.9.22 | 4.30pm |
| 6B | Thursday 22.9.22 | 4.30pm |



Throughout this week I have seen excellent learning in every class. Here are some of the highlights of our week together.

On Thursday morning our Nursery class had their first dance lesson. I was in awe of how settled every pupil was and how well they listened to the teacher. It was a very special moment.

In Nursery, our pupils have enjoyed getting to know their new friends. They have explored a variety of different activities and have been particularly busy creating their own bear collages.

FIRST WEEK OF School

Our Reception pupils have settled in brilliantly. They have decided on their own set of class rules and created very realistic self-portraits using paint, wool and pens. Well done RW for such a fantastic start.

Pupils in RB have finished their very first English focus week. It has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence and make new friends. We have been very impressed with how confident they have been when sharing their learning. They have learnt some new phonics sounds and started making self-portraits. They are looking forward to their trip on Friday and we are very proud of how well they have settled – well done RB.

Pupils in our Year 1 class have been learning all about Tom's adventure in London. They have been writing some fantastic sentences describing his day out. During science they showed Miss To what super scientists they are when deciding how to describe the smell of chocolate, perfume, coffee, vinegar and even rotten apples. I agree with Miss To when she says it has been a fantastic start to Year 1.



Pupils in Year 2 got off to a fantastic start with their learning in Science with a walk to Clapham Common as part of their topic, 'Who would choose a home like this?' They identified habitats and micro-habitats on their walk and discussed which animals, plants or insects might live there and why.

This week, Year 3 had a guest speaker to launch their RE topic on Christianity. Mr Gately led a discussion about what the Bible teaches Christians and how it influences their lives. Pupils enjoyed sharing their knowledge of Bible stories, such as Noah's Ark. They also had the chance to see some very old editions of the Bible - one dating back to the 1600s!



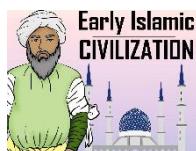
This week pupils in 4B have enjoyed developing their map reading skills during their Geography lesson. They are able to identify the equator, lines of latitude, lines of longitude and can use this knowledge to locate places on a map.



Pupils in 4A have had a fantastic start with Mr Abraham. He has been very impressed with their incredible attitude to learning. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lesson of the year, following the adults instructions at all times when in the pool. They showed how responsible they are when travelling to and from the pool.

4W have had another great week of learning. A definite highlight was investigating their own teeth in Science - pupils used mirrors to identify which teeth they have in their mouths and learnt about the functions of the different types of teeth.

For our Year 5 pupils, the highlight of their week was planning and then carrying out an experiment to explore water resistance and buoyancy. By manipulating plasticine into various shapes and sizes, pupils were able to discover how the surface area of a shape affects buoyancy. They showed fantastic teamwork and enquiry skills throughout and even managed to keep the classroom dry.

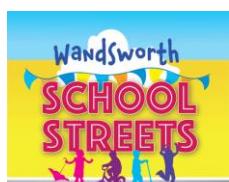


Last week 5B made a great start to the year week. They loved starting their new topic in History about the Early Islamic Civilisation and tested out the suitability of different materials for setting world speed records in Science, as part of their Forces topic.

Year 6 pupils have had an incredible start to the year. As well as starting to appreciate the impact of World War II on Germany and Britain in History and delving into the science of inheritance, they have also shared many wonderful moments together as a class. Discussing our royal family and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been very eye-opening. Pupils have approached these discussions with maturity and compassion. This has been a recurring theme for Year 6 – they are very eager to learn new things and show an appreciation of the world around them.

Pupils in 6B have shown great enthusiasm for their learning this week. They dissected a lamb heart in Science which has helped them understand how the circulatory system works.

This week our pupils in Early Years and KS1 have been focusing on how to move safely around a space to ensure they keep themselves safe during their PE lessons. Pupils in KS2 have been reflecting on how they show good sportsmanship and how to work effectively as a team.



School Streets

Our School Street status has resulted in everyone enjoying a peaceful start and end of the school day because the traffic is reduced outside our school. We do rely on your support to reduce the traffic and kindly ask that everyone helps by volunteering once or twice this term. You can sign up through this link for one or two 20 minute volunteering sessions this term.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w8pijP6BTuygxL-djxbZ_Ab60WI_9xWUyTX9NIQZD4c/edit

If you are interested in planning a more active school run, please find some [info here](#).

COVID19

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to minimise the risk of COVID19 spreading within our school community. Every family has received a BWA Family Guide setting out the procedures in place at BWA. These procedures are in place because we want to ensure our school community keep well and our education provision is disrupted as little as possible. Please do read this guide if you haven't done so already and refer to it as necessary.



PARENT WORKSHOPS

BWA Workshops coming up

- **EYFS Phonics** – Wednesday 28th September at 6:30pm
(please note this date has been rearranged from the original of 19th September)

- **Year 1 Phonics** – Monday 26th September at 6:30pm

- **Maths No Problem** - Tuesday 27th September at 1.30-2.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm

All parents and carers are invited to an online workshop (on zoom) on to learn more about how we teach maths at BWA. Led by the Q1E Trust Director of Maths, Karen Taylor, the session will explain our approach to teaching maths, what we need to cover and how we teach it, the structure of our lessons, and how we support your children in their learning. The session is suitable for all parents/carers with children in Reception to Year 6.

Free Parent Workshop Invite

I hope that you have been able to sign up for the workshop I shared last week. If not, it may not be too late. As you know I often share the great workshops offered by Role Models and certainly find them useful.

When: Sep 20, 2022 07:30 PM London.

Topic: How to Help Your Child Manage Big Feelings

A 45 minute webinar followed by Q&A, hosted by 'Role Models', exploring how to help your child when they experience 'big feelings'.

Ideas shared are relevant for children of all ages and include looking at anger, frustration, upset, jealousy. We will explore how these strategies help to build emotional resilience in your child, so they are ready to embrace mistakes and the inevitable ups and downs of life.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2016557396006/WN_Gf7Qmaw_Quyw6gG99IWjgw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Literacy Festival

The closing date for booking any of the events shared last week is 22.9.22.



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.

Parent Forms

- If your child requires medication, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child requires time out of school, you will need to complete a form online.
- If your child is allowed to go home alone, you will need to complete a form online.

These forms are available on the school website, under News, Parent Forms. A link is also [here](#).



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site.

Prepared for the Day

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



Excellent Leaners

Congratulations to our Excellent Leaners that were celebrated at our assemblies this week.

| Excellent Learners Ask Questions | | | |
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| Emma | RW | Huda | 4A |
| Isabella | RB | Aliyah | 4B |
| Margot | Y1 | Bella | 4W |
| Felix | Y2 | Maya | Y5 |
| Izzy | 3M | Omari | Y6 |
| Georgia | 3S | Juliette | 6B |
| Tallulah | 3B | | |

This will be an extraordinary weekend for us as we say farewell and thank you to Her Majesty the Queen. I wish you all a very peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry