



# BWA Newsletter

Wix's Lane, Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0AJ

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**



Thank you to our School Council who organised the fundraising event for us today in aid of Children in Need. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the event today by dressing up in bright colours to raise money for this charity.

Last week we held a whole school assembly to launch Anti-bullying week. In our assembly we talked about what bullying is and how we can reach out to help someone that may be feeling isolated. Over the next week we will be exploring how to help others who may not be feeling happy. We will display these ideas in a Kindness Tree, so the pupils will be able to read some words of encouragement and positive affirmation if they are feeling unhappy.

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022!**

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OUT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



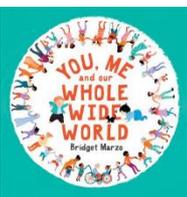
This week we held two Open Days at BWA. It was a joy to show prospective parents around our wonderful school. Any current parent who would like a tour is very welcome to see the school in action. Please do email the office or speak with me at the gate. If you know of any friends who would like to see BWA, I would be very grateful if you could ask them to get in contact with us through the school office.

So many parents came to help us on both days. We are very grateful for the time you gave to help us. Our guests really enjoyed speaking with you and valued your warm hospitality. Thank you very much.

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.



This week pupils in our Nursery have been thinking about how we can be a good friend. Throughout the week they have shown kindness and care towards their peers by helping each other at every opportunity. It is very special to see to this in action.



Bridget Marzo, an author, came in to speak with pupils in our RB class today. Pupils were very excited and enjoyed learning what an author does. This week they listened to the story she wrote, 'You, Me and Our Whole Wide World'. It helped to support the pupils learning about being kind to others and valuing ourselves for being an individual. Pupils made odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week because we are all different but we work together.

This week pupils in RW have been exploring what happens when colours are mixed. Together they made colourful ice cubes using different colourings and predicted what colours they would make when they melted together. Pupils were so engaged in their learning that they wanted to continue the experiment in the water tray outside and discovered that the ice cubes melted even quicker when in water.



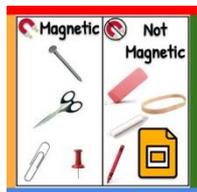
Pupils in Year 1 have been developing their narrative writing skills by telling the story of the night the tiger came to BWA. They showed that they are excellent learners who are creative by using interesting language to describe the mischief the tiger got up to in our classroom – look at the photograph of the mess the tiger made. Pupils showed how creative and imaginative they are when deciding where the tiger went after he escaped out of our window.



Year 2 had a very enjoyable week as they launched their new English unit on Michael Rosen's poetry. They had fun watching, reading and performing the poem 'Chocolate cake' before writing entertaining recounts which we are hoping to share with the author himself.



Pupils in 3S became Roman senators for an afternoon and had the important job of advising Emperor Claudius whether he should invade Britain or not. They came up with extremely convincing arguments both for and against the invasion, showing their great understanding of Roman Britain.



This week, 3M received a letter from me with a special task to complete. A variety of objects made from different materials had got mixed up in a box and I needed the pupils to work out which ones were magnetic. Using their enquiry skills pupils designed their own experiments and found that only the metal objects were attracted to the magnets. This has prompted a further question to explore: are all metals magnetic? They can't wait to investigate next week.

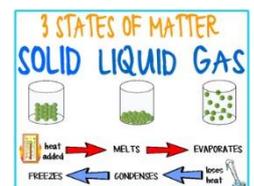


Lucie Arnoux, a very talented illustrator, delivered an exciting workshop for 3B this week. Our pupils had the opportunity to create their own character and explored the importance of settings in illustrations. We are very proud of the artwork they created.



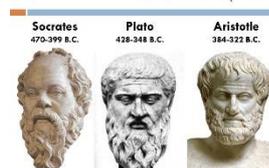
Year 4W pupils have been studying the Anglo-Saxon life. They learnt about the 'stratified' society that people lived in during this time and enjoyed playing a 'Crime and Punishment' game which determined their fates after committing criminal offences in this era; becoming a 'Thrall' (an Anglo Saxon slave), was particularly shocking for the class.

In 4A, pupils have been using balloons to investigate the different states of matter. Pupils had a fantastic discussion about how each was formed and how we can turn one state into another.



This week, pupils in 4B have been learning about **Raksha Bandan**, a special Hindu celebration which celebrates the love between brothers and sisters. Pupils learnt that Raksha means “love” and Bandan means “tie”. Often, a girl will make or buy a rakhi (or string bracelet) to give to their brothers or a male relative on this day. In return, the brother makes a promise to look after and protect their sister.

During their History lesson this week, pupils in Year 5 have been learning about the theories of Ancient Greek philosophers, such as Aristotle, Plato and Socrates. They explored what it meant to be philosophical, coming up with a variety of purposeful questions themselves. Pupils had to think about the values and theories they most agreed with before taking part in a very interesting and engaging debate.



Pupils in Year 6 have been learning about personal evacuee experiences during World War Two. They were intrigued to find out that evacuee experiences weren't all negative and that lots enjoyed the escape from city life, as well as immersing themselves in a lifestyle that was unfamiliar to them prior to the outbreak of war.

### **Learning with our resident artists – Year 6B**

6B really enjoyed working with our resident artists. They studied Salvador Dali's surrealist works, including his painting 'The Persistence of Memory' and combined their new knowledge of surrealism with observational drawing techniques. Pupils produced these incredible pictures using a combination of different drawing pencils.



### **Excellent Learners**

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

<b>Excellent Learners Are Creative</b>			
Eylo	RW	Owen	3S
Oliver	RB	Evie	4A
Azariah	Y1	Bella	4W
Linh	Y2	Louis	4B
Liam	3B	Nikita	Y5
Adam	3M	Arianne	Y6
		Naja	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](#) .



### **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** - 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We will send out a reminder closer to the time.
- **PTA Christmas Ball** - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 7pm – 10pm
- **PTA Christmas Fair** – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November



**Last day of term** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

Wishing you all great weekend.

Miss Henry

