

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

I thought we might struggle to adjust to the five working day week this week after the lovely long weekends we have enjoyed recently however as the sun shone on so many days it helped us all have a great week. Our Year 2 pupils have been sitting their KS1 SATs and we are very proud of them.

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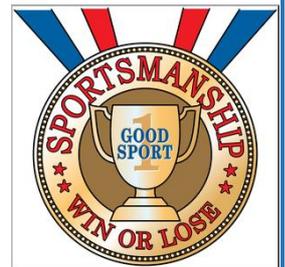
## NURTURE

- of personal development fostering a sense of responsibility to self and others
- a sense of citizenship, community, empathy and service

In PE, over the last few weeks, pupils have been working on some extremely important skills. These skills aren't to do with any physical attribute, rather mental ones - resilience and sportsmanship.

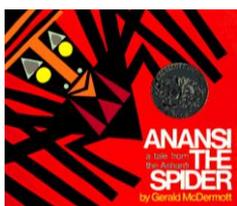
They have been working on (as a side project to our normal skill acquisition) the idea of getting back up when we are down, encouraging those around us rather than criticising and being okay with the idea of losing.

This week, Mr Butler saw great developments in this area and is very proud of all of pupils who love competing but have worked on these paramount sporting skills.



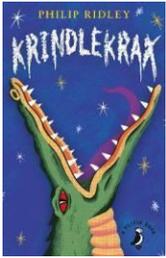
Pupils in our Nursery have been exploring 3D shapes. Working collaboratively they used 3D shapes to construct a variety of wonderful models, including castles, churches, and whole villages.

To enrich their 'Sea Adventures' topic, pupils in RW went on a visit to The Golden Hinde. In the pirate ship they dressed up in real pirate clothes, fired a canon and found a treasure map. Pirates need to eat and so they all enjoyed their lunch on the pirate ship before getting the bus back to school. Everyone agreed that they made fantastic pirates for the day. Sincere thanks to the staff who organised this wonderful experience and for the parents who accompanied the class.



Year 1 have been writing exciting stories this week based on the traditional Ghanaian tales of Anansi the Spider. They have also been practising their use of the -est suffix and incorporated this into their writing, whether they have decided that Anansi is the wickedest or the friendliest spider around.

Meanwhile, pupils in our 1B class have continued to learn about dinosaurs by exploring the fossils of dinosaurs. They learnt about how important palaeontologists are and have shown how well they are developing their enquiry skills to make them even better historians.



Pupils in 3S have been working extremely hard this week and are enjoying their new English text, *Krindlekrax*. Pupils used the vocabulary within the text to create fantastic drawings to show what they thought the main character, Ruskin Splinter, might look like. They then came up with impressive expanded noun phrases to describe his appearance and personality.

During their comprehension lesson this week, 3M explored a non-fiction text about Stonehenge and made excellent links with both their History topic, the Stone Age as well as their previous Science topic about rocks. Despite some tricky specialist vocabulary, pupils demonstrated a superb understanding of what they read and they are now eager to drop by the famous landmark when they venture towards the South of England.



Year 4 have been investigating soundwaves this week. Everyone knows the meaning of the words pitch, volume and amplitude and this helped them to create their own sound waves for different instruments while changing the pitch and volume throughout.



This week, Year 5 released their butterflies into the BWA garden. Pupils found out that the butterflies needed some sun first to warm up their wings before they were ready to fly away. After being released, some of the butterflies landed on some of their hands before flying away. I think they were saying thank you.

5B are learning about the British Civil War. They now know what caused the war and who the Roundheads and Cavaliers were, ahead of their trip to the National Army Museum.



Pupils in Year 5 and 6 loved learning with our resident artists this week. They created a 3D paper sculpture of an insect, combining different materials, exploring how they can be manipulated to create interesting visual effects. Pupils mixed colour, shades and tones with confidence to achieve their intended effect. We have loved seeing the pupils start to develop their own style using tonal contrast and mixed media. The photographs below show the design process and a superb example of the final outcome.



## Excellent Learners

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week.

<b>Excellent Learners Want To Learn More</b>			
Filippo	RW	Azael	3S
Beatrice	1B	Freya	4A
Jackson	Y1	James	4W
All of Y2	Y2	Oscar E	5B
All of 2B	2B	Anwen	Y5
Izzy	3M	Selena	Y6

## Dates to Remember



- **Half term** – week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May
- **INSET Day** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – English Stream only
- **Last Day of the term for Bilingual stream** – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- **Last Day of the term for Bilingual stream** - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1:45pm

## Parent Teacher Meetings

- **English Stream** – 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July



## BWA Book Club

Our very first BWA Book Club for staff, parents and carers has been rescheduled for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023, from 5-6pm. Our book is *The Appeal* by Janice Hallett. Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome to do so. We do recommend making use of local bookshops and local libraries to source the book. If anyone is finding it difficult to locate a copy, we will also have some spare copies to lend out. Please email the office by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May to confirm attendance. Childcare can be provided in the form of a volunteer-led creche in school for parents who require it, so please indicate if you might need it.

I hope you all have a relaxing and peaceful weekend.

Miss Henry

## **Help for Households**

The Money and Pensions Service (MaPS) which is an arm's-length body sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions offers free and impartial guidance to help people to make the best with their money and pensions. Please use this link to access the information. [Help with the cost of living | MoneyHelper](#)

MoneyHelper have just included a Benefits calculator to help people know the list of the benefits they could qualify for and how they can claim them. <https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/benefits/benefits-calculator>.



### **LA Support Offer**

You can access a broader range of information related to cost of living concerns via their website [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub/](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub/)



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.